

Hello/Kamusta Na

Dear Parents and Carers

Hurrah some sunshine, it really makes all the difference in school as you can imagine, although grass cuttings does add somewhat negatively to our break times, apologies to all the parents that are trying to get rid of grass from washing machines, I feel your pain!

This week has been business as usual with the delayed **Explorer Dome** visiting in the **Infant School**, see our photo page to see how much the children enjoyed this unique experience. We are proud of **Year 6 children** regulating in the build up to next week's SATs. It goes without saying that we want to 'bring out the best' in them so we will be expecting **everyone** to be quieter around school [please talk to your children about how they can help even if they are in YR], every little helps at break and lunchtimes to support them. Lots of early nights, good healthy breakfasts and support to listen to any anxieties will be the order of the week.

There are more DfE checks coming up with **Year 1 Phonics Screening** and the **Y4 Multiplication Times Tables** in **June**. Please see our websites **Year 1** and **Year 4** for further information and check out the supporting resources.

I hope that you had the opportunity to read my email on Wednesday about **social media** and how its is negatively affecting some of our children who have access to mobile devices and other ways to communicate online. It is imperative that we keep our children safe. Below are the links I have sent out that might help you to ensure that their engagement with apps is safe.

NSPCC



Mrs Anna Haupt our **Sustainability Lead** would like to encourage the children across both the **Infant** and **Junior School** to participate in the **5 Day Walking Challenge** from **Monday 20th May**.



Finally, we appreciate that the children are **ill** on occasion and it is unavoidable for them to be absent from school. We will always authorise their absence when they are poorly. For further information to support your decision making process about whether your child is well enough to attend school please see this from the NHS: **'Is My Child too Ill for School?'**



Best wishes / Pinakamahusay na mga kagustuhan

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Currently the **PATHS** team are organising the **Summer Fete** scheduled for **Friday 28th June** from **2.00pm**. This year they would like to invite the children and families to **donate** the following items:



bottles for a tombola (e.g. drink, shampoo etc so long as they are sealed)

jars for the jar tombola

soft **toys** for prizes

good quality **raffle prizes**



Part of the fair for the children will be **pre-paid** again, and we are also inviting **outside stall holders** to join the fun, if anyone knows anyone who would be interested or who would like to run their own pre-approved stall please contact us for further information. **How exciting!**

Preschool

This week **preschool** have extended their current interest in minibeasts by going on minibeast 'hunts' in the garden and using books and bug guides to find out about what they have found, linking the real world to print and giving print meaning. We used some special pens and stones to mark make some bugs onto the stones and felt very proud of ourselves! **Next week**, we will be making 'silly soup' recipes in the role play area as part of our phonics learning and thinking about listening out for the initial sound of the ingredients! I wonder what we will make?

Year 3

This week **Beech** and **Chestnut** read our class novel, 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel'. In maths, we started writing fractions as a notation and identifying the numerator, denominator, and division bar. In science, we looked at the function of roots and how they absorb water and provide stability for plants. In computing, the children discussed the differences between fact, opinion and belief, applying that knowledge to their online interactions. The children made their art sculptures and will have an art show to display their work next week. **Stay tuned on Seesaw to see their beautiful creations! Next week**, we will be writing a newspaper report about the hotel in our class novel.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2** have been designers, planning and beginning to make our very own bear masks! We have been cutting, sticking, tearing and gluing carefully chosen materials and we are looking forward to sharing our designs and finished masks with you in the last week of this half term. In maths we have been working on the quick recall of pairs of numbers that make 5 and then 10, using a range of manipulatives to support our understanding. **Next week**, we will be singing songs and exploring how sounds can be changed in our music sessions. We will also have a go at making long and short sounds using our voices and learning about 'duration'. In literacy, we will be writing 'missing bear' posters!

Year 4

This week **Holly and Willow Classes** have had a busy week learning about non-unit fractions such as mixed numbers and using this knowledge to count beyond 1. We have interpreted word problems and used our fraction knowledge to find the correct answers. Next week, we will be using our fraction knowledge to identify where different fractions lie on a numberline and convert between wholes and parts. In English, we have planned and drafted persuasive letters to Mr Lace from Ruskin and next week we will develop our editing skills and use these to improve our letters. Science was very exciting as we set up an investigation to see what the effect of different liquids are on our teeth. **Next week**, we will see what effect the liquids have had on the eggs!

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** had a great experience when the Explorer Dome visited for our enquiry topic about Antarctica. In English we wrote sentences all about what we know about Antarctica. In DT we made our own simple slider and lever mechanisms. We explored and grouped animals by the type of food that they eat in science. **Next week**, in maths we will be finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.

