



Aston Tower Community Primary School Newsletter

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Nursery Chick Hatching



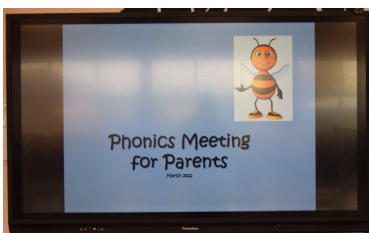
Children in the nursery were excited when lots of chicks hatched in front of their eyes. The eggs and chicks were kept in an incubator. This gave the nursery children and staff lots to talk about and created much excitement.

SATs

The government have reintroduced SATS this year for children in Years 2 and 6. The Year 6 SATs will test children's knowledge in mathematics, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and their ability to read well. Tests for these subjects will be held during the week starting 9th May. Year 6 children will also be assessed in their writing by our teachers with a final result decided on at the end of June. Children in Year 2 will also do some tests and have their work assessed by their teachers. These will be held in May and June. The subjects in which Year 2 children are tested on are reading, writing, mathematics, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

SATs are important. Please make sure that your child comes to school every day during this time.

Phonics Assessment



In March, Mrs Rai-Moore led a parents' meeting about the Year 1 phonics check. As parents discovered, this meeting explained to parents about the importance of phonics to help children read and write. She gave parents tips to help their children at home. This assessment will take place in June.

Year 4 Times Table Assessment

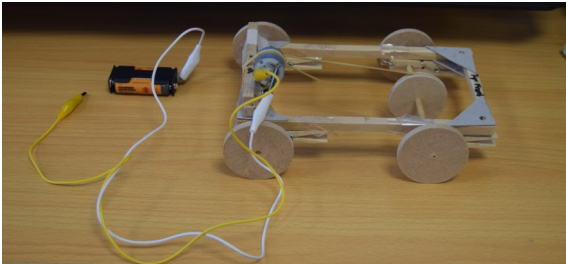
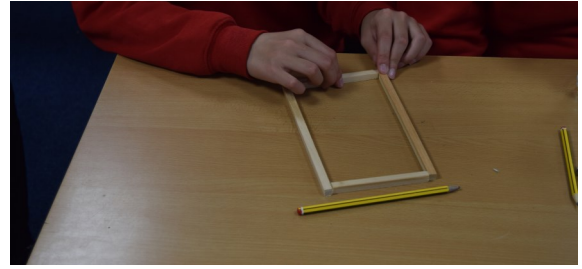
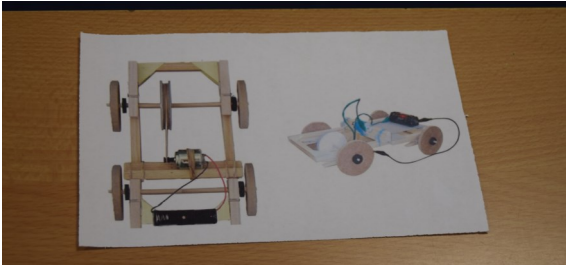
In June, children in Year 4 will take a government test to see if children know their times tables up to 12x12. Children have only 6 seconds to answer each question. It will test if children know their times tables without having to work them out. Parents in Year 4 should help their children with their times tables during the coming weeks. If you are a Year 3 parent, help your child with the times tables for that year group which is x3, x4 and x8. Then try the harder times tables of x6, x7, x8, x9 and x12.

Come to school on time

It's really important to bring your child to school on time. For children in Years 1 to 6, lessons begin at 8.35am. If they come later than 8.35am, they are late. Please make sure that your child comes on time for an 8.35am start. This means that they do not miss the start of their lessons and learn the important habit of being on time which they will need when they get a job. These times started in September so please get your child to school on time.

Design & Technology in Year 6

Aston Tower pupils are really enjoying design and technology lessons, and learning some of the skills of designing and engineering. Year 6 have made some impressive cars using wooden frames which they had to measure and construct. Their cars are battery powered (very carbon neutral!) and moved quickly when switched on.



Parents' Curriculum Overview—Summer Term

The curriculum overview for the first half of the Summer term will be given to parents after the Easter break. This will tell you everything your child will be learning. By looking at this, you can find ways of helping your child with their work.

Ramadan

We wish families observing Ramadan well. We hope it is a helpful and spiritual time.

School Dinners

We provide healthy school dinners. To order, please use the Squid app or visit <https://portal.squidcard.com/LoginPortal/>. The

Breakfast Club

We run breakfast club for children each day. Your child can have a breakfast and enjoy playing activities for just £2 a day. However, you must book your child's place and pay for it before they attend.

Uniform

Wearing the school uniform is important. Your child must wear the correct uniform. Details of what to wear are on our website <https://astontowerprimary.co.uk/parents/School-Uniform>. Some children are wearing trainers or boots. These are not part of their uniform so they should not wear boots or trainers.

Election Day Closure

School will be closed to some pupils on Thursday 5th May which will be local authority election day. Children in Years 1, 2 and 6 should attend as usual for the mornings only on that day because it is close to their SATs tests.

Term Dates 2022-2023

School will break up for the Easter on **Friday 8 April at 12.10 pm**. School will reopen on **Monday 25 April at 08:30 am**.

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term Ends: Thursday 21 July 2022