



Unity Academy Primary Newsletter
3/5/2024

Your weekly roundup of all things years N-6!



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Spring is definitely 'springing' at the moment! Oh I so hope this is the move towards the warmer weather coming. Can you believe we are in May already? This year is simply flying by! Let's see what has been going on in school this week!

Teaching and Learning

A number of children from across primary have been to visit me this week to show off their amazing work. William and Stanley in Year 4 both came to show me some of their writing. Miss Lee was so proud of them and I could really see why. They had both tried so hard with their handwriting and the vocabulary used was just brilliant! I always like to flick back to the first page in their book to show them how much they have progressed, both boys were incredibly pleased with themselves! Tiwa in Year 1 came to share the letter she had written, I honestly don't think I have seen neater handwriting - it was perfect! Adam in RMT sat with me when I was in Reception this week and wrote sentences to match the pictures he had drawn, it was so good to see him using his phonic knowledge to write - well done!

I spent time in RMT this week and joined them for their PSHE lesson. Miss Tench has built such a lovely relationship with her class. They were talking about different emotions, in particular about the feeling of loneliness and how they can help themselves and other

people. There was a really sensible discussion with the children developing their speaking and listening skills and sharing their ideas with each other. Miss Tench shared a kindness challenge with them, I wonder how many hearts they have coloured in together when the children have been 'caught' being kind?

Mr Wainwright held the first of our Primary Dance Days on Monday this week to celebrate International Dance Day. Children in Years 1-5 took part in a dance session in our dance studio where they warmed up, learnt a dance and then performed it. Thank you Mr Wainwright for organising it.

Our **behaviour curriculum** continued this week as we focused on **Positive Challenge**. It is actually a very difficult thing to do to call someone out when we know that their words or actions are wrong. We will continue with this next week and are using the story 'Speak Up' by Miranda Paul. I have attached a video of it below.

Summer Dresses

We have a number of pre-loved Summer dresses available in the Community Hub if anyone wants to come and grab one!

Diary Dates

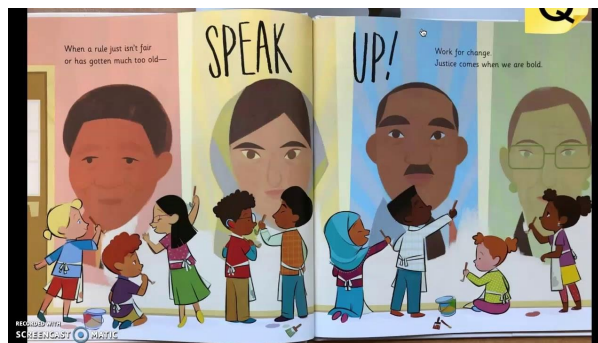
Y3 Hindu Temple Visit - 8th May
Afternoon - 9th May

Y4 Fit2Go afternoon - 8th May

Y1 Beaver

And finally...

Have an amazing Bank Holiday weekend everyone! **Please remember that school is closed on Monday!**



Contact us!

Contact Us

Our year group emails are no longer being monitored. If you wish to contact a teacher within school please use this link [Parental Messages / Queries \(Non-urgent\)](#). and we will get back to you. This form should be used rather than contacting an individual teacher email address as we can then ensure that you are responded to in a timely manner. Messages will be passed on and dealt with as quickly as possible. Our aim is to respond to you within 48 school working hours. Please note that this may not be checked during teaching hours and so **please do not add anything urgent** e.g. about your child being collected by someone else at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message or query, please contact the school office on 01253 355493. Thank you.

Attendance



	Attendance %	Late Marks
• RMT	95.77	15
• REB	95.26	11

- 1CBL 87.50 9
- 1BW 97.92 13
- 2KG 96.00 14
- 2AM 95.19 18
- 3HB 90.36 5
- 3LC 96.06 17
- 4TC 92.41 11
- 4CL 92.50 14
- 5TT 97.08 13
- 5JB 94.20 5
- 6VA 89.72 11
- 6NO 99.38 21
- 6MB 91.51 1

Keeping children safe!



