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Attendance

Whole school target 97%

Whole school	96%
Foundation 2	96.6%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	96.5%
Year 4	96.5%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	96.4%

Message from Mr Wilkes



Young Voices

I had the absolute privilege this week of accompanying our choir to take part in Young Voices at the Birmingham Arena. The children joined nearly 6000 other children from across the country to rehearse and put on a fabulous concert in front of 8000 adults! It was such a fabulous experience for the children who sang and danced their hearts out! We have put a short video together which you can watch [here](#).

Communication

As part of our ongoing review of communication, we are looking at ways of streamlining the way we communicate with parents and how you communicate with school. We will be using a new system which will come online very soon - more details will follow next week.

Our text messaging system - Teachers To Parents - will be stopping at the end of this week. Until the new system is online all communication will be through email or phone call.

The system for booking parents evening will be through My Child At School. Information will be sent out tomorrow, if you have any questions please contact the office.

After school supervision

There are a number of children and families who like to meet up and play on the playground after school. This is a lovely opportunity for the children and families to connect. However, can I ask that you start to vacate the site by 3.45 as Lime Trees need to use the playground. I also have to point that if you choose to stay your child must be supervised by an adult and school takes no responsibility for supervision, behaviours or accidents.

Breast Cancer Charity Ice Hockey Match

We have been sent the details of a charity ice hockey match where children can get free tickets - adults have to make a donation.

The match is on the 8th February at 3.30.

In order to claim your free ticket go to <http://bit.ly/48QdMzO> select 'Primary School Child Ticket' and then enter the unique promo code 'NottsPrimaryPupil08226' and the ticket will then be free.

The parent Smartphone Free Childhood group have written an update on their work and some of the national issues. It can be read [here](#).

FOUNDATION 1 NEWSLETTER



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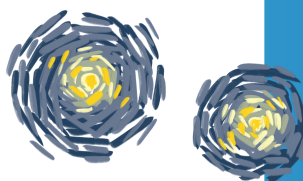
What's been happening?

We have enjoyed playing and exploring with our messy play this week.

Everyone had a go at making their own papier-mâché mixing water and paper and squishing.

In Maths the children have really impressed us with their skills counting out from a group and we will continue building on this in the coming week.

We have already started singing our new rhyme [10 fat sausages](#).



Important information

If your child would like to have milk at school please sign up on [Cool Milk](#).

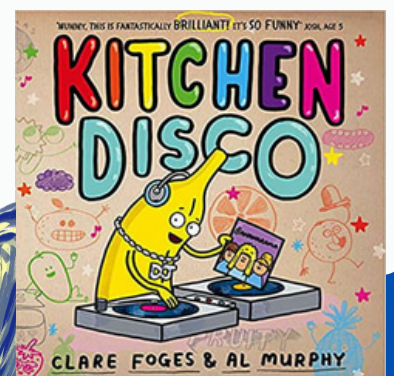
If your child attends all day feel free to send them with a healthy snack for the morning.

Please make sure to return your story sacks every Wednesday. These will go out weekly.

Looking ahead

This week we will look at some focus artists and link them to making movements in gross and fine motor. Van Gogh with swirls and Rothko with squares.

In phonics we will read the brilliant Kitchen Disco and clap syllables of things you might find at a kitchen disco.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

[Make sure to book a parents evening slot for the last week of half term.](#)

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We had a surprise visit from an Alien in our classes this week. We found alien footprints in the classroom, a book on the chair and a video message (see Seesaw).

A wow way to start off our new book 'Here come the Aliens'. We are excited to be exploring Space and learning all about the planets. We are listening to a Planets Song, see link below. Learn about the planets at home.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2prtmPEjOc>

In Maths we have been learning our number bonds to 5 using the rhyme Five Little Speckled Frogs. The children have really enjoyed this so have a go at home using the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VCpa4blanQ>

Dates for your diary

We are excited about our upcoming trip to Bluebells Dairy Farm on Tuesday 10th March, details to follow.

[Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

A polite reminder to only bring water in the water bottles not juice please.

Please tape up your child's earrings every Tuesday for PE. We do not have tape in school to do this for your child. Thank you

Our Parent's event will be on Tuesday 10th February at 8.45 in your child's classroom.

Looking ahead

In Maths we will be exploring ways to represent numbers using the die pattern.



We will be writing simple captions and sentences about an alien in our writing sessions.

Phonics this week will be long oo and short oo

Our focus in PSED is about having a positive attitude to learning.

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

This week in Maths the children have been ordering numbers to 50 from the smallest to the largest number eg

12, 25, 36

In English we have been learning a little more about real meerkats and we have acted out what meerkats do in the desert. We had a lot of fun!

In phonics we have been learning the following sounds, ir as in girl, ear as in heard and ou as in mouse.

We also understand that having good hygiene is important for our health.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

Important information

Wednesday 4th February at 2.45 is our parents Science afternoon. Please bring a duplo sized small toy person.
Thank you.

Parents evening will be the week beginning the 9th February.

Please make sure that your Childs jumpers and cardigans are name labelled.

