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Hartford Infant and Preschool & Hartford Junior School Newsletter Friday 7th March 2025

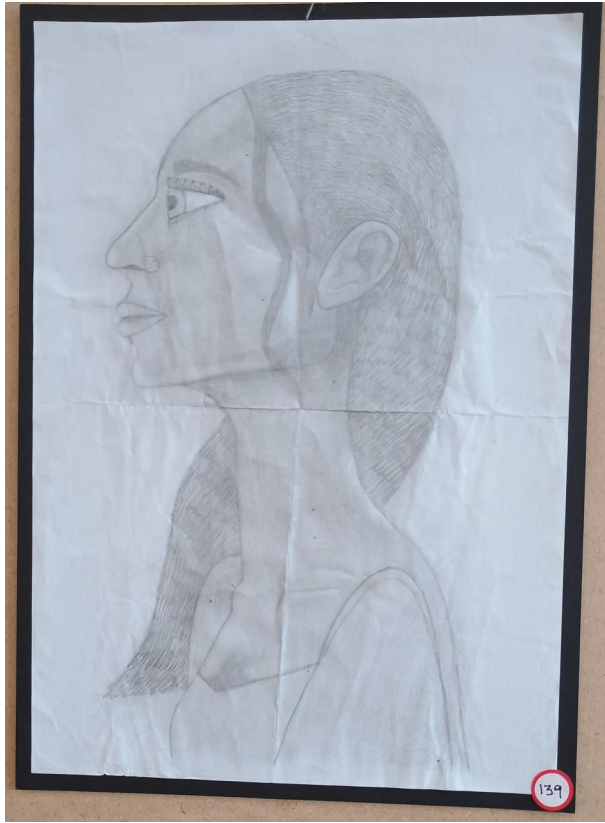
Headteacher Highlights...

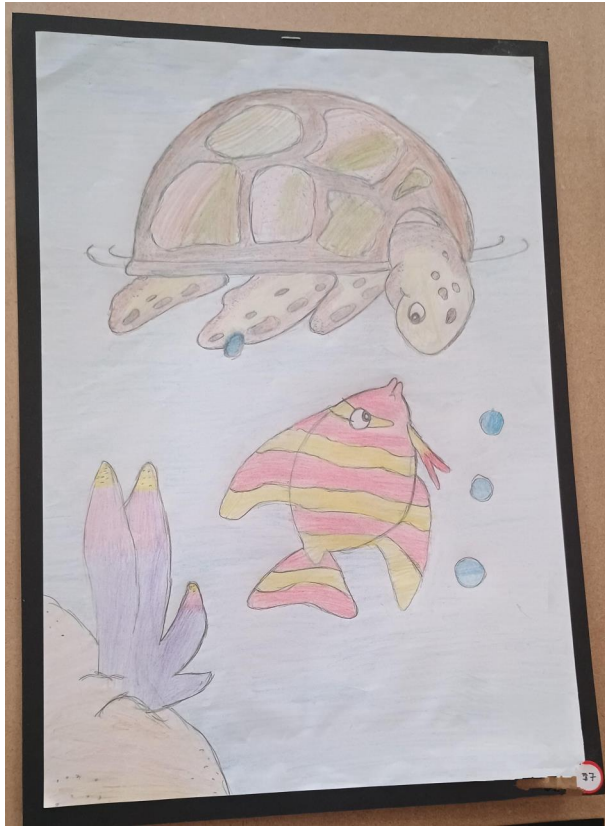


- **This week** we have had so much fun and been extremely busy!
- It was wonderful to see the entries displayed at the **ASHYAC Art Exhibition** on **Saturday 1st March** at Sawtry Village College - well done to our **Junior School** children for their hard work.
- A **HUGE** thank you to **Mrs Rachael Hyem** and **Mr Christopher Squires** for organising the jam packed **World Book Day** events.