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and school adults with the information to help inform conversations about online safety with their children, should they not be involved. This guide focuses on a range of many which we believe should be available to every child. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tools and tips for parents.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT iPhone

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The parental controls on iPhones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads, or purchases. Setting time limits on content ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to unsuitable material and information.

18+ Set up content rating restrictions

Content filters keep your child from viewing unsuitable material. They block apps, films and TV shows with specific age ratings, and music and podcasts with explicit content.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Choose the Settings for each feature you wish to restrict

Set up web restrictions

Website content filters restrict age-inappropriate content on Safari. You can also block list certain websites or allow access only to approved sites.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 4 Tap Web Content
- 5 Choose between Unrestricted Access, Limit Adult Websites, and Allowed Websites Only
- 7 Choose which websites you wish to allow/block

Set up Siri web search restrictions

You can screen out explicit language to avoid Siri displaying inappropriate results. You could also choose Siri entirely, so your child can't use it to search the web.

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions
- 5 Scroll Down to Siri
- 6 Choose to block either or both Web Search Content and Explicit Language

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Celebrating Culture and Difference





On Sunday 5th Jews will recognise Yom Hashoah which serves as a day of remembrance for those that perished in the Shoah (Holocaust) [Click here to learn more](#)



On Thursday 9th Christians will celebrate Ascension Day, marking the Ascension of Jesus to Heaven after he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. [Click here to learn more](#)

Elmer's Big Parade



The elephants have arrived in Blackpool! Have you seen our Elmer 'Comm-Unity' yet? We would love to see your photographs, please send them to the World Book day email address **worldbookday@unity.fcat.org.uk** so we can share them in school, on the screens during lunchtimes. You can find more information about the trail around Blackpool on [here](#) . The app shows you a map where you can 'collect' the sculptures you have seen and can even

collect rewards. You can also vote for your favourite large Elmer and vote for our school Elmer too. Please get voting for us! As part of the Elmer trail we are raising money for Brian House, our local children's hospice this term and would really appreciate your help with reaching our goal. Our first activity will be to collect spare change in our class elephant tins to see if we can measure the perimeter of our newly refurbished Muga in coins. The tins are open now and we will have our Perimeter coin challenge on a dry day during next week, 29th April. Mrs Bateman has arranged a colouring competition which will be shared soon. Please choose the picture you wish to colour and send your entry in with 50p attached to the sheet to be entered into the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The closing date is Friday 10th May. On Friday 17th May, we will host a 'Wear your trainers to school day' for a donation of 50p. We will also have a non-uniform day on Friday 24th May, the last day of term, for a donation of £1. Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all enjoy finding the elephants.

Nursery



This week in Nursery we have continued our spring topic, focusing on the lifecycle of flower. We have been reading the story a seed in need and have have discussed what a flower needs and how it grows. The children have used some real flowers to create their own pictures, they have also created their own flower gardens and have enjoyed planting some seeds. We have painted our own flowers and used the soil and equipment in the tuff tray to role play a flower shop.

The children have been discussing patterns and using informal language to describe the patterns to each other. They have used language such as 'spotty' 'squiggly' 'swirly' 'zigzaggy.' We have also been working on ordering numbers from 1-5.'





Reception



It has been another amazing week in Reception! This week the children have further developed their knowledge of People Who Help Us. The children were so excited to learn about the Police and their role in the community. We thought about the importance of their role when helping us, alongside their uniform and how the items and equipment they wear support them in their job.

In continuous provision, the children have used the playdough to observe their fingerprints in the Playdough Area. Within our writing area the children created story-themed wanted posters. In the Creative Area we created police badges, police cars using tissue paper and walkie talkies using cuboid nets.

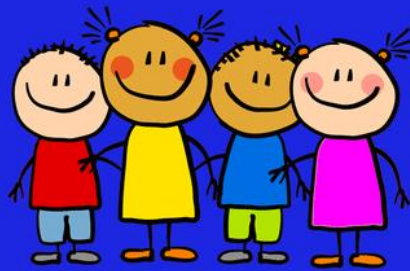
In Literacy, the children were introduced to question marks for the first time. The children wrote questions they would ask a police officer. The children were very creative, a member of REB wanted to ask 'Why do you sometimes eat donuts?'. Whilst in RMT, our children wanted to know 'why do you wear a vibrant vest?'