Looking ahead

In Maths we are going to be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. This is something that you could practice at home with your child. We will be spotting these number patterns on the 100 square. In English we will be focusing on the coordinating conjunction 'and' within a sentence and we will be learning and understanding the meaning of new vocabulary.

In Geography we will learning more about what it is like in a desert and then comparing the desert to the polar regions.

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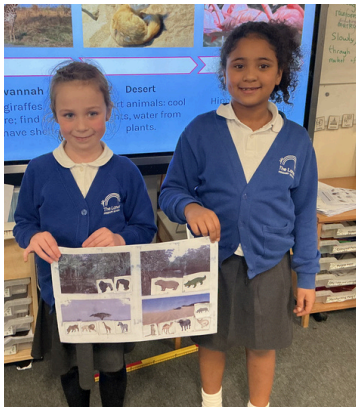


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What's been happening?

In Maths, we have been practising tally charts and pictograms in Maths this week, which involved children collecting data from each other.

We have again seen great progress in our PE sessions, especially throwing and catching over the net, well done guys!

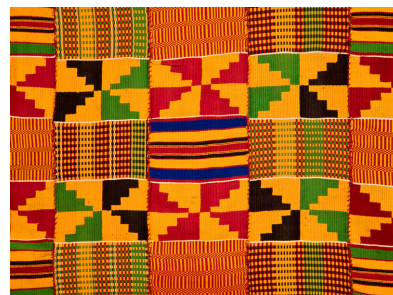


Science we have continued to look into what habitats look like in Ghana. Everyone sorted the animals into 4 habitats!

Important information

For art next week, please could you bring in any old tubes or chunky cardboard if you have any for our art printing lesson!

Parents' evening will take place week commencing 9th February, please look out for further details.



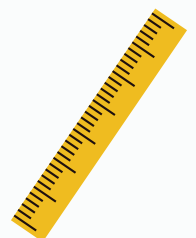
Looking ahead

Maths: New unit length & height
English: Non-fiction leaflet about Ghanaian facts.

PE: Continue throwing & catching and dance skills.

Geography: Similarities and differences between Beeston & village in Ghana.

Computing: Continuing programming
Art: Ghanaian printing techniques, Ghanaian patterns



Dates for your diary

- Parents' evening week 9th February
- Parents' Art Event: Thursday 12th February (pm)
- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

We had a great time at Creswell Crags this week. We were blown away with the children's engagement and we feel the visit has really strengthened their understanding of the topic.



Important information

PE dates for this half-term

Tuesday - 3CD and 3DC

Wednesday - 3IM

We've noticed that an increasing number of Y3 children are bringing toys into school and this is proving to be a distraction and the cause of some arguments. Please can toys stay at home unless your child has a SEND Support Plan and/or an agreement that a toy can be allowed for a specific reason.

Thank you

Looking ahead

English - Retrieval and comprehension practice focused on Stone Age non-fiction texts.

Maths - Comparing multiplication and division statements.

Science - What is a soil and what are they made from and the role of Geologists.

History - How did bronze change life in Britain?

PE - Netball shoulder pass and mini games.

RE - The Five Pillars of Islam.

Music - Listening and responding to gospel music (He's got the whole word in his hands)

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



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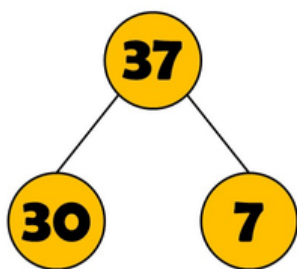
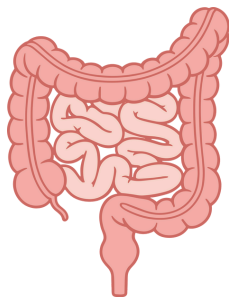
What's been happening?

In Maths we have been learning how to use the part-whole model to divide 2-digit numbers by a one-digit number.

In English we have been writing a diary entry that describes Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb.

In Science we had a great time recreating the digestive process with bread, bananas and a soggy leg from a pair of tights.

In Art, we created our own side profiles to make the children look like Egyptian pharaohs.



Important information

4RR will have their second session of Outdoor Learning tomorrow Friday 30th Jan

4NM will have their first session of Outdoor Learning next week on Friday 6th February.

Residential Trip - We do not yet have final numbers for our Castleton Trip. If you have not done so already, please could you let the office know if your child is attending and pay the deposit by 30.01. If you are struggling to make payments please speak to Jo Gosling in the office.

Stars of the Week:

- 4TG - Tilly and Seb
- 4NM - Gabriella and Rae
- 4RR - Esme and Lena



Looking ahead

In Maths, we will be dividing 3 digit numbers.

In English we will be continuing to write our diary entry.

In Science we will learn about food chains and food webs.

The art lesson next week will be a messy time making canopic jars with clay.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)

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

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



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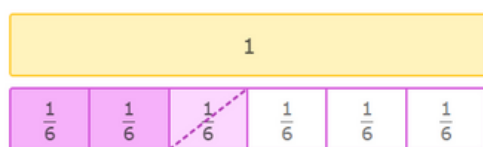
What's been happening?