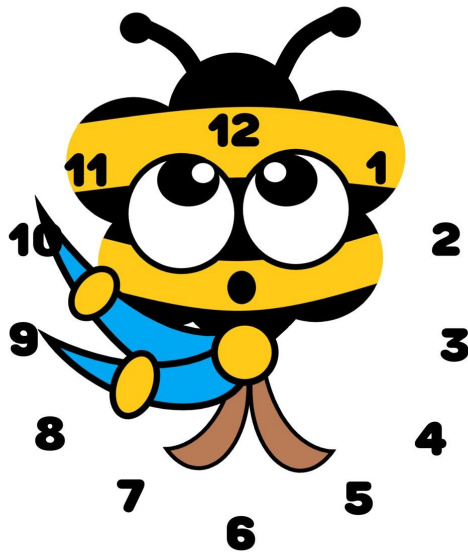
- We are delighted to share the wonderful news that **Mrs Olha Shopylok** from our **Preschool** had a beautiful baby girl on Monday evening. We wish her and her family all the best.
- **Next week**, our **Stairwell Renovations** in the **Junior School** begin, although we recognise there will be some upheaval to our daily routines and it will be somewhat noisy, we know it will be worth it. **Thank you for your support.**







!Attention Attendance!





*Please **Bee** on time for school.*

*It is extremely important to aim for **96+%**, this will ensure your child makes the best progress.*

***Junior School: 8.40am - 3.15pm Infant School: 8.45am - 3.15pm Preschool: 9.00am - 3.00pm** This week the **best attendance** was seen in: **Class 5 in the Infant School** and **Willow Class [again] in the Junior School.** Our **Bee on time** winner is **Kasper.** We reward the child with the **best punctuality** each week in the Infant Class with the best attendance. A **Tesco voucher** for home and a **lil' prize** for the child is given.*

Attendance

Did you know that children should be in school **190 days** each year?
We aim for children to be in school for **96+%** knowing that sometimes they are ill.

Attendance during 1 year of school	Equals to days absent from school	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

Junior School

Attendance up to and including 7th March 2025

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
95.89	93.64	96.09	95.98	95.43

Number of Lates for Week commencing 3rd March 2025

Year	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
Year 3	9	1
Year 4	3	0
Year 5	1	1
Year 6	5	0
All	18	2

Infant & Preschool

Attendance up to and including 7th March 2025

Preschool	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Whole School
92.61	90.46	92.05	94.51	92.69

Number of Lates for Week commencing 3rd March 2025

Year	Late before 9.15am	Late after 9.15am
Preschool	0	0
Year R	5	3
Year 1	10	0
Year 2	8	0
All	23	3

The **Department for Education** [DfE] provides advice and support for parents/carers to support their child's attendance. The following documents are available by clicking on the link:

[Click here](#) for **Working Together to Improve School Attendance** or [click here](#) for information on **School Attendance and Absence**

OPAL Occurrences...



Next week, we will be **embedding good play** with the **same items** this week, we are learning how to **mitigate against risks**:

- only transport toys in the **suitcases**
- only 1 person in the **pushchairs** or **wheelchairs** [we could do with more of these items- they are POPULAR]
- look where the **small balls** are being played

- **sharing** the items so **everyone** can have 'a go'

How exciting!

World Book Day...

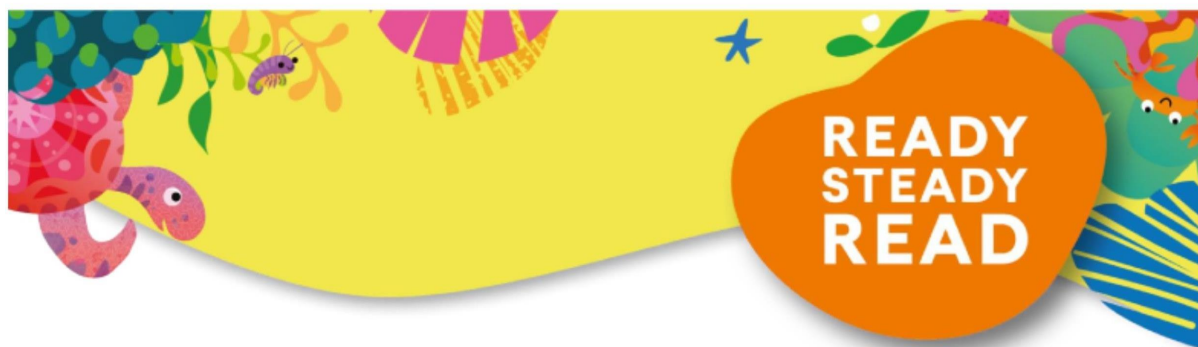
- We had [Sublime Science](#) in school all day with so many terrific experiments.
- We had a **Book Shop** in both schools, with all the fabulous donated books. We still have some left over and if the children want to purchase more, please pop in and we can organise this.
- We were **inventors** and **scientists** for the day creating **STEMsational** structures based on our school books.
- We dressed up in some **sensational costumes**...THANK YOU everyone for being INVOLVED.