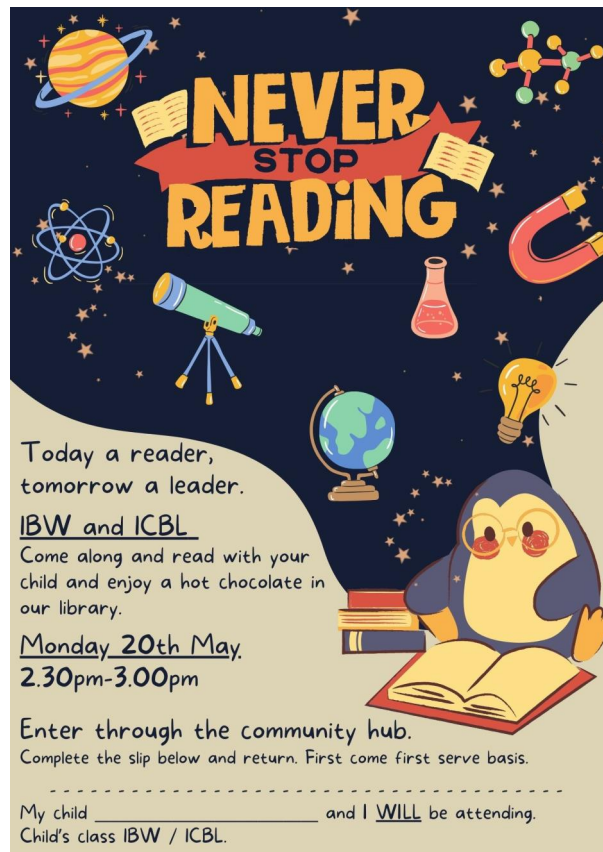
In Mathematics, the children developed their knowledge of numbers within 20. This is a very tricky concept but the children were very resilient and enjoyed learning about subitising a ten and counting the ones. Very impressive Reception!

Overall, it has been a lovely week in Reception. The Reception Team hopes you have a lovely weekend.

Year 1

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1 - Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!

We've had a great week. It started off with us celebrating International Dance Day on Monday 29th April, where we all took part in an exciting dance workshop. We did a warm up, rehearsed a routine and performed! We had lots of fun!

Throughout the week, we have done lots of fun activities from creating clay sculptures using a coiling technique to using Spaghetti and Marshmallows to see if this was a sturdy material to create a bridge-like structure!

In maths, we have continued to look at grouping and sharing equally, and next week we move onto wholes, halves and quarters of shapes or objects. I think we'll be cutting up lots of fruit next week to test our wholes, halves and quarters knowledge!

English this week has been fun writing letters to those pesky Gingerbread men who last visited us at Christmas. We've been letting them know about the exciting things we've done since we last saw them!

During History, we have continued with our Titanic topic, but looking at different classes onboard the ship such as First, Second and Third class and looking at the similarities and differences between them. We found this really interesting and most of decided we'd prefer third class because it was more fun!

Science we have reviewed Carnivore, Herbivore and Omnivore as well as testing what materials absorb the most water such as tissues, sponges and brushes. Again, we always have fun exploring and learning about lots of things.

Please remember to continue to work on your phonics at home, as our Phonics Screening Check is fast approaching. This is nothing for you or the children to be worried about, but the more you can do to support at home, can only be a good thing!

Lastly, take a look at our poster - we are inviting you into school to read with your child, and grab a hot chocolate too! Details on poster.

Take care and have a fabulous weekend, Mr Wainwright and Miss Blunden

Year 2



Another fantastic week in Year 2! We have tried to embrace the lovely weather this week and we have taken our Maths lesson outside. We drew different shapes and then shaded in $\frac{1}{2}$ of the shape. We then used hoola hoops and counters to find $\frac{1}{2}$ of an amount. We had so much fun!

