

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our recent pupil surveys, there was a large percentage of children who responded that they like the new behaviour routines that have been introduced and they feel that it has made the school a better place. The fantastic walking, lining up, star sitting and greetings in the morning are having a positive impact and preparing children to be ready to learn.

Next week the year 6 pupils will have sat their SATs. They have all worked hard and to the best of their ability, the year 6 team and I are proud of their attitude towards these tests and we have every confidence in all our children to be the best they can be.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

W/B 13th May - KS2 SATs Week

W/B 13th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

Thurs 16th May - Yr6 Park Trip

Mon 20th May - Yr6 Fundraising Mufti Day

Tues 21st May - Cake Sale

Wed 22nd May - Yr5 British Museum Trip

Fri 24th May - Break up for half term

Mon 3rd June - Inset Day

Tues 4th June - Children return to school

Mon 10th June - Yr3 Roman Day

Wed 12th June - Culture Day

Mon 17th June - Yr4 British Museum Trip

Mon 24th June - Reception Height & Weight

Thurs 4th July - Rocksteady Assembly

W/B 8th July - Yr6 Residential Trip

Tues 16th July - Sports Day

Headteacher Awards

Oliver Y4 - for writing a brilliant acrostic poem about Egyptians

Sofia Y3 - for excellent homework about the Roman Empire

Stefan Y3 - for drawing a beautiful mosaic picture inspired by the Romans

Lucas Y3 - for fantastic homework about the Roman Empire

Ranell Y2 - for great work on number bonds to 10 and 20

Jayden Y5 - for making a lovely bee from wool

Jensen YR - for great work on number sentences

Aisha Y3 - for excellent work finding fractions of an amount

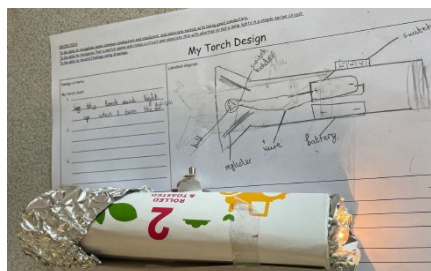


LKS2 News

This week in Year 3, the children have been learning how to count money in pence and pounds. Both classes enjoyed doing practical sessions in Maths. They know the value of the coins and were able to come up with different combinations when adding up the coins. In English, we continued to learn about the emperors and the Roman Army. The children have worked really hard in their topic work this week and were able to remember information about some of the emperors.

Year 4 are continuing their studies about Ancient Sumer. After a fantastic lesson acting out daily life events from this historic period, we are looking forward to writing historical fiction stories based on an event in an Ancient Sumerian city. What will happen when an enemy army invades? Who is going to make the ground breaking invention of the wheel? How will the citizens be saved from the flood? In Maths the children have made great progress in their understanding of coordinates on a grid and their homework this week will reveal a summertime treat. Have you worked out what it is yet? This week's Science lesson puts all our Science learning about electricity into practice but making a working torch with a complete circuit and a switch made out of a material that conducts.

Mrs Iroala



UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Myth writing has been a major focus in Year 5 over the last two weeks. Fantastic beasts have been imaginatively created including Crocataurs (half man half crocodile), Giants which do their masters bidding and many more wonderful concoctions. Importantly, each myth contains a moral or important message with good often triumphing over evil after taking on difficult quests. The children have ensured their writing is engaging by also including imposing locations for their antagonists to live; whilst many tales favour the customary castles some have used otherworldly settings such as cloud palaces. We are very proud of our wonderful writing!

Year 6 have been learning about the causes of World War 1 as part of their Britain at war topic. They have written a balanced argument discussing why war happens and are now planning and writing an explanation text on the cause of World War 1. In science we have been learning about the digestive system and the children have been finding out more about what their body needs in order to function correctly. This week in PHSE, Year 6 have been looking at the words 'Power and Conflict' and how to recognise when someone is gaining power and control. As well as this they have been looking at how they might stand up for themselves or friends if they are in a situation where someone is trying to gain power or control over them. Next week is SATs week. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard to prepare for the tests they will be taking. In order support them further, they should ensure they have a good night's sleep, a decent breakfast (if they are not coming in to school for breakfast) and arrive at school on time so that they are not rushing in the morning.

Mrs McLean

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 read the story 'The Messy Magpie'. Morris the magpie likes to collect shiny gifts left by humans so that he can decorate his woodland home, but what he fails to realise is that the shiny gifts are in fact litter. The children enjoyed sequencing and writing the main parts of the story. They then looked at the impact of litter in the environment and drew posters to remind people about how to dispose of litter correctly.

Year 1 have also explored mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. They watched experiments testing out what happened to Smarties when the colours mixed together and watched coloured water transfer and mix between jars. The children then got to experiment by mixing paint. They were very excited to see the new colours that formed.



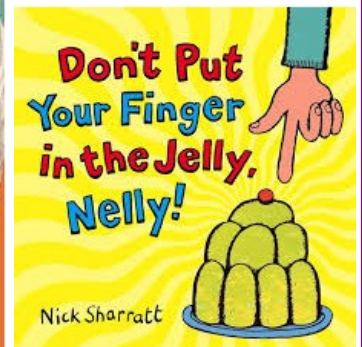
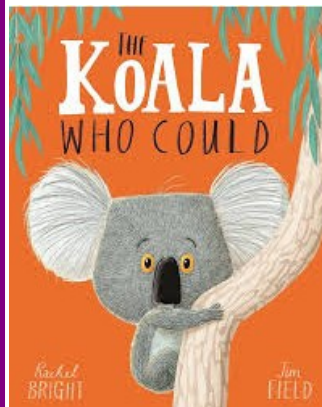
Miss Thirtle

Foundation Stage

The children in Nursery are enjoying their topic this half term called 'Sunshine & Sunflowers.' They are reading the book called 'Don't put your finger in the Jelly Nelly' by Nick Sharratt and ABC Zoo. In Literacy, they are enjoying looking at rhyming words and have been practising writing their name. In Phonics, they are enjoying rhyming different foods. In Maths, the children are practising their counting and naming lots of different shapes. Outside in the playground, the children have been hunting for bugs.