Ready Steady....Read/Listen!

Please **sponsor** your child reading at home for our Ready Steady Every Reader/Listen



Ready Steady...Read!

Monday 3rd March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, and to celebrate **World Book Day** we are running a **sponsored read** between **Thursday 6th** and **Thursday 13th March 2025**.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local **Usborne Partner**, Charlotte Tovell, and all the money raised will go towards **brand new books for our schools**. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for the children by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

The children will **complete** their **first entry** on their **Ready Steady...Read! reading log** on **World Book Day**. They can then use this log to help keep track of their reading throughout the week. For the younger children [Preschool and Reception] they will complete Ready Steady...Listen! where they focus on listening to books.

If you can support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a **sponsorship form** for your child. Please pay in your sponsorship money using the **JustGiving** link below by **Thursday 27th March 2025**. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hartfordjunior-infant-preschool?utm_term=M3KMdKggE&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.
For more information, please contact: Charlotte Tovell at tovellsbookpalace@gmail.com

Golden Welly Award...



1 - Golden Wellies...

Our **winners** for this week are...

In the **Infant School** - **Melody** - for getting involved

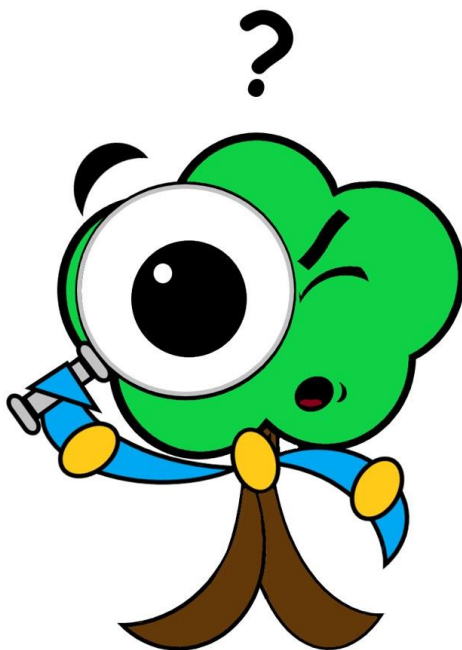
In the **Junior School** - **Freya** - always helping to tidy away **Well done to the children for showing us how to play well.**

Thank you for all your support.

Don't forget those wellies so they can access all areas... We welcome **changes of clothes** [especially socks/tights] to be brought in for those soggy wet days. If you have **waterproof trousers** do send them in a **named carrier bag.**



Classroom Curiosity...



2 - What has been going on in school?

Preschool

This week, we have been extremely busy! We made and tasted pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We have explored magnets; finding out how a magnetic field works and naming different materials (e.g. metal, wood, plastic etc). We experimented to see if these materials were 'magnetic' or not.

Of course, we also celebrated **World Book Day** with a host of stories such as 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Izzy Gizmo', **constructing** with a range of boxes and being **involved** with science experiments!

Next week, we will begin planting seeds so any **empty pots** such as clean yoghurt pots would be appreciated.





