

29th April 2022



A message from our Headteacher: Jill O'Connor

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a very enjoyable Easter holiday. I hope you enjoyed the wonderful weather, plenty of chocolate and treasured time spent with families and friends.

We have had a great start to the summer term, with wow events to launch our new topics in all year groups and children returning to school life with their usual enthusiasm.

We held our first Merlins and Kestrels whole school assemblies on Monday which was quite a poignant moment, as they were the first whole school face to face assemblies in two years. Needless to say, that although many of our younger children have never experienced a whole school assembly, behaviour from all children was exemplary. Well done to everyone.

Parents from each year group have been invited to a parent event over this term to share in their child's learning and to have the opportunity to look at their work. A letter with dates of these year group events has been circulated. We look forward to meeting with parents in school for these stay and share events. Be prepared to be amazed by your child's outstanding learning and books!

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school this week for our early reading parent workshops which were very well attended. The purpose of these meetings was to give parents information on how we teach early reading and phonics, with lots of practical tips on how parents can support their child's learning at home in this important area.

As part of our celebration of PE and sport in school, we are thrilled to welcome dual Paralympian blind footballer Darren Harris into school as part of our participation in a 'Sports for Schools' Event on Wednesday 4th May. All children will participate in a fitness circuit led by Darren and then he will lead assemblies. As full PE kits need to be worn on the day, we are asking all children to wear PE kit for the entire day. We are asking children to donate £2.50 for this event which will include a Sports for Schools wrist band as a permanent reminder of the day. Please make your child's donation if you have not already done so. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this exciting event.



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We still have a limited number of nursery places with an immediate or September start, which children can take up from their third birthday. We are holding a nursery open day on Friday May 6th between 9-11am and 1-3pm for any prospective nursery parents who would like the opportunity to look at our nursery and school provision. No appointments are needed, so please come along if you would like to find out more about our outstanding nursery wraparound provision which is available from 7.30am to 6pm daily during term time, with fully flexible funded and paid places available to meet the needs of families.

School will be used as a polling station on Thursday May 5th for the local elections. There will be no disruption to the school day because of these elections as we are able to safely isolate part of the school for the public to access on this occasion.

As Eid approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families, who will be celebrating next week, a very happy Eid Mubarak!

Finally, a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 2nd May for the May public bank holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 3rd May.

Have a wonderful extended weekend.

Kind regards Jill O'Connor Headteacher

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EYFS Phase: Nursery & Reception

I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

It has been the most exciting return to school for the children and staff! Nursery children have been overjoyed at the hatching of 7 of our chicks so far and are watching them closely in their incubator. Seeing the children's faces and reactions and hearing them bubbling over with questions and curiosity has been delightful. We have been exploring other farmyard animals and their offspring too, with children making comparisons between adults and babies.

Reception children have launched their new topic - Mad about Minibeasts - which they have embraced with lots of enthusiasm. They looked wonderful in their minibeast costumes and had a super time this week searching for a range of minibeasts and building bug hotels, using lots of imaginative ideas. Everyone is keen to find out if any minibeasts decide to move in! Children and staff are very much looking forward to a visit to the Butterfly Farm next week to look closely at caterpillars, butterflies and a range of other interesting minibeasts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

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Learning in Nursery

The children in Wrens and Robins have settled really well back into nursery after their Easter break. We have had lots of fun exploring and playing with all our friends!

This has been a very exciting week in Nursery, we have seen our Living Eggs hatch and are enjoying watching our new fluffy friends begin to grow. We are learning about other farm animals and the lifecycle of chicks. The children have been engaged in many areas of play outdoors and have been building vehicles and putting on shows on a stage!

Learning in Reception

Reception have had an amazing day dressed up as their favourite insects to launch our new 'Mad about Minibeasts' topic. We went on a bug hunt, created bug hotels and moved in different ways like minibeasts.



Lower Phase: Years 1, 2 & 3

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine! The children have returned to school ready and raring to go. In Year 1, a very special visitor came in to launch their new topic 'Flashback'. The children were joined by a 6-month-old baby and they discussed what babies need and what they can do; they then compared this to their needs now and reflected on how much they have developed and grown over time. The children continue to enjoy the outdoor area in the afternoon to enhance their creative curriculum learning. The Year 2 children are very excited about their upcoming Medieval Day (Monday 9th May) when they will be invited to come into school dressed up. This week, they have learnt about how castles have changed over time as part of their new topic 'Conquering Land and Sea'. Year 3 are enjoying their new topic 'Through the Ages' and have been researching the main differences between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They are looking forward to their trip to Bishops Wood on 16th May when they will spend a day immersed in life as it was in prehistoric times.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on:

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Learning in Year 1

This week Year 1 were learning about body parts. In class teams they tried to label as many parts of the body. We love using the outdoor space for learning!

