



School Newsletter

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Message from Miss Boardman

If has certainly been another interesting term and it seems strange to be breaking up today as the children have only been back at school fully for three weeks.

As we marked the 1 year anniversary of the first lockdown this week in assembly, we reflected on the different ways everyone has had to adapt and change our usual activities. I think everyone deserves to feel so proud of the way in which they have coped with all the changes and restrictions with the courage, compassion and creativity that we hold as our school values. I would really like to thank you for your support throughout and positivity when faced with yet another change or period of home schooling. Thanks also to our excellent staff team for their hard work and resilience, making school such a welcoming, safe and happy place for the children. Over the last few weeks staff have done a great job of helping children to settle back into the school routines and get used to learning in the classroom again.

I hope that as some of the restrictions are lifted over the holidays you might be able to begin to see family and friends again. I am certainly looking forward to that!

In assembly today we asked the question 'What is the best news that you have ever received?' Almost all answers were linked to family and friends such as 'When my baby sister was born'; 'When I found out we are having a BBQ with my nana'; 'When we were told we could return to school'.

What would your answer be?

Have an enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to seeing you for the summer term.



Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors play a key role in the school, working as a team to provide support and challenge and influencing strategies. Every half term the Governing Body meets to support the work of the school, and together with the headteacher is responsible for making sure that the school provides a good standard of education for pupils.

If you are interested in this role or would like a chat with another governor about it, please contact me and I will be happy to tell you more about the role and nomination process.

Dates for Your Diaries

- Mon 12th April - Return to school
- Tues 13th April—Parent Survey by 9am (click [here](#) to complete)
- Mon 26th April—Class Photos
- Tues 27th & Thursday 29th April—Parents' Evenings. These will be held remotely again. Booking details to follow after the holiday.
- Fri 28th May—Break up for half term. Non-uniform day/
- Mon 7th June—Return to school
- Weds 23rd June—Non uniform day
- Fri 23rd July— School closes for summer at 1:30pm

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Nyong'o Class

Nyong'o Class had a fabulous 'Wild Wednesday' linked to our science week, finding out about "Small Things". We carefully searched all over our school grounds to see which mini beasts we could find. Later today we are going to do some mini beast art.

In Literacy this week we had a great dragon escape to sort out. When we arrived in school on Wednesday all the little dragons had escaped out of their box and left a big mess around our classroom. We worked very hard to build traps, label them and write instructions to help others build them and finally caught all the dragons again on Friday.

In Maths we moved on to looking at subtraction and everyone really grasped this learning well.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Easter worship in the hall and loved looking at everyone's decorated eggs.



Well done for another fantastic week of learning Nyong'o Class, we hope you all have a very happy Easter and lovely holiday!

Attenborough Class

Attenborough class have had another fantastic week this week. We started our week with a lovely Muddy Monday searching for small things. We found worms, snails, woodlice and even some big beetles and spiders. We also had a go at naming the animals we had found before we placed them safely back in their homes.

In our writing this week we have been writing the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Miss Jennings and I could not be more proud of how hard everyone has worked. They have remembered finger spaces, their phonics to sound out, cursive handwriting and capital letters and full stops. We have introduced a different approach to learning maths this week and the children have really taken it in their stride. We have looked at number bonds and commutative law and they have really grasped the concept! An amazing last week for Attenborough class! Have a lovely Easter holiday and I hope you have some fun in the sunshine!



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Johnson Class



What lovely weather we have had this week! In Johnson, we have absolutely made the most of it, celebrating both Science week and Easter in style. The children have all worked incredibly hard in this last week, and Mrs Taylor and I are so proud of them. In our English lessons, we have been writing a Spring poem. This took us on a lovely Spring walk where we focused on our senses which we then used to help us write our poem. In Maths, we have been looking into the difference between multiplication and division and how to solve these questions. This special Science week took us outside again and we hunted for minibeasts in their micro-habitats; look below at what we found! We have also been exploring what affects where people live, and chose where we would want to make a settlement based on the natural resources in that area. In computing we learnt to search for games on KidRex. Finally, we have had so much fun learning about the Easter story and celebrating the good news that Jesus was alive! It has certainly been a busy term! We are looking forward to a well-deserved rest... and, of course, seeing everyone back in school on the 12th! Have a wonderful holiday!



Farah Class

What a crazy half term we have had in Farah class! Some of us in school and some of us at home. However, the last 3 weeks all back together has been a really great time to reset expectations and learn new things.

We have begun to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech as well as find synonyms for the word said, to ensure that our writing is so much more interesting.

We've been working on telling the time. Lots of children found this really tricky, so please keep asking at home "What time is it now?"



Science week has seen us explore forces and whether or not we could grow crystals across two jars.... So far, it hasn't worked, so Ms Graystone will try again at home and keep everyone updated on Dojo during the holidays.

Here are photos taken by our class photographer for the day where we explored what material made the car go fastest down the ramp. Some of our predictions were correct, and some surprised us! We recorded our results and ensured it was a fair test with some really great exploratory questions.

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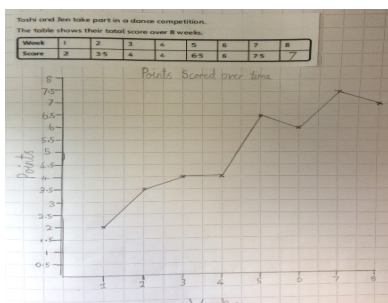
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Kahlo Class

Not only have Kahlo had a fantastic week, but they have had an absolutely exceptional term! This week we have been enjoying our Science Week - going on a minibeast hunt of the school grounds, learning from actual scientists about what their job entails and even extracting DNA from strawberries and kiwis!



Alongside all of this, we have written some amazing recipes, created and plotted some graphs using our best presentation skills, read all about explorers and journeys and perfected our research skills. I am so proud of everything you have achieved Kahlo class. You continue to blow me away with how fantastic you are. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break, and let's hope for some sunny weather!



Sentamu Class



Sentamu Class have had a fabulous science week finding out about "Small Things" from micro-organisms and microscopes to making our own edible DNA models and extracting DNA from strawberries. We also found out that if one of us was the size of Europe, a virus would only be the size of a football! The class learned about Edward Jenner and the first vaccines, watched "Elephant's Toothpaste" being made and also how you can make piles of polystyrene disappear to almost nothing in a mystery liquid! In English, the children continued to explore the script of A Midsummer Night's Dream and the power struggles between the fairy King and Queen. We continued the "small" theme in maths by converting between fractions and decimal numbers. After all this hard work, I think the class well and truly deserve an Easter holiday!



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Egg Decorating Competition

This year again we have been so impressed by the creative designs. A huge thank you and well done to all who entered. It has been lovely to see everyone's smiles as they have looked at all the wonderful detail on the designs. It was extremely hard to choose the winners. The entries from each class and the winning designs are below.



WINNERS

Reception—Penelope



Year 1—Josiah



Year 2—Aleksander



Year 3—Isla



Year 4—Saffron



Year 5—Queenie



Year 6—Maja