



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

A wild and wet morning has not dampened our Red Nose Day spirits today! Despite getting a bit soggy on the way into school children and staff have certainly gone all out with their red outfits and accessories. Thank you to all for supporting this worthy charitable cause.

British Science Week

This week has been British Science Week and we have been celebrating this in school with all things science! The theme of the week has been 'Time'. The children have been taking part in activities throughout the week planned to get them excited and engaged about science.

In Class 1, the children have been learning about what 'being a scientist' means. They also made water clocks out of plastic bottles to measure the time. Class 2 have been investigating how long the bubbles in a bubble bath lasted for. Most bubbles were gone within 30 minutes but some lasted longer than 19 hours! Class 3 have been looking at making posters for British Science Week, learning about stereotypes in science and taking part in the 'great plastic count'. Class 4 have been melting chocolate and timing how long it took. Class 5 have been measuring time using water clocks and sun clocks. They noticed that the later in the day it is, the longer the shadows were on their sun clocks. This is due to the sun setting. Class 6 have been investigating pendulums and changing the length of the string or changing the weight to see how it affected the time it took to stop swinging.

Yesterday, in a 'Show and Tell' assembly, each class presented one of the activities they had taken part in. They showed what they had been learning and shared their findings with the school. Science Week is a great opportunity for science to take centre stage and for the children to get involved, and really embrace how exciting science can be!

Class 4 trip to the Bay

On Thursday, Class 4 went on a trip to St Margaret's Bay for a second outdoor art lesson. Fortunately, the weather was on their side and was dry and bright for their walk. This time their art lesson focussed on creating different effects in their artwork using dots in the style of George Seurat. As part of Science Week, they observed how the tide came in and covered the rock pools as the time passed whilst they were at the beach.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to those of you who were able to meet with the staff this week for our parent/carers consultation meetings. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks and speaking to the staff about how your child is progressing with their learning.

Play Equipment

Our play equipment in the playground is designed for children between 4 and 11 years old, pre-school children are not to use the play equipment at any time. During school hours the children are supervised at break and lunch times by staff when using it. Please note the equipment is **NOT** to be used by any children before or after school hours. There has been a significant increase in the number of children using this equipment at the end of the day and I seek your support with this important matter.

Reception Class 2024

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Have a lovely weekend everyone; I'm going to check with Class 2 which brand of bubble bath I should be purchasing!

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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Message from Class 4

We are swiftly rattling towards Easter and the end of another term. However, Class 4 are continuing to work hard and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see this for yourselves at Parents' Evening.

We are very much enjoying our class reading of Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake'. We have looked at the features of the poem, such as alliteration, narrative form and onomatopoeia. We are using this as a model text to write our own poems about our favourite foods, which include pizza, salt and vinegar crisps, profiteroles and even millionaire's shortbread - delicious!

Still on the topic of food, we have had a busy end to Science Week making jelly and testing to see how long it takes to set with different fruit inside. We linked this to Red Nose Day by only testing red food. As true scientists, we have predicted, observed, measured and recorded our results.

In our maths, we have worked really hard on our multiplication and division, using a range of methods to solve problems, including counters, white boards and part-whole models. We have now begun to learn about length and perimeter. We know that 1km is the same as 1,000m and can apply this to larger distances. Our lessons next week will focus on counting the perimeter of rectangles and polygons.

In PE, we are working on a rock and roll dance to the music of Barbara Ann. We have learnt a hand jive and a square dance which we can do with a partner. We have been busy learning our Spring Concert song which we are all looking forward to sharing with you.

Thank you for your support this term,
Mrs Byatt

Star Awards

w/e 15th March 2024

Class R – Charlie
Class 1 – Thomas
Class 2 – Adam
Class 3 – Lydia
Class 4 – Holly
Class 5 – Freddie
Class 6 – Reuben W



Whole School Attendance

11/03/24 - 15/03/24

95.5%

05/09/23 – date

95.3%



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th March 2024

Extra-Curricular Clubs have finished for this term.

Monday, 18th March

- Class 2 Forest School sessions this week

Tuesday, 19th March

- Class 5 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- 2:15pm Online Safety meeting for Year 5 & 6 parents - in the school hall

Wednesday, 20th March

- Class 6 trip – see separate letter for details

Friday, 22nd March

- Class 3 trip - see separate letter for details

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 18th March 2024

£2.45 per day

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([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

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please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>





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Year 3 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 3 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create Easter cards, sweet pots and spinners. They will be selling these to children across the school during break times on **Wednesday, 20th March.**

The items will be priced as follows:

Sweet pots - £1

Easter cards - £1

Spinners – 50p

In addition, they will be offering to the school staff a car wash service. For this service they will be charging £5 a car and are hopeful they may receive some tips too!

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to a charity of the children's choice while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

If your child wishes to bring in some money to spend on **Wednesday, 20th March**, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet.

Thank you
Mr Ayers



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that all extra-curricular after school clubs have now finished for the term and all children need to be collected at 3.15pm every day.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting
Red Nose Day.

We raised **£88**



PTFA School Uniform

Our PTFA has a stock of second hand school uniform available.

If you require some good quality, low cost items please contact them through their email stmacptfa@gmail.com and they will arrange for the uniform to be left at the school office for you to collect.

If you have any items you are willing to donate to their stock please also contact them via email or bring these into the school office.

