

# Newsletter

Friday 25th March 2022

## Reception news

We've been in a bubble this week. We hope to be out soon, we will keep you posted! In phonics we have learnt about the 'i, igh and oa' sounds. We made Mothers Day cards which the children enjoyed as well as some lovely creative play outdoors.



**Gardening news:**  
Both classes have been planting sunflowers.

A big thank you to Theo's parents and Albert's dad who donated paving slabs and gloves for use in our flower garden. Most appreciated, the slabs will be a great addition for the area.

### Dates for your Diary

1<sup>st</sup> April – Stand with Ukraine. Blue and yellow themed muffin day. Also used book & dvd sale on top playground from 3pm.  
19<sup>th</sup> April – new catering provider and new menu commences  
20-22<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 4 residential trip  
26/27/28 April – Parents evening

## Year 1 and 2 news

**Year 1** have had a wonderful week building on their mark making skills previously learnt in Art lessons. This week's unit of Textiles has given the children the opportunity to explore a range of materials, including fabric, oil crayons, chalk and paint, to create pieces of art. They used natural and man-made fibres, combining colours and textures. They are extremely proud of their final pieces which were inspired by Anne Kelly a Canadian artist who uses a combination of mixed-media collage.



**Year 2** have started their new class reading text *Little People, BIG DREAMS* by David Attenborough. They were instantly interested in all the places he has visited and species he has met over the years.

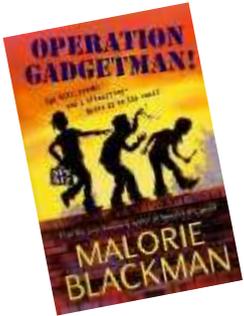


In Science this week Year 2 have continued to build on their knowledge of 'Everyday Materials' and have been investigating which materials are the most absorbent, which linked with their DT work on waterproof materials. They were able to carry out a fair test and use a timer to ensure they gained reliable results.



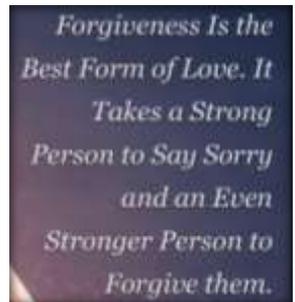
## Year 3 and 4 news

The week started with computing for **Year 3**, exploring the coding software 'Scratch' and creating their own animations and games. This free piece of software could be played at home and is a great tool to further the children's understanding of coding a variety of software.



Fractions has continued to be a success, with many of the children recognising and finding a half, a quarter and a third of numbers. The children have started writing a draft of our third person narratives and using a variety of metaphors, similes and fronted adverbials to describe the setting and characters in their story. Next week, they will be editing and writing up their final draft into their books. *Operation Gadgetman* has given us more clues as to who the kidnapper is and the children have put their detective skills to the test. We focused on the children using their inference skills and delving into the character's thoughts.

**Year 4** have been continuing to work hard in the run up to the Easter holidays. They have been soldiering on in Maths and have been learning how to add and subtract fractions. In writing, the children have completed their story about an Egyptian myth which Miss Pass and Miss Turnell have enjoyed reading. The children have finished their RE topic of 'forgiveness' and have completed a written piece about this. The children have enjoyed having the opportunity to use the Chromebooks in their computing lessons to learn how to use the 'Scratch' software. In PE, Year 4 have been playing badminton this week and have been perfecting their serves and shots!



## Year 5 and 6 news



**Year 5** have had a very busy week. In DT, we have started to explore the durability of different textile types before we create our own sturdy reusable

lunch bag. For some extra PSHE, today we were joined by local PCSOs to look at how they keep us safe in and around Brambleside. We also got to join traffic police to monitor traffic along Cleveland Avenue – a hotspot for speeding in the community. Anyone travelling over 30 mph received a verbal reprimand from the police and members of Year 5! We would like to thank PCSO Bowes for setting this up for us. Keep your eyes peeled as we will be on speed patrol again soon!



Another excellent week in **Year 6!** The children have enjoyed reading a story in their Writing lessons (a first person narrative with a moral) and are looking forward to writing their own version of the story next week. The classes have nearly finished reading *Rooftoppers* and are eagerly anticipating finding out the resolution of the novel. In RE, children have been learning about Christianity, especially the concept of eternal life and eternal love. Ask a Year 6 what the word 'agape' means! They have all been working very hard and meeting (sometimes exceeding) our high expectations of them. Well done, Year 6.





## Ukraine Appeal: Parents - we salute you!

What a fabulous response. A very big **thank you** to all of our kind hearted parents, carers and children that made essential goods donations this week. We had an enormous response and we were overwhelmed, once again, with the generosity of our

Brambleside Community. Mr Brown, Headteacher said *'We are very pleased and proud that our children came up with the idea to make an effort to support families in Ukraine. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community with their donations of practical items that might bring some comfort to those who have lost so much. Thank you to everyone who offered their contributions.'* Here's the journey in pictures of your items from school to the lorry destined for Ukraine:



The truck carrying your essential goods left today and is heading to the south of the UK. Complete with documentation, this truck will be on board the next ferry to Europe. It will reach Poland this weekend and is due in Ukraine on Tuesday. We'll keep you posted on its arrival!



## April 1<sup>st</sup> – Stand with Ukraine muffin day and book/DVD sale

Next Friday, we invite children to wear blue and yellow colours to show support for Ukraine. Donations will be collected by class teachers (we recommend £1 but feel free to donate as you wish.) In addition, two year 6 children are organising a used book and DVD sale for after school in order to raise funds for those suffering in Ukraine. Their book and DVD stalls will be on the top playground from 3pm. Books to suit children of all ages, please come and support their cause. We welcome book and DVD donations which will be used to sell and raise money for Ukraine.

A promotional poster for the Kettering Food & Drink Festival. The background is a blurred image of a festival with warm lights. The text is overlaid on a dark purple background with white and light purple text boxes.

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