In Science this week, we explored different fruits and vegetables to see if they were a seed or bulb.

In English we have been reading the story 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants' we have worked extremely hard to retell the story. To help us remember we drew a story map and then acted out the story coming up with actions to help us remember our sentences. We were so proud of the finished result!

Our spellings for next week are - every, wild, father

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy!

Year 3



Once again, a busy week in Year 3!

This week, in History we looked at mummification! We even got our hands on a real life (not-so real) mummy! We took out its organs and put them into canopic jars, removed the brain through the nose (!) and bandaged them all up ready for the afterlife. It was interesting exploring all the different steps of mummification. Can your child remember them? Quiz us at home!

In Geography, we have looked at the human features of Egypt including the city of Cairo, the pyramids and the Sphinx. We found out some really exciting facts and even explored inside an ancient Egyptian pyramid.

In Maths, we have come to the end of our topics of Mass and Capacity. We have worked really hard through this challenging subject and have been able to convert and compare measurements, add and subtract measurements and read scales accurately.

In English, we have begun writing our diary entries as if we are the Egyptian Cinderella - Rhodopis. We have looked at thoughts, feelings and opinions. There is some fantastic emotive language including, Rhodopis is feeling: heartbroken, miserable, lonely and jealous.

In D.T., we have designed our Egyptian Death Mask ready to begin sewing in the coming weeks!

Please be reminded that the **Hindu Temple Trip is on Wednesday 8th May 2024**, if the slip is ***not*** returned before this date your child will not be able to attend.

Have a lovely, long weekend, The Year 3 team!

Year 4



Another great week in Year 4! We have been continuing to learn about all things Africa in English, Geography, Science and even computing!

The children made a collage using their editing skills on Canva. We have been cropping, using filters and removing backgrounds of images to overlay and create an African scene. We loved practicing our skills and showing them off to Mrs Hutt.

In English, we have been looking at the different parts of a story mountain. We have been analysing these and creating an understanding of why the writer structures the different parts in particular ways to create atmosphere and a relationship with the reader. We will be using these skills to write our own narrative soon!

In Maths, we have continued to complete our fractions unit. We have been super impressed with the children's application of knowledge and working out some tricky reasoning questions.

Polite reminder - The Blackpool Football Club trip is on Wednesday 8th May - please return all outstanding letters by Monday.

Have a lovely long weekend, Miss Lee, Mr Cooper and Miss Tully.

Year 5



What a fantastic week in Year 5!

English - This week in English, the children have continued with their work based on our class read "Holes". The children had to write a story based on Madame Zeroni, who is a

mysterious woman and knows many stories. The children's task was to write one of her stories from the list below:

- A story of her curses
- A story of her fortune telling
- A story about how she lost her foot
- A tale of gold and fortunes

Forest Schools - The children played the seed dispersal game where they had to act out different actions and ways that seeds can disperse - this is linked to our Science topic.

The children then completed a crest award and make rockets. We then had a competition who could fly their rocket the furthest, and things got very competitive! Well done to all our winners.

Elmer Fundraising - Things have got very competitive this week between Mrs. Bass and Mr. Tomes. Thank you to everyone who has donated some loose change so far, 5TT are halfway through a 3rd tub, whereas 5JB have only filled their 1st tub half way.

RE - This week, we have designed our own Turbans for world turban day that represents help, care and kindness. The children then had to write a paragraph expressing their view about whether they think all Sikhs should wear a turban.

Reminders

- Please return the Williamson Park reply slip and pay through Parent Pay
- Please return any finger knitting replies.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 5 Team

Year 6



Another fantastic week in year 6, this week!

Science - In science this week, we found out who Carl Linnaeus was and also learned how to create a classification key. We got a little creative with our own classification key and used sweets! We carefully considered the features of the sweets we were provided and grouped them into different categories.