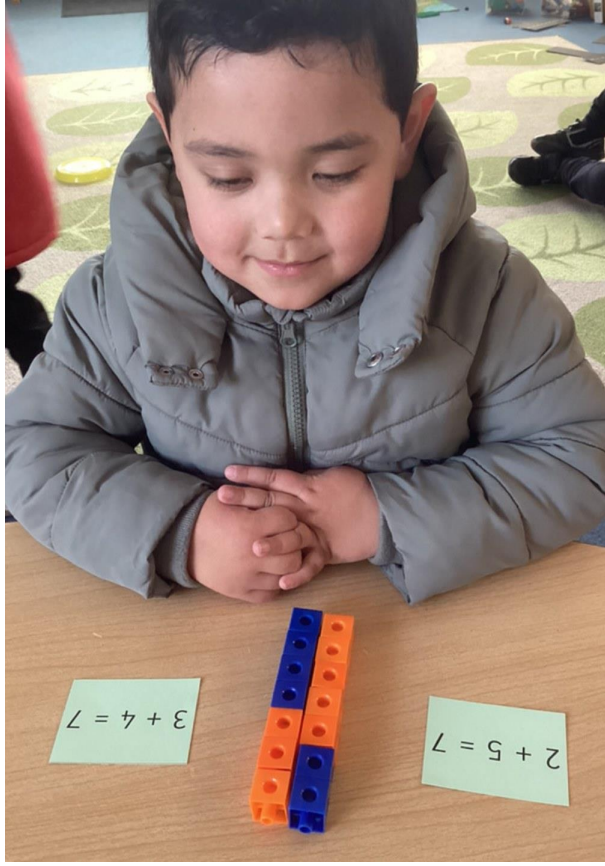
Year R

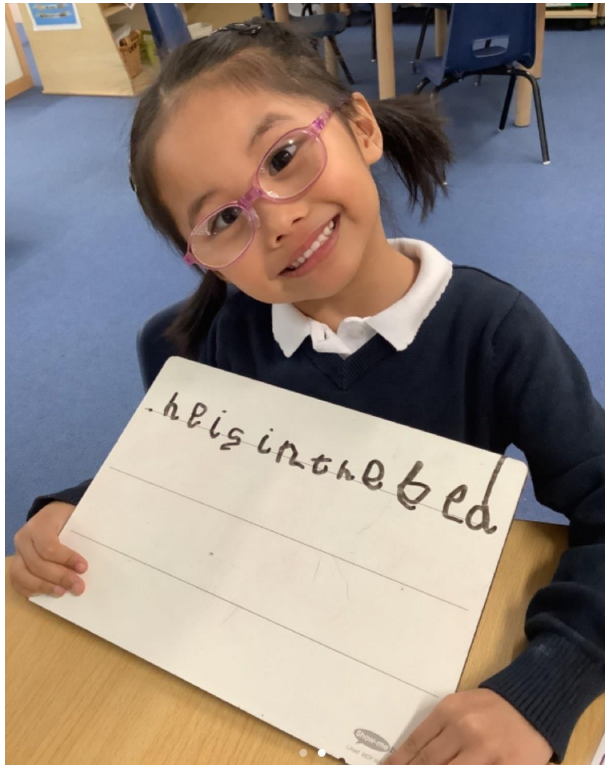
This week we have enjoyed sharing **photos of our pets** and finding out about different types of animals e.g. pets and wild animals. We have looked at range of famous U.K landmarks e.g. Big Ben, The London Eye, The Angel of the North, Buckingham Palace, White Cliffs of Dover and Stonehenge.

Next week we will be thinking how **Huntingdon** is different to London. If you have visited London with your family, **please share any photos you might of your trips have via Tapestry.**

We will also be making observations of and talking about the kinds of wild animals that live in the U.K such as badgers, foxes and hedgehogs.







Year 1

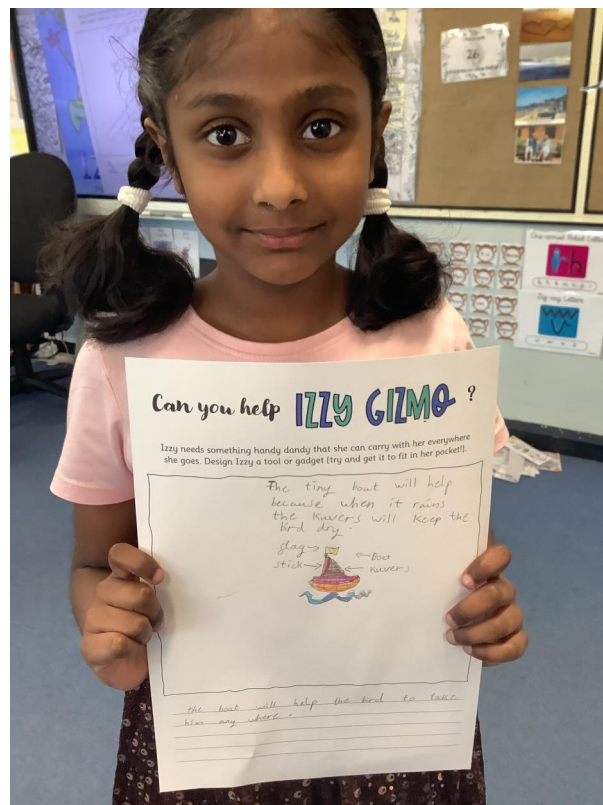
This week, in English we started to look at our new text 'Giraffes Can't Dance', and we discussed new vocabulary. In maths we solved subtraction stories, **please look out for this in**

