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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	95.4%
Foundation 2	97.8%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	95.8%

Message from Mr Wilkes

We welcomed another member of the office team to school this week. Miss Julie Dormer will be working at the end of the week, sharing the week with Mrs Bonser. You can read an interview with her in the reporters section below.



We had the delight of Harin playing the piano in assembly this week. What a wonderfully talented musician!

Despite the dull and wet weather we have had a really bright and successful week!

I have spent some time looking at the impact of our new approach to writing, and i have had the pleasure of seeing lots of work. Mr White has also spent some time talking to the children about the new approach and we are seeing some great results. Children have talked about how much they enjoy the focus on learning new vocabulary and the time they spend editing. A number of children have also told us how much more confident they feel! I know the children and staff are looking forward to sharing some of this work at parents evenings.

We have also been looking at the final designs to refurbish the early years garden. We are hoping to get the plans approved very soon. We will keep you updated and share some of the designs when they are finalised.

Thank you again for working hard to get your children to school on time this week. We have seen a reduction in the number of children who are late.

Thank you!

If you are struggling to get your child to school please contact the office and we will do everything we can to support you.

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



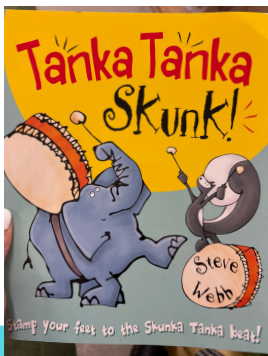
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What's been happening?

We have enjoyed exploring sewing and weaving this week in our fine motor sessions.

Our pattern sessions in maths and syllable clapping sessions in phonics have been so much fun. Especially our new favourite story Tanka Skunk!

The children are getting stuck into our new enquiry question "What can we learn through exploring?" And we are looking forward to next week to explore some more!



Important information

If you need an Early Years Pupil Premium form please see the office and return this as soon as possible.

Please return any school spares clean and washed. Any donations of clean pants and socks are also appreciated.

Looking ahead

We are going to be telling our own stories to adults who will scribe for us next week working on bulking our full sentence talk and our story language.

We will be reading this bus is for us in Phonics and singing Down at the station. [Click here to sing along!](#)

In Maths we will be working on taking a set number from a group and fine motor is messy finger play!



Dates for your diary

Forms will be going out this week and next week giving your child the opportunity to take part in our story sack scheme. You will be able to access games and toys and stories to aid building vocabulary. Please return these by the end of next week if you wish to take part.

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We have been working hard on our Writing this week, independently writing our own sentences for our class book. We have chosen our own characters to add to the story and written a sentence about them.

We love Mastering Number. We have been reading numerals and matching them to Numberblocks. We have been learning about how numbers have a special order and they have to stick to it. Ask your child to count to 5 and they will really impress you!

We have enjoyed learning about the Arctic and all the different animals that live there. We have been exploring this in our small world play.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Thank you for getting the children into school by 8.45. This is helping to quickly settle the children and we are then ready to get busy.

We have stopped doing Guided Reading and are concentrating on reading with your child individually every week.

Our next Parents Event will be Tuesday 10th February from 8:45 until 9:30, in your child's class. We'd love if you could join us!

If you have any old handbags/purses or dolls with clothes at home, we are looking for donations to renew some of our home corner toys. Please bring them to your class teacher. Thank you!

Looking ahead

Next week we will be exploring Space. We will be talking about the different planets and what it's like to be in space.

Maths - we will be learning about the composition of 5. We will be developing our understanding of how numbers are made up of smaller numbers.

Writing - we will be starting work on our new book 'Here Come The Aliens' by Colin McNaughton. We will be reading the book and doing lots of fun activities to help us get ready to write.

Phonics - we will be working on the trigraph 'igh' and the digraph 'oo' (both long and short sounds) and learning how to form these letters correctly.

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We've started reading Meerkat Mail which we are all enjoying. The main character called Sunny is trying to find the perfect place to live

In Maths we have been reading, writing and making practically 2 digit numbers up to 50.
eg $20 + 5 = 25$

We have loved comparing the wildlife found in the polar regions to the wildlife found in the UK.



We have learnt to program a Beebot robot.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Our stars of the week tomorrow are...
1EH Sophie 1WV Fahad 1AW Xyla

Our science parent event will be on Wednesday 4th February at **2.45**, please come along if you can. Please can your child bring along one small toy eg Mobilo lego/person as we be testing out materials to keep their toy dry.

Thank you

Looking ahead

Linking in with our story Meerkat Mail , in Geography we will be learning about climate in the areas closest to the Equator.

We will learn about desert climate and a little about The Kalahari desert, which is where the character Sunny lives.