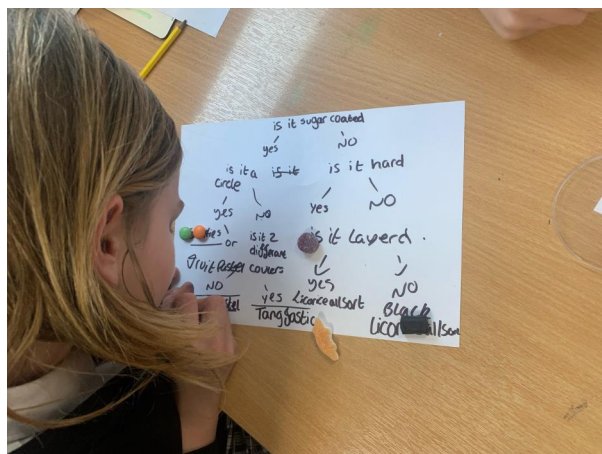
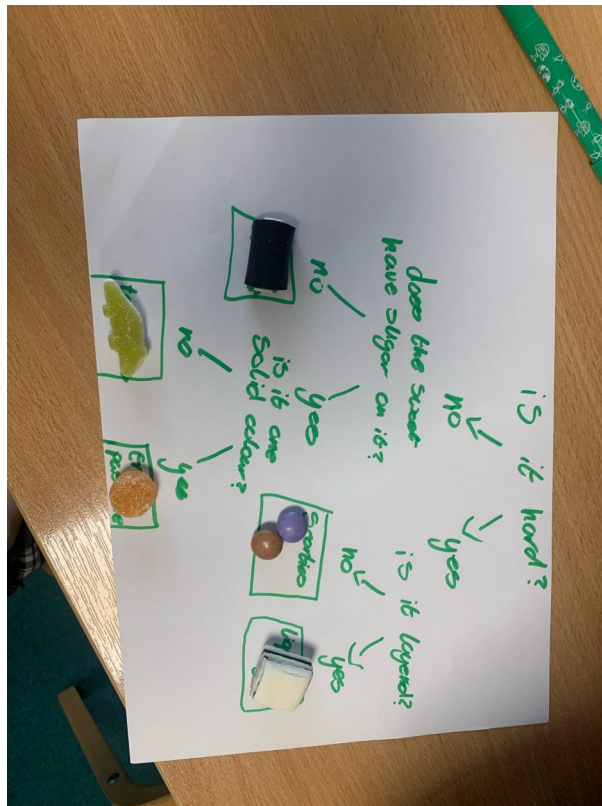
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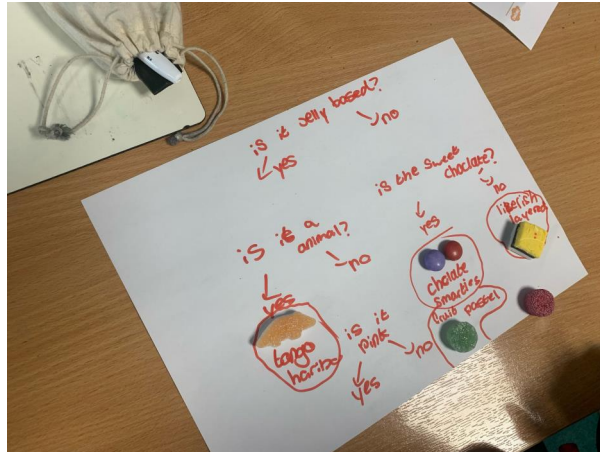
As you are aware, a very important week is coming up. **On the week commencing 13th May**, year 6 will sit their **End of Key Stage Two Assessments**. The children have been working really hard in school to continue developing their skills and this week, a member of our secondary team visited to give the children some advice on how to manage any stresses. We would also like to share this advice with you:

- Utilise your revision guides at home
- Get a good night's sleep every night
- Ensure you attend school **on time every day**, this is very important so your child doesn't miss their exams
- We will be inviting your child to attend breakfast every morning of the assessment week from Monday - Thursday. We will provide further details next week!
- Try your best!
- Maintain a healthy diet
- On the weekend prior to the exams, do activities that you enjoy the most!