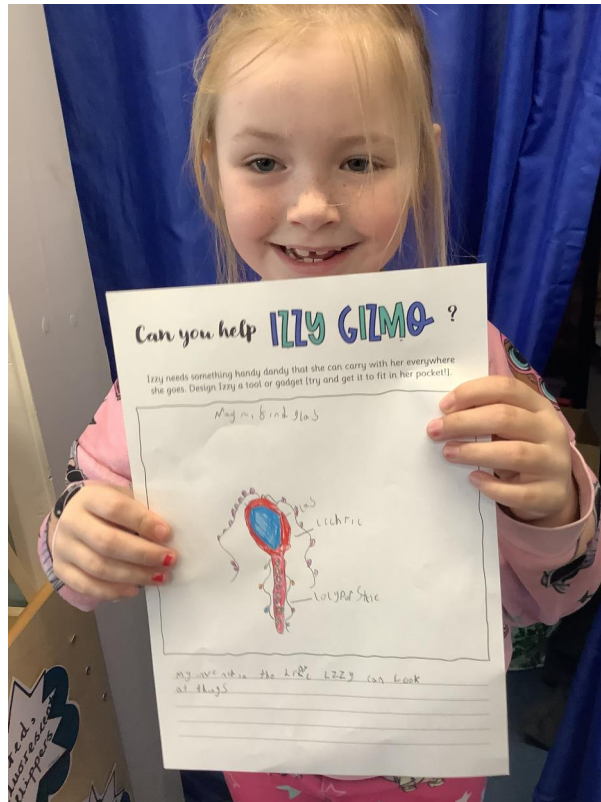
your homework this week! We have begun to use the program '[Scratch Junior](#)' in computing. **Next week**, in art we are infilling shapes using the techniques hatching and scribbling.

Year 2

This week, we wrote a character description about '**Traction Man**', our Superhero, who is a bit of a show-off! We learnt a method to add 2-digit numbers together by splitting the tens and ones, before recombining. In computing, on [Scratch Junior](#), we found out that even when a sequence of commands are in a different order, the outcome will be the same.

Next week, we will learn methods for subtracting 2-digit numbers. We will listen to another story by the author Mini Grey, '**The Pea and the Princess**'. In art lessons, we will practise stippling and blending using charcoal and pencils.





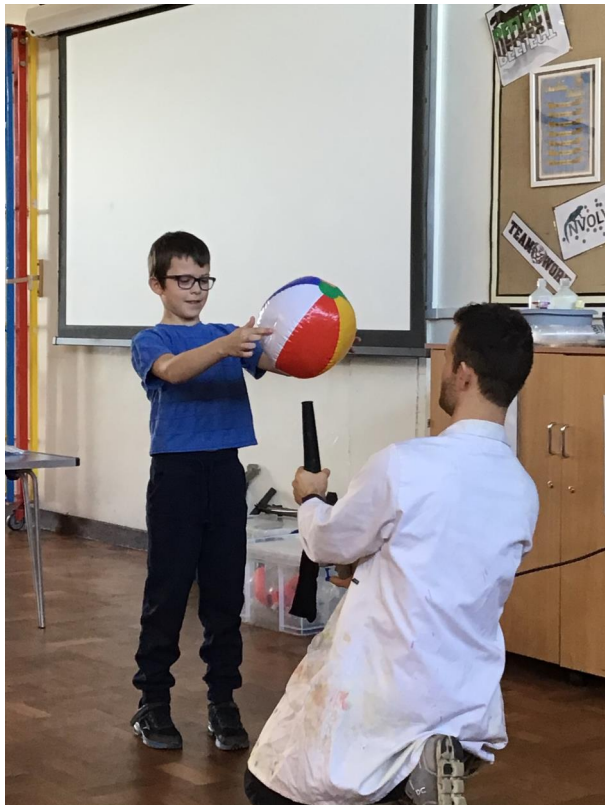
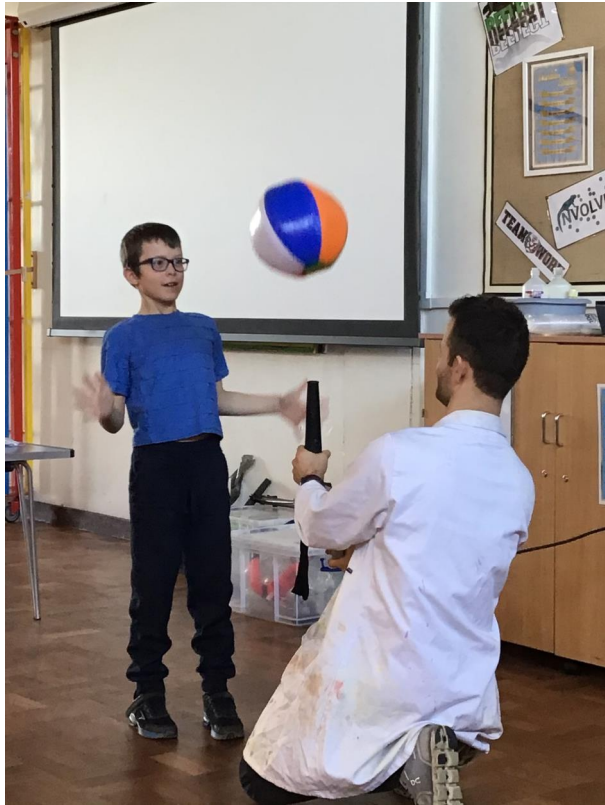
Year 3

