

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in our last half term of the school year. This will be a very busy time. We have sports days, trips, the year 6 residential and end of year parties to look forward to. As the weather gets warmer, please put sunscreen on your child and supply a water bottle.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

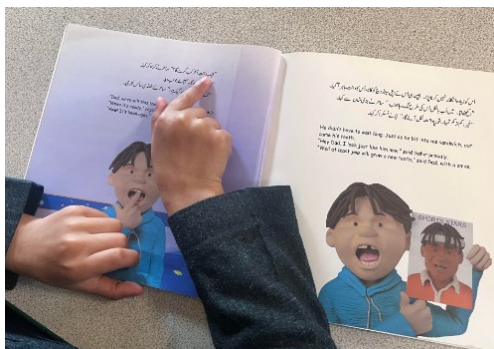
Mon 17th June - Yr4 British Museum Trip	Mon 15th July - Leopard Class Ecology Centre Trip
Fri 21st June - Borough Athletics	Tues 16th July - Sports Day & School Picnic
Mon 24th June - Reception Height & Weight	Thurs 18th July - Tiger Class Ecology Centre Trip
Thurs 4th July - Rocksteady Assembly	Thurs 18th July - Yr6 Production to parents
W/B Mon 8th - Yr6 Residential Week	Mon 22nd July - Yr6 Trip to Chessington
	Tues 23rd July - Children break up for Summer

Mrs Debbie Mitchell

Mrs Mitchell, Learning Support Assistant, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We are saddened that she will be leaving Tweeddale in July, but wish her a very happy retirement, which I'm sure will be so busy, she'll wonder how she ever found time to work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mitchell for all her hard work during the past 21 years at Tweeddale supporting children and staff every day.

Culture Day

Culture Day - Tweeddale had a great day celebrating different cultures that are represented in our school with dressing up and a variety of activities throughout the day. We are very grateful for the parents that were able to join us - we have all learnt a lot. Different adults and children spoke to their classes about their own cultures and shared photos, maps and lots of interesting stories. We tested our knowledge on a flag quiz and worked together to find different ways to say hello in different languages. Each class had a collection of books in different languages to have a look at and find out how different languages are written. Finally, all the children have decorated a handprint to represent their own cultural heritage and we will be making a large display in the school with everyone's handprints. It has been a very interesting day for all of us.



Mrs Iroala



UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5, children have been busy! Amongst our many activities we have been focusing on athletics in P.E where the children have shown some impressive sprinting skills. In preparation for the upcoming Borough Athletics there have been some incredibly closely run races with all children showing great sportsmanship, technique and perseverance. Back in the classroom we have been focusing on decimals in maths. The children have found it helpful to relate them to money and have been working on their reasoning skills to find mistakes. In literary news we are enjoying Maz Evan's hilarious 'Who Let The Gods Out' which blends our Ancient Greek topic with the modern world in a very entertaining and informative way.

In Year 6, children have been working really hard on their writing, ensuring we have plenty of evidence to give them an end of KS2 assessment level. They have used a video called 'Alma' as the stimuli for their most current pieces of writing. They have retold the story, given an alternative ending, written a newspaper report and created a missing child poster. The children (and staff) have worked really hard these last two weeks and have not grumbled (too much) at the excessive number of English lessons and big writes that have been completed. When the children have not been writing, they have continued to learn about the causes and effects of World War 1 on Britain, they have been looking at the Christian religion and in art, children have been making observational drawing, mixed media collages and Pop Art. Children have also taken part in their first of three 'Worry Ninja' workshops which looks at strategies for coping with emotions especially when facing change. This week they have also had their first cricket lesson of the term run by 'Chance to Shine' which the children really enjoyed. In the coming weeks there will be more cricket, high school transition workshops/activities, sports day, production rehearsals, trips - residential and Chessington and NO MORE BIG WRITES!