In Maths we will continue to read, write and make numbers up to 50. We will be comparing numbers of objects in a group and ordering numbers correctly.

In phonics we are learning er as in herb, ir as in girl and ear as in earth, learn.

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Amazing descriptive writing about Emmanuel's journey across Ghana in English!

We had feedback from school councillors from their meeting with Mr Wilkes last week.

Practised feeding a ball over a net, and we've seen progress in throwing and catching over the net!

Well done, Year 2!



Dates for your diary

- Parents' Art Event: Thursday 12th February (pm)
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Miss Buckley's last day is 28th January, we all wish her all the best with her new baby!

Starting on Monday, 2nd February, Miss Coaker will teach 2JB from Monday to Wednesday until Spring 2. Our Parents' Art event will be on a Thursday afternoon (12th February)



Looking ahead

English: non-fiction focus

Maths: Statistics

PE: Dance: continue looking at 'Penguin Small' & exploring duet routines! As well as serving and defending space.

Geography: Local area.

RSHE: Fair/unfair behaviours.

Science: Plants in Ghana.

RE: The Shabbat

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We're so impressed with the effort we've seen from all the children to work on mastering their times table facts. Brilliant discussion in our Art lessons using vocabulary like abstract, line, colour and composition.

Using adverbials to add more detail in our writing.

PE - Great effort all round working on core strength and stamina.



Important information

Year 3 Visit to Creswell Craggs

3CD - Monday 26th January

3DC - Tuesday 27th January

3IM - Friday 30th January

The coach will be leaving at 09.15 and we should return to school at 14.30. Parent pick-up will be at the normal time. Some of the trip will be outside and it could be muddy so suitable footwear (Outdoor Learning type) would be ideal.

PE Days

3CD & 3DC - Tuesday (No PE for 3DC this week)

3IM - Wednesday

Stars of the Week

3CD - Josh and Artemis

3DC - Tobias and Ruby

3IM - Cameron and Neymar

Looking ahead

English - Big focus on reading non-fiction texts about the Stone Age and retrieving information.

Maths - Understanding divisibility

Science - Looking at fossils and making our own fossils.

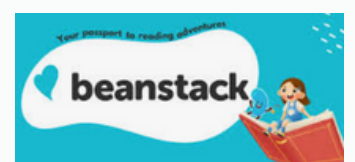
Art - Work inspired by Paul Clee

PE - Netball and Fitness



Reminders

Please log your child's reading on beanstack



Dates for your diary

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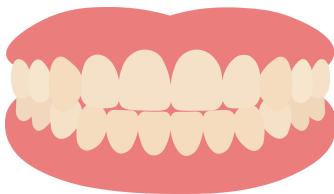
YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

- This week the children have enjoyed learning about being Pharaohs. We've learned all about what pharaohs wore to look important and powerful and we've made some excellent pharaoh artwork!
- We have also enjoyed making our own teeth out of foam clay to finish off science learning about teeth!
- In Geography, we learned all about what people can use rivers for.



Important information

Don't forget that 4RR will be doing their first of two outdoor learning sessions tomorrow, Friday 23rd January. 4NM will begin their sessions on Friday 6th February.

On their outdoor learning day, the children will need to come to school in their outdoor learning kit, and bring uniform (including shoes) to get changed into before lunchtime. It is still quite cold, so waterproof coats, hats and gloves are advised.

We want to say a big thank you to those who are working hard on their times tables at home – we've seen some children progressing in leaps and bounds!

Looking ahead

- In maths we'll be beginning to learn about division.
- In English we'll be writing our Howard Carter diary entries.
- In Science we'll be exploring digestion.
- In History we'll be learning about the great Pyramid of Giza and in Geography we'll be learning about the flooding of the River Nile.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

**FINAL DATE FOR DEPOSIT FOR Y4
RESIDENTIAL IS 30 JAN**

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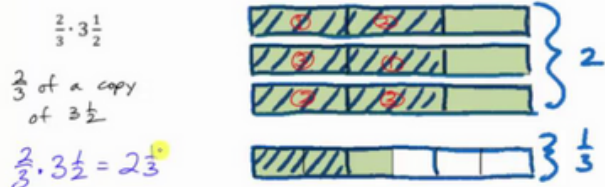


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What's been happening?

- We continued The Great Project looking at unhealthy relationships in all classes.
- In science, we have explored effects of friction on moving objects.
- In Maths, we looked at comparing fractions
- In reading and writing, we have continued to explore Macbeth - completing our first main write using persuasion.

a) Illustrate using a model.



b) If you rewrite $3\frac{1}{2}$ as an improper fraction, does your multiplying fractions rule work?

Important information

5CC: will be swimming on Tuesday mornings and will have PE on Fridays.