This week, we have been exploring time in maths, using physical clocks to help us think about minutes past and minutes to, the children have shown some great perseverance with this. In science we sorted foods into the correct category on our "Eatwell Plate" and discussed how to keep our bodies healthy. We really enjoyed **World Book Day** and becoming little inventors for the day, the children planned and created some fabulous inventions!

Next week, we will be looking at narrative writing in English and continuing our work on our tennis skills in PE.



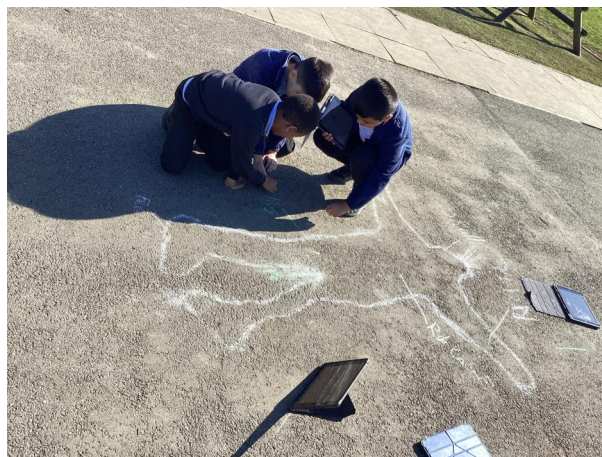






Year 4

This week, we wrote a character description about a character of their choosing, from our class novel, '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**'. In Maths, we learned about coordinates, focusing on the X and Y axis and plotting different shapes on a grid. **Next week**, we will be making biscuits in **DT**. A polite reminder that **PE** is on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, as it has always been. **Sorry for any confusion!**





Year 5

This week, we have been planning a diary entry as if we were Michael from our class novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We also had a very interesting **NSPCC** workshop. The children were **involved** and asked lots of great questions.

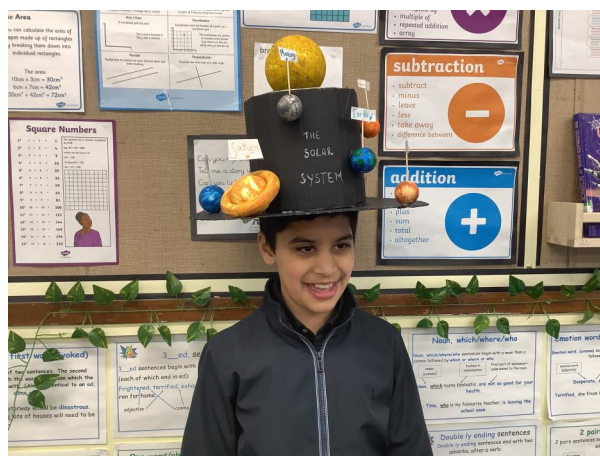
Next week, we will be starting our **adventure in the hall**, we know it will be strange initially but are **optimistic** that we can settle into a new routine up until Easter. We will also be writing a diary entry linked to our class novel.



