



Our amazing school!

R Class 3 loved the pirate workshop just before the snow came. Classes 1,2 and 4 are looking forward to their Pirate day on Monday 12th March



We started our topic with an exciting visit from a Toy Drama Company. We travelled back to the Victorian times and looked at the sorts of toys children used to play. We also dressed up as Victorian children and pretended to work in a toy factory, looking at how they made different toys, including the different materials used. We compared the toys and materials used then to what we have now.

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Samuel Pepys came to visit Year 2. Did you know he was one of the first people to own a wristwatch with an alarm?



School Improvement Update

- We carried out a safeguarding audit with our Safeguarding Governor, on 21st February 2018. We looked at policies, routines, behaviour, attendance, health and safety and recording. I am pleased to say they felt we continue with our good practice.
- Communication with Parents—following on from our last questionnaire, has seen a significant rise in the use of the school App—(brilliant resource in our recent snow situation !!)the use of regular emails, the use of the reading contact book for every day communication and in the use of our open door policy (which has always been well used).

As we approach term 5 and 6, which are really busy terms for everyone, we are going to put in to place an appointment system for Mrs Gibson and Mrs Cash to ensure they give everyone who needs to see them the time needed. More information to follow shortly.



Community news

A huge thank you to the following people who made our Creative week come to life:

Mr Onolaja for playing the piano
Mr James for playing the horn
Mrs Bellars for ballroom dancing
Northfleet Technology College for band performance

Thank you to Mrs Higgins for organising such a great week!



Day to Day

- Thank you to the PTFA who have been in school this week creating Mothers' day gifts with the children.
- We have no official PTFA from September as the current team are parents of children in Year 2. If you are interested in stepping forward to continue all the great work of the PTFA please contact either Mrs Kotze or Mrs Pluck via the school office. The loss of a PTFA would mean a loss of £10,000— £14,000 a year income which is used to support play equipment, trips, visitors and events for the children. **Please please please** help us to ensure we do not lose our PTFA especially in this current climate when schools are already losing funding.
- Thank you for your support and understanding last week with the adverse weather conditions and closing of the school.
- We are delighted to inform you that the 'Pirate Man' will be revisiting our school on Monday 12th March for our reception children. We are asking for them to dress up in their Pirate costumes please.
- Mother's Day events—Thank you to everyone who supported our Mothers' day events. It was lovely to see you all having a fantastic time with your children. We hope you are shown lots of love too over the weekend too!
- Holiday in School time reminder—We will not authorise any holiday in term time. For special circumstances you may be asked to provide proof as to why this cannot be taken at another time (case dependant)



Diary Dates



Date	Event
12th–16th March	Science Week see invites below
12th March	Class 9 Parents 9.30–10.30am Reception Pirate Day
13th March	Class 12 Parents—9.30–10.30am
14th March	Class 11 Parents—9.30–10.30am
15th March	Class 10 Parents—9.30–10.30am
16th March	Yr R parents—2.30pm Yr 1 parents—9.15am -10.30am
19th–23rd March	Sports Relief Week
22nd March	Reading Afternoon—2.45pm
23rd March	Easter Fayre 3.30m—4.30pm

Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:



Week beginning : 05.02.18
Attendance: Class 3 - 98.33%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 8
Disney Points: Sulley
Buster Book Club: Class 9

Week beginning: 19.02.18
Attendance: Class 12 —98.61%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 7
Disney Points: Nemo
Buster Book Club: Class 2

Whole School attendance: 94.78%
Whole school target: 97%

Year R: 93.7%
Year 1: 95.03%
Year 2: 95.59%