The children are working really hard in school and we are so proud of the progress that they are making. Keep it up, year 6!

Have a lovely weekend!





Star of the Week



RMT - Kaitlyn-Julie - For positively challenging behaviour which she doesn't think is right with a calm and kind attitude!

REB - Locky - For his fantastic effort in phonics and for always being ready to learn.

1CBL - Zofia - For ALWAYS being ready to learn and working so hard on her phonics.

1BW - Tiwa - For excellent dance skills on our dance day. You were a superstar, who was ready to learn (and perform!) Well done!

2KG - Layla - For trying so hard with her English work this week! You have used your phonics knowledge and put 100% effort into it! Well Done

2AM - Blaire - For her fantastic effort with her writing in English and being someone who always follows my instructions! Well done Blaire!

3HB - Tyler - For a brilliant first week at Unity working hard and settling in well to 3HB!

3LC - Alfie - For his amazing effort and wonderful contributions in history this week.

4TC - Adele - For a more focused attitude in lessons and great effort with English this week

4CL - William - For a fantastic week, completing some amazing work and impressing us all with his efforts! We are so proud of you!

5TT - Jacob - For his behaviour and enthusiasm in his intervention group

5JB - Emily - For producing an excellent piece of writing and always taking on feedback to improve.

6NO - Alexa - For fantastic annotations and in-depth thinking of the short story we read this week.

6VA - Abigail - For improved progress in maths

6MB - Finley - For great contributions to class discussions and detail included in your writing.

School Uniform



As a reminder, please have a look at the list below and make sure your children are correctly dressed for both the school day and PE. To request items of uniform please click [here](#) and complete the short form. We will do our best to meet your needs, stock permitting.

Nursery Uniform

Black sweatshirt with logo

White polo shirt

Black trousers, tracksuit bottoms or skirt

Black shoes if wearing trousers or skirt or Trainers (preferably black) if wearing tracksuit bottoms.

Primary Uniform

Black sweatshirt/cardigan sweatshirt with logo

White collared shirt

Black trousers/ Unity Tartan Skirt

Tie in house colour

Black socks/plain tights

Black shoes

Primary PE Kit

Red polo shirt with logo

Black shorts

Black socks

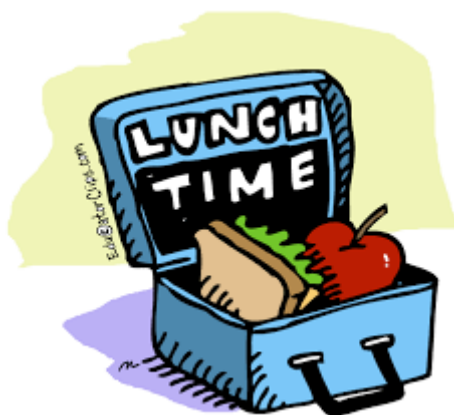
Black Pumps

Optional Items - Unity Tracksuit or plain black tracksuit (A Unity tracksuit will be provided for the Reception children)

If your child has outgrown any uniform items and they are in good condition, please do send them into school where they can be added to our supply for other parents to access.

Thank you

[Lunch time menu for this week](#)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wholegrain mac n' cheese	Savory mince, yorkshire pudding, mash potato, carrot and swede and gravy	Wholegrain pasta bolognese, beans and wholemeal bread	BBQ chicken & cheese melt with mixed rice and seasonal vegetables	Crispy battered fish, potato wedges and beans
Meatball sub	Plant power sausages, Yorkshire pudding, mash potato, carrot and swede	Cheese & tomato pasta, beans and wholemeal bread	Vegetable curry, naan bread & wholegrain rice	Southern fried quorn wrap, potato wedges and beans
Jacket potato and cheese	Jacket potato and tuna mayo	Jacket potato and cheese	Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato, beans and cheese
Savoury cheese sandwich	Roast ham sandwich	Tuna mayo sandwich	Egg mayo sandwich	Grated cheese sandwich

2 - Monday's menu will replace Tuesday's.