

Newsletter

Friday 27th May 2022

Reception news

This week was fabulous! We have been looking at teen numbers, for example making 14 with a 10 plus 4 more. In phonics we have been revising digraphs such as 'ar' ready to learn new ones next term. We

have signed up to a poetry basket scheme which gives us a new rhyme for every week of the year. This week

we learnt the rhyme "cup of tea!" We loved our last week of Forest school. We've been tree climbing, tyre swinging as well as the usual exploring. We've had new tablets in the EYFS area. Children have used these to play educational games. Photographed here is 'Princess Amelia' on her Royal visit today when she officially cut the ribbon to officially announce their arrival!



Dates for your Diary

- 6 June – Return to school
- 29 June – Year 6 Masque Theatre Production
- 21 June - KS2 Sports Day
- 23 June - KS1 Sports Day
- 25 June – (Saturday) School fete
- 6 – 8 July – Year 6 Residential
- 11-14 July – Year 6 Bikeability
- 18 July – Year 6 leavers assembly, 2pm



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Year 1 and 2 news

Year 1 have had a delightful week working on their Design Technology unit 'Textiles'. The key question 'can two squares of fabric keep you warm?' has meant the Year 1 pupils have had the opportunity to design a pouch and practice their sewing skills. They have carefully threaded their own needles, knotted the thread and used a running stitch. They have used a range of materials (not just fabrics) to practice the running stitch. This unit has developed the pupil's resilience and concentration alongside their hand and eye co-ordination.



A huge well done to the **Year 2** children for their amazing hard work on the SATs tests during the month of May. They have displayed a wonderful working attitude, perseverance and resilience. We are incredibly proud of them and hope you are too. As well as completing their Grammar Test papers, Year 2 have also finished the 'History local study' unit this week. They have been using maps of Kettering from the 1890's, 1950's and the present day to observe how the town expanded. The use of photos and factory records revealed that Kettering grew as a boot and shoe town because of the demand for boots for the Napoleonic War, World War I and World War II. Photos were an important source of evidence when Year 2 looked at the journey of Wicksteed Park from 1914 to the present day. What made this piece of work special was the addition of their personal happy memories of playing with family and friends at the park.



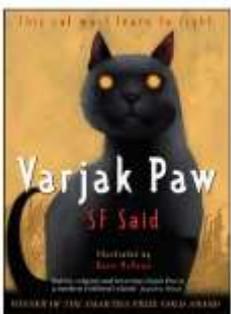
Year 3 and 4 news

In this final week of this term, **Year 3** children have finished many topics. In Maths, we have come to the end of the unit on Time. Please continue to quiz your children using an analogue clock so they can practice these newly acquired skills. In writing, we have been finishing writing advanced instructions for getting ready for school. We hope this might alleviate your busy mornings if the children can be more independent and try to help in any way they can. In reading, we have finished the book 'The Dancing Bear' and are moving on to 'The Magician's Nephew' by C.S Lewis. This is the first book in the set and tells the story of how the magical land of Narnia came to be. Our afternoons have been filled with French, learning how to ask for all different flavours of ice cream. This has left us feeling hungry and ready for the summer! Just a reminder that on the first Monday back after half term we will be starting swimming. An email has been sent with all the details you need for this.

We hope you have a restful half-term break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

A nice final week before half term for **Year 4!** In Writing, they finished their modern news reports about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The children spent a lot of time and effort preparing for this piece of writing, from collecting information to planning to writing and then finally editing their final piece. We have really enjoyed reading these final pieces. They have now started looking at third person adventure stories where they have identified story elements and mapping out the plot.

In Reading, they have finished the class text, 'Varjak Paw' and have been considering the 'Way of Jalal' and how his skills can be used to thrive in human life. Next term, they will be reading 'The girl who stole an elephant' by Nizrana Farook.



In Maths, the children have finished working on decimals where they have learnt to compare, order and round them. Next term, they will be starting work on money and time. In the first week back at school, the children will be completing their Multiplication Tables Check.

During our afternoons, they have been doing Computing lessons focused on data handling where they have been investigating weather. They have really enjoyed looking at extreme weather around the world and designing their own weather stations. As always, please encourage your child to complete the weekly Spelling

Frame spelling test, read daily and practice their times tables. There is also MyMaths available.



Year 5 and 6 News

This week **Year 5** have had another super week. In Maths we have completed our work in decimals and have now moved onto properties of shapes, in particular angles. We have been developing our skills using a protractor and identifying acute, obtuse and right angles. In English we have begun our work on playscripts, focusing on organisational features such as cast lists, synopsis and speech. In history we have begun our new topic on the Maya and we looked at where they are located in the world and the chronology.

This week, **Year 6** have enjoyed analysing the past monarchs they studied in History lessons. They used their knowledge of the monarchs' key events and battles to compare them, ultimately deciding which monarch left behind the best legacy. Ask a Year 6 for their opinion on this. In Maths, children have continued their exploration of algebra and have found the topic engaging and challenging - we are proud of the resilience they have shown with this tricky area of Maths! Year 6 also wrote their own news report about current events in Ukraine, showing off some excellent understanding of ambitious punctuation. They have also been working really hard on their upcoming production, details of which have been shared. Children who are not coming on the residential will be taking part in an exciting Design Technology project at school! For this, they will need plastic carrier bags and clean crisp/snack packets with the silver/foil lining inside them. We welcome donations of these items! If you have any at home, please could bring these in by Monday 4th July. Thank you! Have a restful half term, Year 6 - you deserve it!

Sports News



On Wednesday our Year 6 netball team took part in the district event at Bishop Stopford School. They competed against 11 other schools. They won all 5 of their group games which meant they qualified for the semi finals. They then went on to win a close semi final and a close final – meaning they became district champions. Special mention; they only managed to concede one basket all day! Well done team! Roll on county finals!

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Millan raises over £700 for Cransley Hospice

Millan wanted to raise money for Cransley Hospice and decided to tackle the 'Walk to the moon and back' challenge. His target was 477,710 steps throughout April & May.

After smashing his target, he decided to double this challenge and round it up to 1 million steps! He finished his challenge on Saturday with a 10.5 mile Walk from Kelmarch tunnels to Brampton Holt. On completion, Millan had walked a total of 1 million and 35 thousand steps in just 51 days. He raised over £700 for Cransley Hospice. Well done Millan, this is excellent work and a fantastic achievement.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/millan-foster->



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How important is it for us to have a sense of duty?

In the news this week

Buckingham Palace has unveiled the full line-up of celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. Street parties, a concert with some of the world's biggest entertainment stars, a chance to see the Queen's homes and a street parade are just some of the formal plans. Many will take place during the upcoming special four-day Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. 2022 marks 70 years of the Queen's service – the first British monarch ever to reach the milestone.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Is your community or school doing anything to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee? Are there any events or activities that you are looking forward to?
- > The Queen has held her role for 70 years! Do we think this is a long time? Talk about any roles and responsibilities you all have in your household, e.g., feeding pets, preparing meals, tidying rooms etc.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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