- We continued The Great Project looking at reasons and excuses linked to unhealthy relationships.
- In Maths, we continued to build on fractions with addition and subtraction (see below).
- In reading and writing, we have continued to explore Macbeth - looking at informed prediction and starting the English sequence regarding tension.
- In art we looked at landscape Barbara Rae.



$$\frac{2}{11} + \frac{5}{11} + \frac{1}{11} = \frac{2+5+1}{11}$$

Subtract. Use the fraction bars to help.



$$\frac{3}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = \boxed{}$$

Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- Parents evening Year 5: Monday 9th or Wednesday 11th

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.

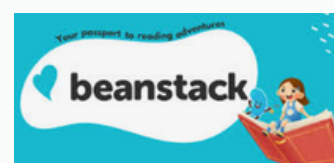


Looking ahead

- Reading - we will be looking how the story of Macbeth develops in the penultimate part.
- Writing - we will be exploring how to build tension in writing.
- Maths - we will be developing understanding Fractions (adding and subtracting)
- Great project - Final session.
- DT - Baking cookies.

Reminders

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



YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER



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What's been happening?

Year 6 classes wrote some Diary recounts from the perspective of a soldier stranded at Dunkirk Beach. These are now displayed in classes.



Recently, classes were involved in a body positivity workshop. Throughout the session, children discussed how people come in all different shapes and sizes and also the impact that social media can have on our thoughts.



Dates for your diary

- [Link to whole school dates](#)
- Holocaust museum trip - 3/3/26
- Parents evening - Monday 9th February and Wednesday 11th February

Important information

This week, Year 6 will be taking part in a round of assessments. These will be completed in a pressure free environment in class.

These tests will be used to direct teaching and influence support groups in school time.

Sats homework

Maths - Reflection and Translation (78/79)
Reading- Journey to the city of six gates (14)
Grammar - Standard and Non Standard (32/33)

If you have any concerns or queries, please email into year6@thelanes.notts.sch.uk



Looking ahead

Maths is calculating angles in triangles. We will also recap how to find a percentage of an amount.

In English, we will be producing a radio broadcast based upon Edward Murrows wartime shows. Classes will be thinking hard about appropriate vocabulary and the importance of clarity when informing.

Assessment week P.O.A

SATS assessment week - 2/2/26

Monday-Grammar / spelling

Tuesday- Reading

Wednesday- Arithmetic / Reasoning 1

Thursday- No Test

Friday - Reasoning 2

Joke of the week!

What is the scariest plant?

Bamboo!

School News

FROM THE REPORTERS

Headlines

This week, Year 3 travelled to Creswell Crags to explore what life was like in the Stone Age. They discovered tools such as bone hammers, saw amazing cave art on the walls and ceilings, and even built dens using sticks. They also practised throwing leather "spears" at a model bison and had the chance to hold real flint and replica spears. The whole year group had a brilliant time learning about history in such an exciting way.



Check out
this amazing
story by
Dotty in year
3!

On Wednesday morning, Miss Strickland announced that children can now help choose the songs for our singing assemblies. If you have a favourite song you'd like everyone to sing, write it on a post-it note and hand it to Miss Strickland. She's excited to hear your ideas.



A group of children who enjoy running have been invited to take part in a cross-country event at Wollaton Park on the 13th of February. Schools from across the area will be joining in, and families are welcome to come along and cheer on the runners. It's a great chance to represent our school and have fun outdoors.

DIARY DATES

Spring term dates listed here, new additions will be highlighted

Date	Day	Event	Location	Who?
3rd Feb	Tues	Y6 Height & Weight Check	CL	Y6
3rd Feb	Tues	F2 Height & Weight Check	ML	F2
4th Feb	Weds	Y1 parent WOW afternoon 2.45pm	ML	Y1
9th - 13th Feb	Mon -Thurs	Children's Mental Health Week	ML & CL	ALL
9th, 10th & 11th Feb	Mon,Tues, Wed	Parents evening week	ML & CL	All
10th Feb	Tues	F2 parent morning @ 8.45am	ML	F2
10th Feb	Tues	Safer Internet Day	ML & CL	All
12th Feb	Thurs	Y2 parent afternoon	CL	Y2
13th Feb	Fri	INSET DAY	CL &ML	ALL
16th – 20th Feb	Mon-Fri	HALF TERM		
24th Feb	Tues	Swimming Gala	Bramcote Baths	
3rd March	Tues	Y6 visit to Holocaust Museum	Newark	Y6
3rd March	Tues	Vision and Values evening - 6pm	CL	All
4th - 6th March	Weds-Fri	Y4 Residential to Castleton	Castleton YHA	Y4
5th March	Thurs	World Book Day	ML & CL	All
5th March	Thurs	Y6 parenst SATs meeting @ 5.30pm	CL	Y6
9th March	Mon	Y1 visit to Nottingham Castle	Nottm Castle	Y1
10th March	Tues	F2 vist to Bluebells farm	Bluebells farm	F2
11th March	Weds	Disco 5pm - 6pm	ML	F2 & Y1
20th March	Fri	Red Nose Day	ML & CL	All
25th March	Weds	Disco	CL	Y2 - Y6