The children in Reception have been learning about their new topic which is called 'Animal Safari.' The children have loved reading the story called 'The Koala Who Could' written by Rachel Bright. After sharing the story, the children have been thinking about their worries and trying to think about how to overcome the different challenges they have faced. They have then been setting themselves challenges. In Literacy, the children have been using their Phonics knowledge and have been writing sentences about animals they may find if there were going on a safari. In Phonics this week, the children are still working on their Phase 4 where they are reading and writing longer words. They are learning lots of compound words. They are learning tricky words 'there' 'when' 'what' and 'one'. In Maths this week, the children are creating their own Maths stories using the safari animals around adding and subtracting problems. Outside, the children have been choosing a safari animal and pretending to move like one.

Caterpillar Updates: Two of our caterpillars have hatched out of their cocoons and are now beautiful butterflies. We have enjoyed watching the butterflies on the class webcam. They are now waiting for their friends so we can release them.



Miss Digman

Change of menu - Thursday 16th May

Currently all school children are eligible for free school meals. To try and encourage as many children as possible to take up their entitlement, the kitchen staff would like to offer a special menu on Thursday 16th May.

The menu will be:

Hot Dogs

Quorn Burgers

Sweetcorn

Jelly with Ice Cream



If your child does not normally have a school dinner and would like to try one on the 16th May, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

Many Thanks

Transfer to Secondary School 2025

Please find the link below to view open evening dates for Secondary Schools in the Sutton area.

You will see that many schools have ticketed events and as you are probably aware, Sutton secondary schools are extremely popular and families will need to ensure they are checking school websites to book tickets where applicable

[Secondary school open evenings - Sutton Council](#)

Year 6 Cake Sale

There are different events being planned for the children as we head towards the end of Year 6. We will need to fundraise for some of these events to ensure they can be as successful as possible.

On **Monday 20th May**, there will be a mufti day for children in Year 6 in return for donations for the cake sale that will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 21st May**. These can be homemade or shop bought! If you choose to bake some tasty delights, please ensure ingredients are listed and any containers are labelled with your child's name so they can be returned. The cake sale will be open to all year groups.

Sports Day

Sports day will now be held on Tuesday 16th July at the David Weir Centre opposite the school. More information will be given closer to the day.

Please save the date in your diary!

Art Donations

We would be very grateful if any of the following could be donated to the art department:

- Pinking shears
- Pins/needles/safety pins
- Buttons
- Sewing threads
- Fabrics (Various sizes & colours)
- Wool

Miss Taylor

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

SUMMER TERM

School Holiday

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 3rd June

Wednesday 24th July

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2024/25 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

School Holiday

Thursday 5th September - Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

School Holiday

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Changes to Penalty Notices for Non School Attendance

The Department for Education (DfE) will introduce a new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19 August 2024, this is explained in more detail in [Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024](#).

Who is Liable for a Penalty Notice/Prosecution

Penalty notices/prosecution are now issued/sought for each parent for each child (**per parent, per child**). Parent refers to anyone with parental responsibility and may include carers, step parents, grandparents or any other adult with parental responsibility.

For Example: If a family with three children take term time leave of absence, each parent would receive three penalty notices of £160 for each child. This would amount to £960 if paid within 28 days, reduced to £480 if paid within 21 days.

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absences the amount has increased to:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of being issued, this amount is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days of being issued

Second Offence

If a second penalty notice is issued for term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence within a three year period, there **will not** be a discount for early payment.

The penalty notice is payable at the full amount of £160 within 28 days of the date of being issued

Third Offence/Any Further Offences Within a Three Year Period

If there is a third instance of term time leave of absence or unauthorised absence, a penalty notice **will not** be issued.

Any further cases will be referred directly to Magistrates' Court for prosecution. Magistrates can impose a fine of up to £2500 per parent, per child.

If a parent is found guilty of an offence, this is recorded as a criminal offence and will show on any DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks as "Failure to Safeguard a Child's Education"

Reasons for Penalty Notices/Prosecution

Term Time Leave of Absence

A school can apply to their local authority for a penalty notice if there are 5 or more days of consecutive absence due to term time leave.

Unauthorised Absence

A school may apply to their local authority for a penalty notice if there are 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. These absences can be a combination of the following codes:

G - Term Time Leave of Absence

O - Unauthorised Absence - Failure to contact the school (unexplained absence) may result in an absence being recorded as unauthorised

U - Late After the Close of Registers

Transition, In year Admissions and Cross Border Checks

All schools will have the ability to check for previous penalty notices/prosecutions issued within a three year period in their own local authority or any other local authority that the family has lived in at year 6 to 7 and 11 to 12 transition or for in year admissions.

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STREETSAFE

The StreetSafe website www.police.uk/streetsafe allows anyone to record areas where they don't feel safe. This will help police and partner agencies make the streets safer for everyone, particularly women and girls.

You may have felt unsafe due to environmental factors like lack of street lighting, abandoned buildings, vandalism or perhaps you've been followed or verbally abused.

Your information could help police and partner agencies to pinpoint problem areas and make changes which could include installing CCTV, street-lighting or introducing night-time patrols.

Please note: 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents.

To report a crime, please visit www.met.police.uk or dial 101.
In an emergency, always dial 999.

Please find below a link to a recent article on the BBC News Website with regards to financially motivated sexual extortion.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-68918550>

Pupils get rare alert over dangers of sextortion



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