



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together



Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As you can see this week has been an extremely busy week with a host of enrichment activities offered. Our Year Three pupils had a wonderful time on their residential at Barnstondale on the Wirral. Just before leaving on Wednesday, they along with all the other classes attended a science workshop provided by one of our parents, Dr Davies. He truly shared his passion for Science throughout the day. All classes thoroughly enjoyed the experience. One of our Reception children said "Science is like magic". This was an extension to our Science week, again we thank all the parents who contributed in anyway.

On Thursday, year six pupils engaged in a 'Greek themed Day', they extended their learning beyond the classroom with traditional Greek dancing and tasting typical Greek dishes.

This afternoon the whole school took part in the CAFOD sponsored walks, thank you to everyone who supported this event. It was particularly good to see the Reception and year one pupils walking together with their year six buddies.

Next week we will be in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; the first part of holy week. On Wednesday morning at 9.15 am Father will be celebrating mass here in the school hall. Please see the parish newsletter for the times of all the other services that will be taking place in the parish.

On Tuesday afternoon, Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us in the school hall for a cup of tea and a hot cross bun, this will be served by our year six pupils. There will be an Easter Bonnet parade and an opportunity to join your child in their class for some Easter creativity. Please see the note about the Easter Bonnets.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

<p>Lower than 90% Attendance</p>	<p>90-95% Attendance</p> <p>Class 1 Class 6</p>	<p>96-100% Attendance</p> <p>Reception Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5</p>
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Overall Attendance this week **96.5%**
Across the school, **2 hours 56 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98%** attendance means **4** school days missed
- 95%** attendance means **10** school days missed
- 90%** attendance means **19** school days missed
- 80%** attendance means **38** school days missed
- 5 minutes** late each day means **3** school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Easter Bonnets

FOSL have donated an Easter bonnet for each child for them to decorate in school at the start of next week. The best decorated bonnet could win an Easter egg!

A number of decorations will be available at school such as ribbon, feathers, mini eggs, chicks and flowers.

If you would like to make or buy anything at the weekend to make their bonnet more individual then please bring these into school on Monday.

Reception

We've had a wonderful week full of learning and fun! The highlight of the week has definitely been the science workshop delivered by Dr Davies on Wednesday. We loved moving around the different stations and exploring all of the experiments and investigations set up.

This week, we have also been working more on doubling numbers in Maths and enjoyed creating our own games to use our new knowledge. We have been working hard on our writing. Particularly letter formations, and we created birthday cards for all of Hattie's baby animals from our book called The Journey Home. What a busy week!



Class 1

It has been another busy week in Class 1! After completing our English book, The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth, we have been using the structure as inspiration to write our own adventure stories.

The highlight of the week for many was the science workshop delivered by Dr Davies on Wednesday. In the workshop, we explore chromatography, and completed different investigations using water as well as looking at things using special science technology. It was a wonderful workshop and everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning more about different elements of science.

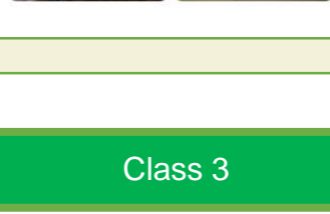


Class 2

This week we have been really busy. In English we have been writing our diary entries from the perspective of Major Glad or Major Dizzy, toys trapped underneath floorboards in a Victorian house. We have had lots of ideas how the toys can become heroes and save the day.

In Maths we have been working out change and paying with the fewest coins which has been interesting. Would you rather have 50p coin or 5 x10p coins?

A highlight was working with Class3 and Dr Trevor Davies for science. We found out that you can make an LED light up using a lemon, wire, a penny and a screw. A few children even wanted to try this again at home!



Class 3

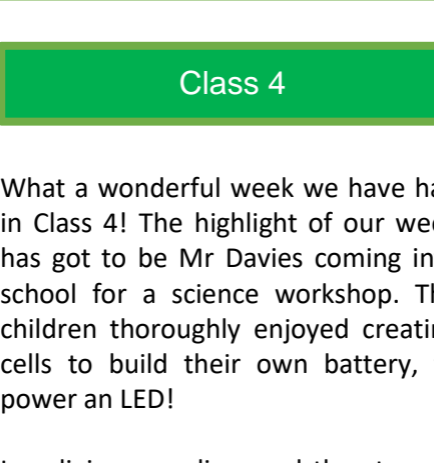
It's been an incredible week in Class 3! This week we have been on our residential trip where we have taken part in a range of outdoor activities and challenges. We have taken part in rock climbing, abseiling, orienteering and target practice! This trip has given us the opportunity to build skills like independence and team building skills.