Mrs McLean

LKS2 News

This week Year 3 have been participating in Romans Day and Culture day. Both classes have enjoyed doing activities relating to Romans and their culture. The children were proud to talk about their countries and the language they spoke at home. It was lovely to see many children dressed up for Romans Day and Culture Day. In Maths, Year 3 have been learning about time and they are excellent at reading the clock now. In Maths, Year 3 have been learning about Roman Myths and many children loved acting out scenes from the 'Jupiter and the Bee' Myth.

This week Year 4 have been working hard to practise the skills they have been learning in Maths, Reading and Writing throughout the year. They have also now all completed their times tables test. I'm sure they will all be proud of their results when we receive them later on. In History, we started learning about Ancient Egyptians, which will continue to study at the British Museum on Monday.

Mrs Iroala

Foundation Stage

Children in Reception are enjoying their new topic called 'On the Beach'. This project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the Sun.

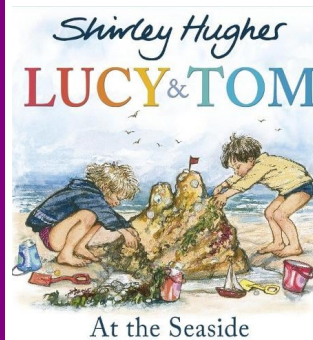
The children have enjoyed reading and sharing the book called Lucy and Tom at the Seaside by Shirley Hughes and also Who's Hiding at the Seaside? by Katherine McEwen.

In Literacy, the children have enjoyed reading sentences about the beach and matching the sentence to the correct picture. The children have also been learning about postcards and have been writing their own postcards about their pretend trip to the beach and what they did there.

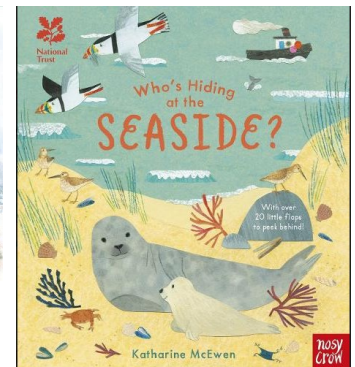
In their daily Phonics lessons, the children are recapping their tricky words and reading longer words. The children have enjoyed reading and writing their sentences on their whiteboards.

In Maths this week, the children have been exploring the composition of numbers to 10 and also comparing numbers. The children have been using a range of different animals to set themselves their own challenges, such as 'How many ways can you show eight feet?'

Outside, the children have been practising the different events for Sports Day.



Miss Digman



KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 and 2 are learning about plants and what plants need to grow. Year 1 planted sunflower seeds and are excitedly waiting to see what happens.

Year 2 planted broad beans and have begun keeping a diary of the changes their bean plant goes through; as a part of this they will be using the skill of reading a ruler to accurately determine the measurement of the plant and working out how much it has grown between checks.

Year 2 have been learning about time. As part of maths they have been telling the time to 5 minute intervals on an analogue clock and in history they have been learning about timelines, sequencing the reign of different monarchs.

Year 1 have been working hard recapping the alternative ways to read and write different phonetic sounds in preparation for the phonic screening check which they did this week. In maths they have been learning how to draw visual representations for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in the form of arrays.

Miss Thirtle

Sports News

Today children in the school have taken part in a sponsored activity morning and assembly with gymnast Courtney Orange who is a professional gymnast and wellbeing motivator. Children took part in a circuit of different activities and then had an assembly from the athlete. He has set up a YouTube channel with links to videos showcasing his work, which have been endorsed by Tweeddale. Your child has been given a slip of paper with details about how this can be accessed at home. Do not forget, all sponsorship money must be returned to school by Friday 21st June 2024. Everybody seemed to have great fun!



Mrs McLean

Sports Day

Sports day is running as one morning this year on Tuesday 16th July 2024.

EYFS Sports morning will be 9:15am - 10:00am

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Sports morning will be 9:15am - 10:30am

KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) Sports morning will be 10:45am - 12:30pm

There will be a whole school picnic in the playground after sports day. You should have received a letter regarding this last week. If you have not done so, please come to the school office.

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.