5MS: P.E. will be on Wednesdays with the sports coach.

5CT: Outdoor learning will be on Wednesdays with Miss Howe, so please ensure that appropriate kit is prepared, including additional socks. P.E. is on Friday.

P.E. This term - Tag Rugby and Circuit Training.



Looking ahead

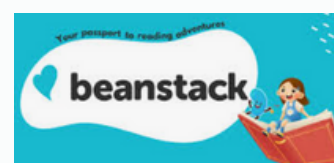
- Reading - we will be looking out how tension is built in Macbeth.
- Writing - we will immerse ourselves in building tension.
- Maths - we will be looking at Fractions (adding and subtracting)
- Science - we will be exploring Forces.
- Great project - Session 3.

Reminders

- Reading x4 on Beanstack.
- Timestable Rockstars - Competition.

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week, the children have been working extremely hard in class:

Maths - we have been looking at angles in triangles and quadrilaterals.

English - we have been writing diaries from the perspective of a soldier on Dunkirk Beach. The final pieces are amazing and we are very proud of them - they're full of emotive language, passive voice and subordination.

RSHE - the children have been learning about the dangers of carrying knives.

Art - the children have continued to work on their John Piper-inspired WWII artwork - they look brilliant and they have enjoyed using a multimedia art.



Dates for your diary

- Body image workshops 29.1.26
- Height and weight check 3.2.26
- INSET day 13.2.26
- Holocaust Museum 3.3.26
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Please remember to support your child with their homework each week:

Reading: Journey to Six Gates - page 14

GPS: Commas after subordinate clause and fronted adverbials – page 42/43

Maths: Fractions/Decimals and Percentages – page 37-39

Uniform reminder – children should be following the school's uniform policy – please see the attached link - [School Uniform Information - The Lanes Primary School](#)



Looking ahead

To immerse the children even further in their learning around Dunkirk, we would like to watch the film *Dunkirk* with the children. If you have any questions/ issues about this, please let us know.

In writing, we will be moving on to looking at Edward Murrow's radio broadcast during the Blitz.

In guided reading, we will be focusing on the part of the story where William goes back home in *Goodnight Mr Tom*.

In maths, we will be doing some more shape work - continuing our work on angles in polygons.

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Joke of the week!
What is a frogs favourite season?

Spring!

Headlines

Miss Dormer joined our school office team this week after her previous school closed. She chose The Lanes after hearing about its excellent reputation. She is really enjoying her role here and has felt warmly welcomed by staff, pupils and parents. Miss Dormer loves the positive atmosphere in school and her new office workspace.

Fun fact: Miss Dormer enjoys swimming and goes every day!

Year 3 are going on an exciting trip to Creswell Crags to learn more about their topic, the Stone Age. During the visit, the children will take part in a talk with a specialist and explore some of the caves. Creswell Crags is full of fascinating Stone Age artefacts, including tools, cave paintings and many other historical discoveries.



Young Voices is a choir that brings together children from many different schools. The children will have the opportunity to sing live alongside other schools and professional musicians. They even receive special T-shirts with the year printed on them. It is a fabulous experience, and our school especially loves performing the exciting medleys and pop songs.

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
5th Jan	Mon	Y2 Ghana WOW day	CL	Y2
6th Jan	Tues	5CC first swimming session	Bramcote Baths	Class 5CC
13th Jan	Tues	Great Project – every Tues	CL	Y5
16th Jan	Fri	Preloved Uniform Sale - PTA	CL	
22nd Jan	Thurs	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y5
26th Jan	Mon	Y3 visit to Creswell Craggs	Creswell Craggs	Class 3CD
26th Jan	Mon	Dental Survey	ML	F2 & Y1
26th Jan	Mon	PTA meeting 7.30pm - All welcome	Cadland Pub	All parents
27th Jan	Tues	Y3 visit to Creswell Craggs	Creswell Craggs	Class 3DC
27th Jan	Tues	Young Voices visit to BP Pulse	Birmingham	KS2 Choir
29th Jan	Thurs	MHST Body Image Workshop	CL	Y6
29th Jan	Thurs	EY Height & Weight Check	ML	EY
30th Jan	Fri	Y3 visit to Creswell Craggs	Creswell Craggs	Y3
3rd Feb	Tues	Y6 Height & Weight Check	CL	Y6
4th Feb	Weds	Y1 parent WOW afternoon 2.45pm	ML	Y1
11th Feb	Mon, Tues, Wed	Parents evening week	ML and CL	All
13th Feb	Fri	INSET DAY	CL & ML	ALL
16th – 20th Feb	Mon-Fri	HALF TERM		
3rd March	Tues	Vision and Values evening - 6pm	CL	All