Earlier in the week, we wrote a newspaper article about the dangers of plastic pollution in the oceans, and why we should call people to action to help protect special ocean creatures such as the blue whale.

In Maths, we have started our new topic which is about length and perimeter. This will be shortly followed by our new challenge, fractions!

In Science, we have continued our investigation into the properties of light and how it interacts with objects. We have used shadow puppets and torches to investigate how distance can affect the size of a shadow!

A great week Class 3, well done!



Class 4

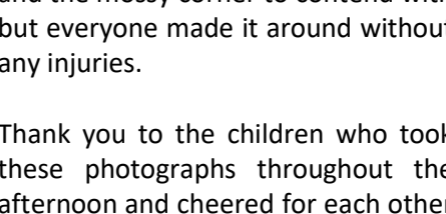
What a wonderful week we have had in Class 4! The highlight of our week has got to be Mr Davies coming into school for a science workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating cells to build their own battery, to power an LED!

In religion, we discussed the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, ready for learning about Holy Week. We created beautiful palm leaves and did some role play.

This week was our final swimming lesson and all of the children performed amazingly! Such motivated and conscientious swimmers.

We also completed our assessments and hot task this week. Lots of hard work and effort. I am very proud of all of my class!

We are all looking forward to making the most of next week!



Cross Country

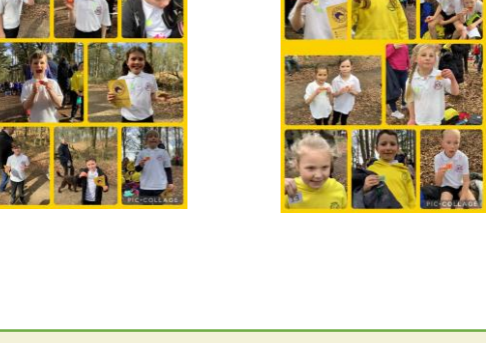
Congratulations to everyone who ran in this event. We took nearly 40 runners to take part in this annual event. Special mentions to our parental helpers, we could not have undertaken this event without you! WE had the sprint, the big hill and the mossy corner to contend with but everyone made it around without any injuries.

Thank you to the children who took these photographs throughout the afternoon and cheered for each other throughout the day.

Many runners improved upon last years placings and did their own personal best.

The year 5 boys race was very competitive this year, it almost needed a photo finish.

Thank you to everyone who took part, represented our school so well and did their best.

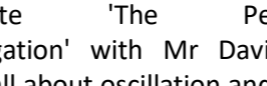
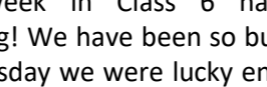
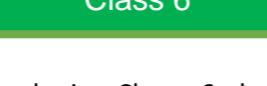


Class 5

We have had a busy week in class 5, we started strong with another fantastic violin concert! The children performed incredibly well and showed off all that they have been learning over the last few weeks.

The children were also treated to a multimedia journey of Holy week and Easter at Main Street Community Church - this was a very well set up session with the staff telling some of the most important stories from that time in the Bible. In History, the children were gaining a greater understanding of how Henry VIII was able to divorce from his first wife through the Reformation of the Church.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mr Sutton



