

WHATS COMING UP

- 31st January - National Storytelling Week
- 1st February - EYFS Reading Club
- 3rd February at 6pm Esafety training with EST Safety - Facebook Live Event
- 7th February - Y6 Residential Zoom meeting
- 8th February - KS1 Mobile Zoo
- 9th February - Y6 Dance through the decades
- 14th-18th February Half Term
- 28th February - Year 1-6 VR Day

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday I escorted the Year 5 & 6 hockey teams to their first tournament at Braintree Hockey Club, along with Miss Giles, our PE lead and Mr Porte our PE coach from SCS. As a hockey player and coach myself, I can honestly say that I was bursting with pride as I cheered them on from the side-lines. Our children did the school proud with their smart PE kits, commitment, resilience and most of all their team work. For our players who have only had an introduction to hockey this year, they showed such spirit and determination to do their best and of course they had fun! Our A team came 1st overall and our B team came 5th out of 8, scoring a fantastic goal in their last match, ultimately both teams did not concede any goals! Please join me in thanking Miss Giles and Mr Porte for organising the teams - we hope we can enter many more events in the near future.

We have more clubs opening up in school with Mrs Moody from Reception class starting a Reading club every Tuesday after school from 3.05-3.40 for EYFS and Yr 1 children. The idea is to bring in your favourite teddy bear and stay for some reading fun. This will start on Tuesday 1st February, please let Mrs Moody or Miss Giles know in the morning if your child will be staying for the club.

For Year 1 & 2 children Mrs Pickering has started a Reading and Rockstars club on a Tuesday lunchtime. Children can just turn up to read and practise their times tables. Please speak to Mrs Pickering if you need any more information.

Next Wednesday will see the return of our school choir club for Years 5 & 6 which runs at lunchtime. This is a brilliant opportunity to sing a variety of songs from different styles and cultures, read music, develop great vocal technique, and learn performance skills.

Our ICT suite is making good progress, whilst removing the old carpets we found an amazing wooden parquet floor beneath! We are now restoring this to its original condition which will look fantastic.



From after half term we are hoping that we will be in a position to be able to welcome parents and visitors in to school. So we are looking for volunteers to support the children in a variety of ways. Our children need support in lots of different areas including; listening to reading, practising times tables, running clubs and even extra support in the classroom. If you think you would be able to give a little of your time either during school hours or after school then please fill out a volunteer form from the office. As a certain super market says: Every Little Helps!



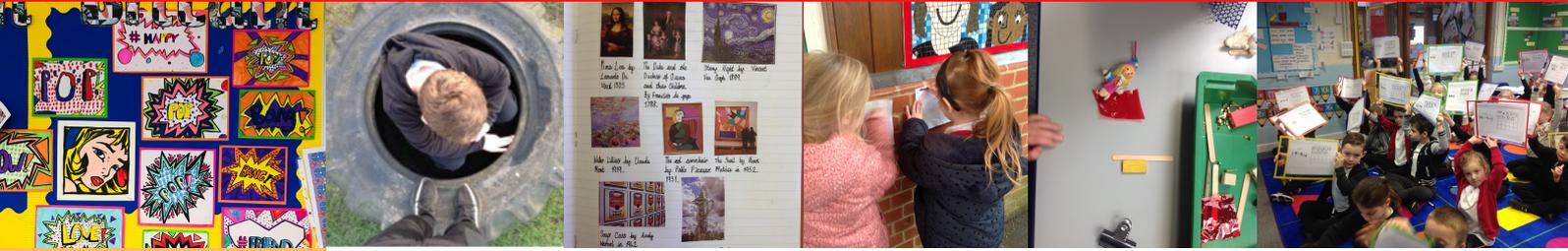
Stars of the Week

KS1 certificates were presented to:
Anthony (EYFS)
Freya (Yr 1)
Louis (Yr 2)

KS2 certificates were presented to:
Teddy (Yr 3)
Casey (Yr 4)
Isaac (Yr 5)
Benji (Yr 6)

PE Star Players

(EYFS) Matilda, Rocco,
Dylan
(Yr 1) Diogo, Jake D
Sienna
(Yr 2) Nevah, Willow
(Yr 3) Poppy, Isla, Teddy
(Yr 4) Krystal, Casey
(Yr 5) Zara, Millie
(Yr 6) Ben, Bella



AR READERS

Year 6 read 220,010 words this week.

100% Reading Quiz Scores:

Year 2 - Poppy, Aimee, Ann-Mary, Louis, Skylah-Rose, Elliot, Freya, James

Q, Thomas, Stanley, Ruben, Katy, Freddie

Year 3 - Billy, Bobby, Jack, Ellie-Mae

Year 4 - Summer

Year 5 - Tyler

Year 6 - Rafi, Ben

Attendance

This week's class attendance:

EYFS: 92%

Year 1: 93%

Year 2: 93%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 90%

Year 5: 92%

Year 6: 92%

REMINDERS

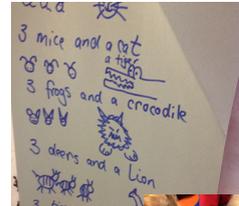
All children from Year 2 to Year 6 have log ins for Times Table Rock Stars. They can access this website at home to practise their timetable recall. Winners will be announced next week!

White Rose is a free to download app. Children would benefit greatly from accessing this game at home. Games are based around addition and subtraction and each game takes just one minute!

CLASSROOM NEWS

From EYFS

This week the children have been continuing their phonics learning of phase 3 sounds. In maths we have been representing numbers using different equipment, as well as comparing weight and capacity. We have predicted which containers we thought would hold the most and weighed different toys in balance scales to see which ones were heavier and lighter. We have continued our work on 'The Three Little Pigs' but have changed the characters in the story to 'The Three Little Mice', who get asked by a big scary cat to let them in! In child-initiated time, the children have enjoyed exploring the den making outside, creating spaces for them to role play.



From Year 1

Year 1 started the week with a science investigation. We have been learning all about materials. We looked at what materials float and what materials sink. We had a fun afternoon writing down our predictions and then testing the material to see if our predictions were right. In maths we have been learning to subtract crossing 10, we have used our manipulatives in class to help us with our learning.



From Year 2

Year 2 have greatly enjoyed listening to the story of George's Marvellous Medicine in English and we will be writing a set of instructions based around the story. We have moved onto division this week and the children have been brilliant at using counters to share and group. We have begun to learn more about life in Kenya in geography and in science, we have learned about animals and their offspring.

Sporting Achievements

A massive well done to our teams who took part in the hockey tournament this week. Team A came first and received gold medals, and Team B came 5th out of 8 teams, you did us proud!