Learning in Year 2

Year 2's topic this term is 'Conquering Land and Sea'. We have begun by learning about different types of castles across the United Kingdom. In history we have learnt about how castles changed over time, and in geography we located some of these castles on maps.

Learning in Year 3

As part of their new topic for this term, Year 3 went to the forest school area where we described a bonfire for our English lesson.

We used adjectives for the senses to describe what we could see, hear, feel and taste.

Upper Phase: Years 4, 5 & 6

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back in to school this week after the Easter holiday. They have all been very excited to find out about their new topics and have been eager to get started on their new learning. Year 4 have been locating the different human and physical features of North America as part of their 'Totems and Tepees' topic. They have also been learning about the fascinating, survival story of Eric LeMarque. Over the next 2 weeks, they will be writing a diary entry based on his experiences. 'To Infinity and Beyond' is Year 5's topic for this term. They have spent the week researching all about the planets in our solar system. They delivered some extremely confident presentations to their peers and will be writing a non-chronological report in English to share their amazing facts. Finally, Year 6 have started their new topic this term all about 'The Kingdom of Benin'. They have been comparing different geographical regions and have dispelled some common misconceptions about Africa. We look forward to sharing our learning with you over the course of this term so please do look on Seesaw for examples of this.

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Learning in Year 4

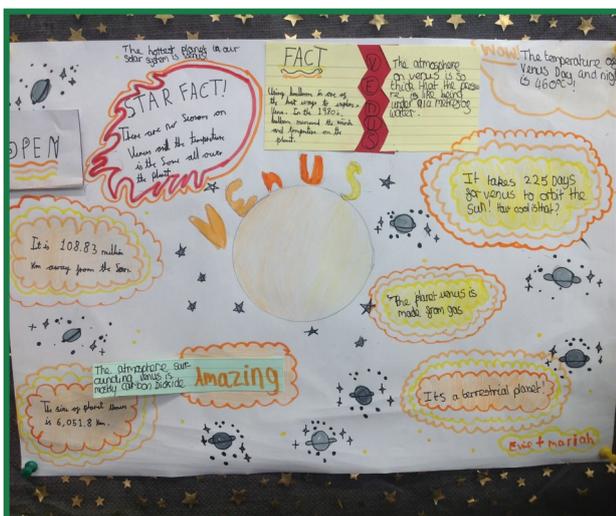
In geography this week, Year 4 have been learning all about North America. They have named and located countries of North America as well as learning about its human and physical features. In groups, the children researched different physical features and made models from them using plasticine as well as presenting their findings to the class.

Learning in Year 5

This week, Year 5 have kicked off their 'To Infinity and Beyond' topic with some research and posters on the different planets of our solar system. They have also studied why planets are spherical and the different effect that gravity has on celestial bodies in our universe.

Learning in Year 6

This week in science, Year 6 have been learning about blood, as part of our new topic: The Heart. We looked at why blood is important, it's function, and what it is made up of. We then made blood smoothies, using different ingredients to represent, red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma. We also discussed the different blood groups, and how varying antigens in our blood can change the type of blood each person might have. Excellent learning this week, Year 6! What a great start to the Summer term.



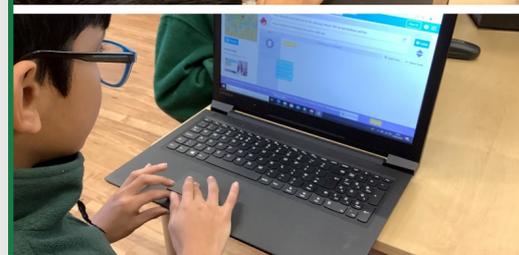
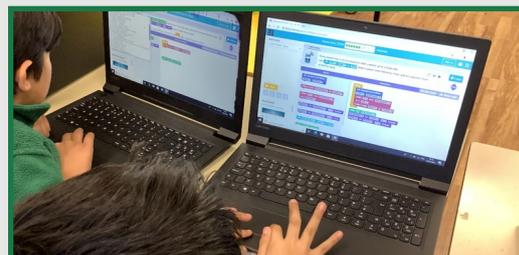
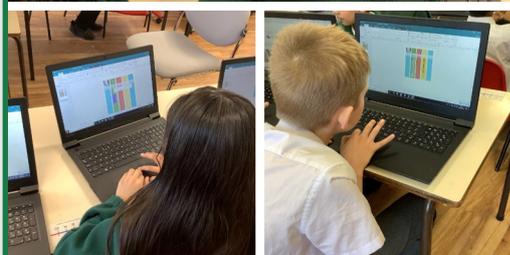
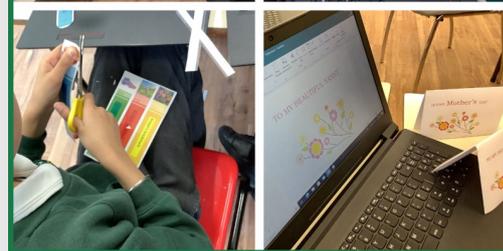
Tech Club