Year 6

This week, we have studied properties of circles and angles in triangles in maths, as well as writing diary entries in English using informal language choices. In geography, we have been learning about Jamaica's diverse climate and we started to learn about healthy foods and exercise (*manger et bouger*) in French.

Next week, we will be learning about the structure of the heart in science and are looking forward to dissecting a heart with Mr MacLennan from St Peter's Secondary School.







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Both the **Infant and Junior School Councils** would like to organise a **designing and colouring competition** for **Red Nose Day** on **Friday 21st March**. It will cost 20p to enter and sheets will come home on Friday 14th March and need to be returned by Thursday 20th March. All children are invited to wear red clothing to school for a contribution to this charity.

Safe Surfing...



Watching and Browsing Online - Internet Matters

According to Ofcom, 90% of children are watching **online videos** and **browsing the internet regularly**. Children may love to stream videos and look up information, it's a fun way to learn and relax after all but they **must be guided**. The e-space is filled with **inappropriate content and dangerous material**. It is important that parents and even teachers, are able to steer their pupils and youngsters, towards the right places when online. **Internet Matters** has published a guide dedicated to supporting adults in setting digital boundaries for children, so that they can make **smart choices** and **build healthy online habits**. In the Internet Matters guide you'll find practical tips on managing content access, the use of safety controls, advice on setting boundaries and ways to educate children on how to stay secure online. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/watching-and-browsing-online-a-parents-guide/>

Diary Dates...



Diary Dates 7.3.2025

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Stairwell renovations	Junior School	From Monday 10 th March	Both stairwells in the Junior School to be renovated over the rest of the half term. Details in letters sent wk. beg 3.3.2025
Vision Screening	Year R	Wednesday 12 th March	The NHS Vision Screening Team will be in school to check the vision of all children in Class 1 and 2.
Red Nose Day	All schools	Friday 21 st March	Children can enter the colouring/designing a red nose competition for 20p. Everyone invited to wear red clothing as part of the nonschool uniform for a donation to the charity.
GENR8	Junior School	Monday 31 st March	The GENR8 Company will explore eater with the children in a special assembly.
Easter Concert	Year R	Tuesday 1 st April	Our children in Year R [classes 1 & 2] will perform a few Easter themed songs for families to enjoy.
Church Visit	Year R	Wednesday 2 nd April [pm]	Our YR children in Class 1 and 2 will be visiting Trinity Church.
Easter Fete	All schools	Wednesday 2 nd April & Thursday 3 rd April	Our PATHS team will be organising our annual festive fair for the children. Due to the stairwell renovations, both fetes will take place in the Infant School during school time.
Easter Menu	All schools	Wednesday 2 nd April	An Easter lunch to celebrate Easter.
Easter Bonnet Parade	Infant and Preschool	Thursday 3 rd April	All Preschool and Infant children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home to bring to school for the annual parade.
Easter Fun Menu	All schools	Friday 4 th April	A Fun Easter lunch to celebrate Easter and the end of term.
Dance Day	Infant and Preschool	Friday 4 th April	A Fun Easter dance session with Miss Charlotte- all children need to wear PE kits.
Last day of term	All schools	Friday 4 th April	School will shut for the Easter Break.
Treehouse Club closed	All schools	Friday 4 th April	No Treehouse Club for this evening.
SAT Booster Brunch	Year 6	Monday 7 th April	Mrs Jo Smith and Mrs Anna Haupt will launch SAT Booster activities to take home, come to school for 10.30am for a free breakfast , a surgery session with 'The experts' and a gift for all children attending...more details to follow.
Summer Term begins	All schools	Wednesday 23 rd April	School reopens for all children. 8.40am for KS2, 8.45am for Year R and KS1 and 9.00am for Preschool.

Don't forget **Easter Bonnets** - all our children in the **Preschool and Infant School** are invited to participate in our annual **Easter Bonnet Parade** on **Thursday 3rd April 2.15pm** - do come and watch us parade our bonnets [**made at home**] on the front playground.



3 - Bonny Bonnets...

Have a wonderful weekend...