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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS 17th February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another action packed half term and I'm sure children are now ready for their half-term holidays!

Below you will find some school news, reminders and information.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or require further information.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER FOR THE TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Year 6 held a sponsored silence today (teachers included) to raise funds for this appeal. They did extremely well with this, particularly during Assembly and we had our first ever silent Achievement Award presentation! They have raised a staggering £686 so far and this is likely to reach around £750. A massive well done to Year 6 and their teachers and a big thank you for the amazing support from parents/carers.

ART AND DESIGN



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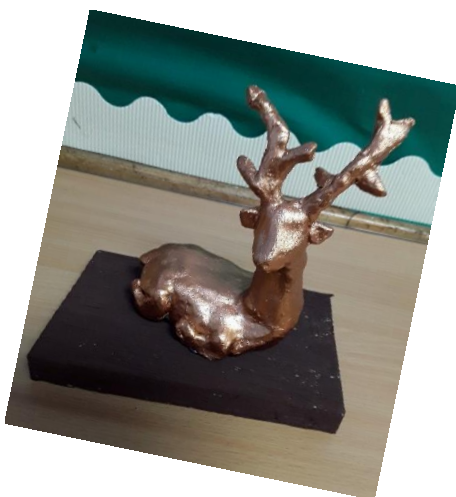
THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Article 29: *Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full*

We have seen some particularly impressive Art and Design work in KS2 this half term. Years 3 and 4 have been working on line printing, using the theme of Bridges which links in with their Geography Megacities project. They have created sketches of bridges in Sunderland and Newcastle, then used these as inspiration for a line print design.

Years 5 and 6 have looked at sculpture of horses by the artist Degas. They have used this research to create their own sculptures of penguins, polar bears and deer taking their inspiration from their current class novels linked to a Geography Climate Change topic ('The Last Wild' and 'Floodland')

Here are some examples of this work:



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CLASS ATTENDANCE



For February, the overall attendance figure for the school was 94.3%

It needs pointing out that we had 0.5% unauthorised absences this month for holidays/trips in term time. Without these, our Attendance figure would be much stronger at nearly 95%.

Attendance in each class for February was as follows:

Reception: 91%

Miss Curles Class: 98.6%

Mrs Exley's Class: 98.4%

Mrs Baum's Class: 96.4%

Miss Stebbings Class: 93.3%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 91.5%

Miss Allen's Class: 95.3%

Mr Storrar's Class: 94.7%

Mr Walsh's Class: 89.1%

Miss Curle's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners for February and they will be presented with the bear in our Golden Assembly after half term.

GOLDEN TABLE

The Golden Table is now up and running again! Each Friday, children who have received a Golden Table award get to be VIPs for a lunchtime and sit at the Golden Table with a friend. I often get to join them to and have a chat over lunch. Golden Table awards are chosen by the lunchtime staff for things like healthy eating, trying new foods, good manners, helpfulness and being a good friend.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM



A reminder that lost property items/unclaimed items of school uniform and hats, gloves etc can be found in the main entrance to school. Please help yourself if there is something you can use or have lost an item.

Please remember to put children's names on all school uniform! Our Year 6 monitors check lost property every Friday and all named items are returned to their owner.

From after half term, we will be starting a pre-worn uniform service. This is both to support families who may be struggling with uniform costs and to prevent waste, ensuring that uniform items that are no longer needed are used again rather than thrown away. The main items we would be asking for are jumpers/cardigans with our school logo, black trousers or skirts and white PE t-shirts.

Parents/carers can donate items that their child has outgrown and they have no use for. Please ensure that these are in good condition. We will then keep these in school, adding to both our rail in the main office and a central supply.

Parents/carers can then either choose items they need from the main rail or call the school office and ask if we have particular items and sizes. We can then put these into a carrier bag for you to collect when convenient. Please do use either of our services for passing on used uniform otherwise we will have a uniform mountain in school!

VISITS AND EVENTS

We enjoyed two excellent Class assemblies today from Mrs Exley's Year 1/2 class and Miss Allen's Year 5 class. We also gave out a large number of awards for children's efforts this half term including Achievement Awards and awards for Handwriting, Time-stables Rockstars, Spelling Frame and our usual weekly Star awards and Golden Table awards.

Linking in with Safer Internet day this week, KS2 had Online Safety workshops today with our local PCSOs.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

We would like to update our records about who collects your children after school. Please complete the sheet attached (children will also bring a paper copy home) and return this to school. We will then repeat this every September.

You may need on occasion for other adults to collect your child – in emergencies for example or if your child is going to another's for tea. **In these situations, you must inform the school office of this and we will pass the message on to the teacher. Please do not use Class Dojo for this as teachers do not always see these messages, particularly if sent during the school day.**



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Where teachers are not aware of a different adult collecting the child, they will need to ask the adult to collect the child from the main office rather than the yard. This will allow us to check with the child's parent that they are aware of this plan. Please bear with us if this is the case as we are only doing this to ensure a child's safety.

NEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION DAY- Tuesday 28th February 2023

Please see the separate letter attached

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

27th February – Back to School and beginning of our 'One Britain' week

2nd March – World Book Day. Children may wish to come to school dressed as a book character on this day.

6th and 7th March – EYFS and KS1 Parents Evenings (letter sent today – please return after the holiday)

13th and 14th March – KS2 Parents Evenings (letter will be sent after the holiday)

15th and 16th March – Further NEU industrial action planned. We will send more details nearer the time

17th March – Mothers/Aunts/Grandmas etc Breakfast from 8am

29th March – Easter Coffee Afternoon for EYFS parents and KS2 choir parents, 2.30pm

31st March – Mrs Dadswell's Class Assembly at 9.10am and Mrs Baum's Class Assembly at 2.15pm



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