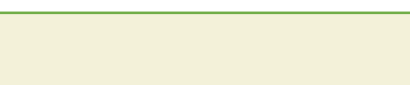
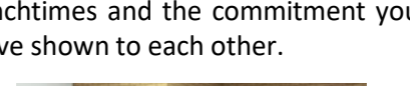
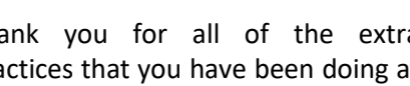
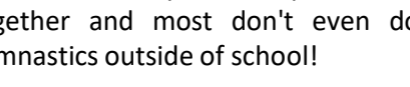
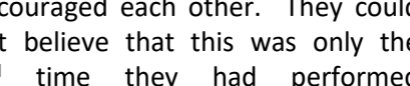
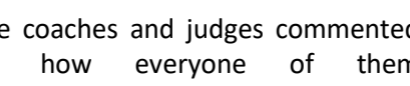
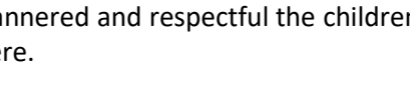
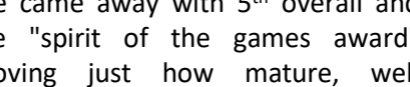
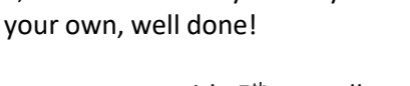
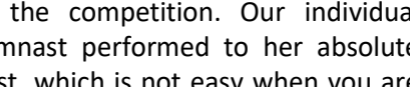
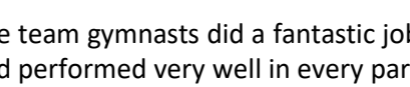
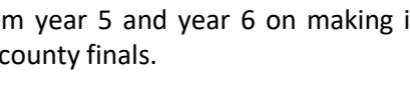
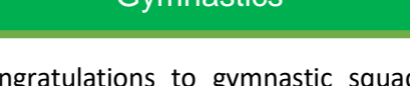
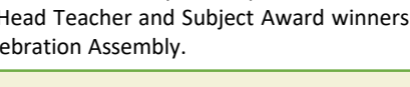
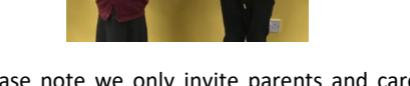
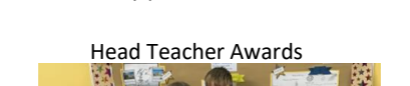
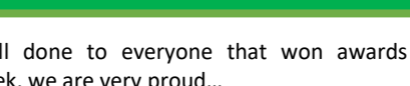
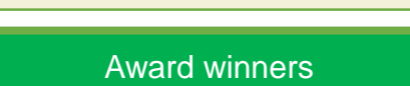
Class 6

This week in Class 6 has been amazing! We have been so busy... On Wednesday we were lucky enough to complete 'The Pendulum Investigation' with Mr Davies. We learnt all about oscillation and how to find the average time it takes for one swing.

On Thursday, we celebrated 'Ancient Greece day'. We dressed in Greek outfits, tried Greek food, learnt a Greek dance and lots more exciting activities.

We are also very proud of our class members who attended the Gymnastics Finals on Wednesday.

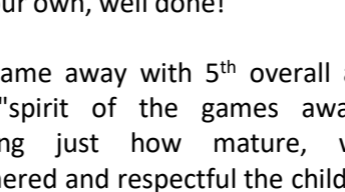
After all our hard work this week, we are definitely looking forward to a rest when the Easter Holidays start next week.



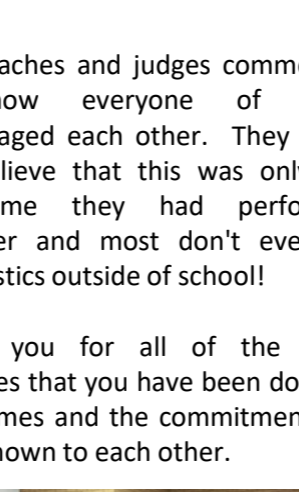
Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

Head Teacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards



Please note we only invite parents and carers of Head Teacher and Subject Award winners to Celebration Assembly.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to gymnastic squad from year 5 and year 6 on making it to county finals.

The team gymnasts did a fantastic job and performed very well in every part of the competition. Our individual gymnast performed to her absolute best, which is not easy when you are on your own, well done!

We came away with 5th overall and the "spirit of the games award" proving just how mature, well mannered and respectful the children were.

The coaches and judges commented on how everyone of them encouraged each other. They could not believe that this was only the 2nd time they had performed together and most don't even do gymnastics outside of school!

Thank you for all of the extra practices that you have been doing at lunchtimes and the commitment you have shown to each other.