Tech Club takes place at 3.30 pm every Monday for KS2, led by Mrs Grewal. During this club, pupils work together to develop key tech skills which will not only be useful for their future computer studies, but also tie in very well with current school curriculum across multiple subjects. Examples of the outputs from previous terms include pupils designing greetings cards and bookmarks by personalising them and presenting these as gifts to family and friends and learning how to use Microsoft programs to publish work, present slides and work out mathematical formulae in Excel. All of this empowers pupils to express their work in the correct format.

As part of the program this term, pupils have looked at Coding, taking on fun & interesting projects from Minecraft to Dance Party. Their learning is contextualised with either a game or concept of specific interest to them. There is a broad spectrum of abilities and experience within the group, but all pupils have successfully put into practice new ideas and concepts. When understanding co-ordinates in maths they can start to apply their knowledge in coding. For those who love working with numbers, they can start to play around and control the speed of coding concepts. Pupils are starting to see how they can adapt code to work for them rather than sticking to what has been pre-programmed. This is a great way to introduce coding and harness the logical minds of our pupils, as well as sparking creativity.

Each term, new topics are introduced to engage pupils, whatever their interests may be. Together they form a broad program of activity that teaches the most important tech skills for our younger generation, growing up in an increasingly digital-dominant world.

The next cohort of pupils will be taken on in the summer term, starting on Mon 9th May, if you wish your child to participate, please send your child's name and class number to Mrs Grewal on 0750 3977497 to reserve their place. Spaces are limited, so will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.





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School Nursing Parent Information Sessions

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School Nursing are continuing to offer FREE virtual health information sessions via Eventbrite, especially for parents/carers. The sessions are listed below and include; concerns about managing toileting, sleep, behaviour and challenges in eating.

These links open and operate far more efficiently via Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge, so if this isn't your default browser please copy the link into one of these browsers. Please also ensure you fill in the booking form fully, when registering for a session, we need you to detail your child or children's full name and date of birth as well as the name of the school they attend, so we can update our records of your attendance.

If you don't already have an Eventbrite log in/account you will need to register on their site before attending a session with us. We can provide a step by step guide, if you need this please get in touch.

You may receive emails about your Eventbrite booking, please check your spam/junk box as these emails may automatically sit there. Please try to log on 5 mins before the session. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Name of Session:	Date and time of session:	Eventbrite link for parents/carers to access to register and book on:
Sleep Information Session	Tuesday 10 th May 2022 10am – 11am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-information-session-tickets-313664838977
Challenges in Eating Information Session	Friday 27 th May 2022 10am – 11am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/challenges-in-eating-information-session-tickets-313675631257
Toileting Information Session	Monday 30 th May 2022 11:00am – 12pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/toileting-information-session-tickets-327312569707
Managing Behaviour Information Session	Friday 17 th June 2022 10am – 11am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-behaviour-information-session-tickets-313689151697
Toileting Information Session	Tuesday 21 st June 2022 1pm – 2pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/toileting-information-session-tickets-327903567397
Sleep Information Session	Thursday 23 rd June 2022 1pm – 2pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-information-session-tickets-327199621877
Challenges in Eating Information Session	Tuesday 28 th June 2022 11am – 12pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/challenges-in-eating-information-session-tickets-327321807337
Managing Behaviour Information Session	Monday 04 th July 2022 11am – 12pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-behaviour-information-session-tickets-327350162147
Toileting Information Session	Tuesday 05 th July 2022 11am -12pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/toileting-information-session-tickets-327908371767
Sleep Information Session	Tuesday 12 th July 2022 1pm – 2pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep-information-session-tickets-327380442717
Managing Behaviour Information Session	Tuesday 19 th July 2022 10am – 11am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-behaviour-information-session-tickets-327402699287
Challenges in Eating Information Session	Thursday 21 st July 2022 11am – 12pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/challenges-in-eating-information-session-tickets-327387102637

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