

24th May 2024

School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

I'd like to remind everyone that next week is our half term holiday. School will be closed and will reopen on Monday 3rd June at the usual time. I hope you enjoy lovely week with your children.

Words of Encouragement

Our words of encouragement this week are from Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"

The half term holiday is for many people in our community an opportunity to take some time to relax and rest. This is especially true of our Year 2 and Year 6 children and staff who have completed assessments. Let us enjoy this time so that we come back to school in June with renewed energy.

Attendance award

Our attendance awards for last week go to:

Reception Blue, 2 Blue, 3 Blue, 6 Blue.

Congratulations!

Look what the children have been doing

Nursery

Monday was World Bee Day and the children has lots of fun with different bee related activities. Our story this week has been Aaaargh Spider! The children have used a range of resources to make their own spiders and have enjoyed discussing whether a spider would make a good pet. The children took the toy animals to the vet and talked about how to make them better. We also learnt lots of interesting facts about spiders and made a giant spider's web. In maths the children have been consolidating previous knowledge on more/less, positional language and sequencing. We hope you all have a blessed and relaxing half term break



Reception

This week for maths children have been using 2D shape tiles to create and describe new shapes. Children talked about 'rotating' the shape tiles and described how they could create different sizes of rectangles by joining squares together.



For topic, we focused on the African safari, looking at different animals and creating safari sunset images.



For Literacy children have begun to think about verbs (action words). Children identified verbs in the text, such as counting, dancing and singing. They wrote sentences using these words.

Our last RE session for this half term asked the question: What does Jesus teach Christians? We discussed how Jesus taught Christians to love one another and we talked about the ways we can show love to others.

Year 1

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this term and made great improvements in their reading and writing. This week, the children have been writing animal themed acrostic poems and towards the end of the week they performed these to their peers. The children used their imagination and thought really carefully about the words they used. In maths the children are continuing to learn about fractions. This week they focused on understanding quarters. Please continue to support your child to understand fractions in practical real-life contexts. This will really support all the work we are already doing in school.

Over the half term, please remember to practise the phonemes provided to you in the form of a handout during the phonics parents meeting. If you would like another handout, please see one of the year 1 staff.

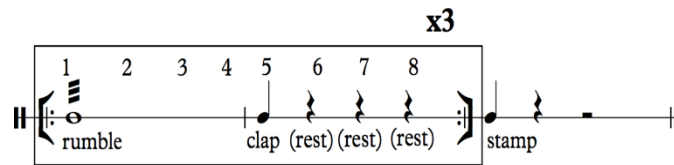
Year 2

A massive well done to all our Year 2 children and staff who supported us. We have now reached the end of the KS1 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard to apply their knowledge. They overcame adversity and challenge, showing tremendous courage and resilience all-year-long. Thank you parents for your support and the additional guidance given to the children to complete homework packs etc. This has helped the children to make significant progress, from where they started in September. I would like to also thank those parents who have come up to staff expressing their gratitude, as they have seen their children flourish. The growth, maturity and independence, providing them with the essential skills for lifelong learning and their recognition of the hard work of our committed staff team for what they have contributed to our children.



Year 3

A busy week for Year 3 children! We learned a new word this week – Ostinato! An ostinato is any melodic, rhythmic or chordal phrase, that is repeated. The children listened and reflected on a piece of orchestral music and created their own rhythmic ostinatos! The children mostly enjoyed adding their own instruments too!



Year 4

In Year 4, children applied their scientific knowledge regarding sound and vibrations. They made a telephone using polystyrene cups and cotton string and compared it to sound travelling through a plastic cup and a thin rope. They concluded that the cotton string and polystyrene cup carried the sound vibrations better for them to hear each other four metres apart. The more acoustic, broad, polystyrene cup was also a better conveyer of sound than the round plastic cup.



Year 5

We have come to the end of an eventful half-term and as we look back to the cars we've made, the decimals and percentages we've calculated, the life cycles we've drawn and the adventure stories we've written, we can't help but feel proud of the work we've accomplished and the progress we've made. Year 5 has been an amazing year so far, and by all accounts, the last half-term is set to be explosive! We can't wait to see what Summer 2 has in store for us.

Year 6

Year 6 children have had fun this week baking and evaluating 'Oaty Biscuits.' The children used food products that were readily available during WW2, when food was rationed. They then decided how they would market their finished product and how much they would sell them for. I think we some budding entrepreneurs in our midst; some of their marketing strategies showed great promise.

The children have also spent time looking at Grażyna BACEWICZ - a Polish composer and violinist- she was one of the first Polish female composers to achieve international recognition. They worked in small groups to play and perform an ensemble, using their voices and musical instruments.

Notices

If any parents or members of our wider community would like a run a stall at the Summer Fayre (Fri 21 June 2024), selling their own products, please get in contact with Ms Elie asap. The cost of a stall will be £25.





Art, coffee & chats



Every Wednesday mornings come in for a chat, join in with some Arts and crafts, or bring your own project.
Wednesday 9 am to 10 am
The school library



Jewellery in school

It has come to my attention that a number of children have been wearing jewellery in school. Please note that children are only permitted to wear a small stud earrings and a watch. Please note that smart watches are not allowed. If children come to school wearing other jewellery they will be asked to remove it. This rule is in place to help keep children safe.

Dates for your diary

Friday 24th May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 3rd June: Children return to school after half term

Wednesday 3rd July: INSET day (No children in school)

Wednesday 24th July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes
Katy Brennan
Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

“Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us”

