



HIGHLIGHTS

27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers.

This week has been our Work and Enterprise week. We have been encouraging children to explore the world of work and to think about and develop their own aspirations for their future careers. Different year groups have experienced either a visit to a work place or a visitor to the school to speak about the job that they do. All year groups have taken part in the Enterprise Fayre, designing and making a product to sell. Enterprise education helps children to develop specific skills in negotiating, influencing, innovating, and problem solving. Although we do not have room to show photographs of all of the events here, please do look at our website, Twitter and Facebook page to see what we have been up to!

At the very beginning of each school day, children get straight to tasks whilst the teacher completes the register. These tasks often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they miss out on their own learning time and this is disruptive for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am so that they can come into school with their class.

The weather has been colder recently, but we are keen that children get fresh air by playing outside every day. Please make sure that children bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt, plain green shorts or black jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Many thanks for all of your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher

Headteacher's Letter Enterprise Skills with EYFS Gymnastics Learning with Year 2 Learning Treble Clef Notes with Year 5 Gardening Workshop with Year 2 Light Workshop with Year 3 Coffee Mornings Attendance

Reminder



CHILDREN MUST COME TO SCHOOL IN FULL UNIFORM WHICH CAN BE ORDERED USING THE OR CODE OVERLEAF.



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ON TIME!

EYFS Enterprising Project

As part of Work and Enterprise Week, the children in EYFS took a walk to Tesco and their local grocers. There, they compared the different products and explored the aisles looking for ingredients to make playdough. Their final playdough projects will be sold at this year's Enterprise Fayre.



Gymnastics Learning

Year 2 have been enjoying learning about gymnastics during their PE lessons. This week, the students were learning to perform a forward roll and a teddy bear roll so that with some support, they can roll from one side of the mat to the other. They have also been practising their balancing skills.



Music Learning

In Music, Year 5 have been learning to read the notes on the treble clef. They have enthusiastically produced their own rhymes to help them remember the notes on the treble clef stave, and have confidently performed these songs to their peers in the classroom.







Gardening Workshop

Year 2 took part in an exciting gardening workshop where they learnt about the differences between fruits and vegetables. They also had the opportunity to plant their own vegetable seeds in the school's greenhouse. Later this term, they will observe the progress of their planted seeds.



Light Workshop

During a workshop presented by 'Hands on Science', Year 3 had a great time learning about the properties of light and how it travels. Through investigations, they learnt how shadows are formed and how they change. They also explored how light is reflected and what factors might affect this.



Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning

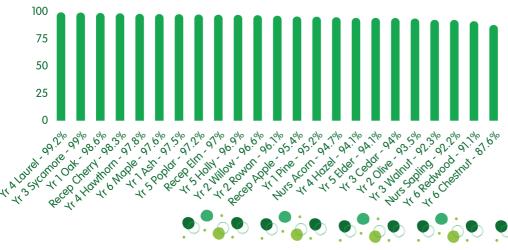
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| Date | Focus |
| Friday 3rd February | <u>Physical Education:</u> What do the opportunities for Physical Education look like throughout my child's time at school? |
| Friday 10th February | ICT: What are children expected to know in ICT? |
| Friday 25th February | <u>Family team building:</u> What games can I play at home to develop resilience and confidence? |
| Friday 3rd March | <u>Children's Mental Health Week:</u> How can I support my child's wellbeing through developing positive connections. |
| Friday 10th March | Science: How can I support my child's science learning at home? |
| Friday 17th March | Belonging: How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others? |
| Friday 24th March | <u>Easter Holiday Activities:</u> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? |
| Friday 31st March | Parent Coffee Morning & Reading Celebration Event |
| EYFS Parent/Carer Workshops | |
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| Thursday 16th March | Writing: How can I support my child to write for different purposes? |

Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

Whole school attendance for the last week was 95.5%.

Well done to Year 4 Laurel class, the weekly winners with 99.2%.



Key Dates

SPRING TERM 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED): Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Work & Enterprise Week: Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2023

> Safer Internet Day: Thursday 9th February 2023

Half Term Holiday: Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

> Children's Start Date: Monday 20th February 2023

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March 2023

Parents' Evening: Thursday 23rd March 2023

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSES at 2pm)







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