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Comic Relief

Many thanks to everyone who helped us raise money for Comic Relief - buying red noses, making a donation to wear non-uniform or paying to throw wet sponges at adults. The exact amount still needs to be confirmed but it is around £300.

School governor

As a Multi Academy Trust we are governed by a Trust board but we still need our own local governors. If you would be interested in being a parent governor and have the time to invest in supporting and developing the whole school please see Mrs Shield for an application form which need to be completed and returned by Friday 29th March.

Diary-March/April 2019

Tuesday 26th March	AM: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 Piccolo music sessions 3:30-5:30PM: Parents evening- <i>appointments sent out</i>
Wednesday 27th March	AM: Year 5 Forest school PM: Year 6 Forest school 3:30-5:30PM: Parents evening- <i>appointments sent out</i>
Thursday 28th March	9:30-11:30AM: Reception Balance bikes 10:30AM Nursery visit Kenton library 1:10PM: Year 3 Smart Scoot
Monday 1st April	1:15-2:15PM: Year 5 Mini police 2:15PM: Year 3 Project Outcome — Origami Workshop
Tuesday 2nd April	9:10 Easter assembly- all welcome
Wednesday 3rd April	AM: Year 5 Forest school PM: Year 6 Forest school Dance Festival- City Hall
Thursday 4th April	AM: Year 4&5 Bikeability Fix 2:15PM: Reception project outcome- parents welcome
Friday 5th April	9:30AM: Year 4 Bikeability 2:15PM: Year 1 visit from Chi Onwura (local MP)

Reminders

- *School begins at 8:55am, however we open all doors to allow children into school at 8:45am to ensure a calm start to the day.*
- *Children look really smart in their uniforms. Please keep this up and help us raise the profile of the school. Ensure all clothes have names in to avoid getting lost.*
- *Please make sure shoes are black and preferably without logos or coloured stripes.*
- *If you bring your child to school in a car, please **DO NOT** park outside the school gates or on yellow lines or zigzags. These markings are there for the safety of our children. We will report any vehicles that we see illegally parked.*
- *Where possible parents should always try and arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours..*
- *School will not authorise an absence for holiday during term time. If there are any exceptional circumstances then details of appointment letters need to be provided for consideration.*
- *We do not allow mobile phones in school. In those circumstances where it is important for a child to bring one to school, then parents **MUST** complete a form which acknowledges that we take no responsibility for loss or damage to the phone. All phones must be clearly labelled and will be kept in the main office until home time. Please work with us on this issue as it can cause lots of problems!*

Attendance

Attendance so far this half term:
Nursery: 94.4% (not bad!)
Reception: 91.5% (oh dear!)
Year 1: 95.9% (pretty good!)
Year 2: 98.2% (excellent!)
Year 3: 97.3% (excellent!)
Year 4: 97.1% (excellent!)
Year 5: 98.4% (excellent!)
Year 6: 96.4% (great!)

Nursery

What is the best job in the world?

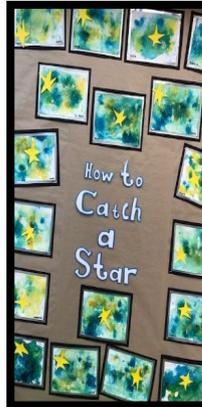
As part of our topic Nursery have learnt about different occupations. We have been learning about the role of a cook, chef and baker. We enjoyed making our own chef hats, decorating cakes for red nose day and visiting the school cook to find out about her role! We had fun buttering bread buns!



Reception

What is the best job in the world?

Reception have been looking at what it would be like to be an Astronaut! We watched some YouTube videos of real Astronauts and found out what it is like to live in Space. We read the story of 'How to Catch a star' and used some watercolour liquid paints and salt to create some artwork.



Year 1

If you were King or Queen, what would you change?

Year One would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who braved the windy weather last Wednesday at Forest School. We made some spectacular kites and parachutes as well as improving our homes for Goldilocks. It was brilliant to have your help! Thank you!



Year 2

Where is the best place for a book to begin?

The children in Class 2 invited their grown-ups to come into the school library and share stories



together. It was so lovely to see them all cosy and being proud to show off how amazing their reading has become.

Year 3

What makes Japan unique?

Class 3 have learnt about the natural disasters that occur in Japan. We looked at a famous painting called 'The Great Wave' by Hokusai and painted our own version. As the



original painting had so many shades of blue, we had to practice mixing colours.



Year 4

Is there really no place like home?

In science we have been learning about animals and their habitats and discovering what is happening to the homes of some endangered animals. We have also been looking at how we can group animals according to scientific and non-scientific characteristic and made some excellent branching keys.



Year 5

What makes Newcastle tick?

We have completed the research, finished our designs, tested the mechanisms

and now it's time to build!

We practiced using a saw accurately and have sanded the edges of the clocks to make them safe. Next we will transfer our designs on to them and build the mechanisms!



Year 6

Why are we not all the same?

Over the next two weeks in English, Super Six will be looking at procedural texts. We made some Playdoh today in order to prepare for writing a procedural text for Year 2 to follow.

Great fun!



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