Year 5

This week **Oak** and **Ash Classes** have been learning how to use a protractor, how to accurately draw lines and angles and angles around a point. In English, we began thinking about our character description for Prisoner 42 Thanatos. In geography, we continued learning about the eco system. **Next week**, in maths, we will begin our learning on position and direction and in PE we will continue our team building skills.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** wrote a recount of our experience from the Explorer Dome we visited in school. In maths we explored symmetry, sorted two-dimensional shapes, and solved pattern problems. **Next week**, in English, we are looking closely at non-chronological reports and planning our own based on Antarctica. In maths we will explore three-dimensional shapes. We will make a winding mechanism using the boxes we brought in.

Year 6

This week **Pine** and **Sycamore** classes have been revising their maths, reading and grammar skills. The children have all worked hard and are ready for a restful weekend in preparation for the next week. In science we have been investigating simple circuits and what happens if you use more than one cell. The children designed a sculpture in art ready for creation in the next session from clay. In geography we have learnt about the ecosystem in the Amazon. **Next week** in PE we will be continuing to improve our skills in cricket and football, also continuing to learn about the Amazon and the Vikings.

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Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary

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| SAT Week | Year 6 | Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May | Our Year 6 children are invited to Breakfast Club in the Junior Hall |
| Walk to School Week | All Schools | Wk Beg Monday 20th May | All schools will be encouraging children to Walk to School for the 5 days and support their class to win a prize |
| Work Share Outcome | Infant School | Tuesday 21st May - Thursday 23rd May | Parents are invited into classrooms from 2.45pm to look at your child's work on Antarctica Year 1 – Tuesday 21st May Year 2 – Wednesday 22nd May Reception – Thursday 23rd May |
| Mosque Trip | Year 2 | Friday 24th May | Year 2 children will be visiting a mosque in Cambridge as part of their RE work. |
| Half Term | All Schools | Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June | A week and 1 day for half term |
| Library Trips | Infant School | Wk beg Tuesday 4th June | Infant children walk into Town to visit Huntingdon Library for their Sparky Start on geography Class 1 [Mrs Eagle]: Tuesday 11th June 10am-11am & Class 2 [Miss Adams]: Thursday 13th June 10am-11am Class 3 [Mrs Shaw]: Tuesday 4th June 9.30am-10.30am & Class 4 [Mrs Turner]: Tuesday 4th June 10.45am-11.45am Class 5 [Mrs Smith]: Thursday 6th June 9.30am-10.30am & Class 6 [Mrs Beecher]: Thursday 6th June 10.45am-11.45am |
| Y6 Swimming begins | Year 6 | Wednesday 5th June | Year 6 top up swimming lessons |
| Empathy Day | Junior School | Thursday 6th June | A chance to celebrate and support children's ability to empathise with others. |
| Phonics Screening | Year 1 & Year 2 | Wk beg: Monday 10th June | Year 1 and some Year 2 children will participate in the DfE Phonic Screening Check |
| Stay & Play [1] | Preschool children | Friday 14th June | All preschool children starting Reception in September 2024 are invited to Stay and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends. |
| New Reception Parents Meeting | Preschool children | Monday 17th June | An opportunity to find out which Class your child will be in from September and more information to support them in their transition to school from 6.00pm. This is an adult only event. |
| New to Year 1 Parents Meeting | Preschool children | Thursday 20th June | Parents are invited to pop into the Year 1 classes with their Reception child |
| Stay & Play [2] | Preschool children | Friday 21st June | For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground |
| New to Year 3 Parents Meeting | Y2 parents | Tuesday 25th June | Current Year 2 Parents are invited to pop into the Junior School at 6.00pm to find out more about KS2 life |
| Stay & Play [3] | Preschool children | Friday 28th June | For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground |
| Summer Fete | All schools | Friday 28th June | Summer Fete from 2.00pm on the school field and playgrounds [weather permitting] |
| Stay & Play [4] | Preschool children | Friday 5th July | For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground. |
| Stay & Play [5] | Preschool children | Friday 12th July | For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground |
| Gulliver's Trip | Year 6 | Friday 5th July | Year 6 Annual trip to Gulliver's in Milton Keynes |
| Y6 Performance | Year 6 | Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July | Two Year 6 performances [9th] at 6.00pm and an afternoon [10th] at 1.45pm to come and see [2 tickets per family only] |
| Y2 Leavers Assembly | Year 2 | Thursday 11th July | Our Annual Leavers Assembly, parents and carers of Year 2 children are invited to this assembly from 9.00am |
| Y6 Leavers Assembly | Year 6 | Friday 12th July | Our annual Leavers Assembly, parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to this assembly from 9.30am |
| Healthy Week | All Schools | Wk beg 15th July | A week of activities to support our minds and body including Sports Day on Wednesday 17th am for Infant and pm for Junior |
| Last day of Term | All Schools | Friday 19th July | Last day of Term |
| Treehouse Club | All Schools | Friday 19th July | Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training. |

