



Week Ending:
Friday 24th March 2023



Dear Parents,

Happy Friday everyone! Following on from the great news we shared with you last week about receiving our GOLD Pathway to Podium mark, there's been plenty more to celebrate this week in terms of our fantastic PE offer in school! Year 5 children have just finished their fortnight of daily swimming lessons and their teachers have shared the wonderful news that everyone in Year 5 can now swim and keep themselves safe in water! All of the children will have their achievements celebrated in assembly and we will be sending home information about how to order new badges shortly. A huge congratulations to everyone in Year 5.

What an achievement! Swimming is such an important skill to learn and we are passionate about supporting all of the children in school to be able to swim at least 25m by the end of Year 6 so that they are confident in and around water and we are sure that everyone will achieve this after such a positive experience in Year 5.

More exciting news on the sporting front. On Monday, we welcomed a football team from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School to school to compete with our Year 5 and 6 football team in a league match. Nothing separated the teams throughout the first half but after one of Mr Brooks' famous motivational talks and some fantastic and energetic support from parents, the second half was amazing and our footballers secured a very well deserved 2-1 victory! Well done, everyone! A great example of succeeding together!

Next week is the last week of term before we break up for the Easter holiday. If you are a parent in Year 2, please remember to come along to the No Outsider open lessons which are being led by Mr Moffat on Monday. The feedback we have received from others has been fantastic!

And finally, a reminder that the clocks change this weekend. I don't know about you but I'm already looking forward to the lighter evenings and summer being just around the corner.

Have a great weekend, everyone!
Miss Arrowsmith

Diary Dates March 2023

Monday 27th

Year 2 - No Outsiders Open Lessons

Afterschool Clubs:
Year 5 & 6 - Cricket

Tuesday 28th

Year 1 Outdoor Learning Kit Needed

Year 2 & 3 PE Kit Needed

Afterschool Clubs:
Year 1 & 2 - Team Building Games

Wednesday 29th

Year 1 African Dance Workshop

Year 4 Outdoor Learning Kit Needed

Reception PE Kit Needed

Easter Lunch

4pm -Football Match GM v Welsh House Farm

Thursday 30th

Years 4 & 1 PE Kit Needed

Afterschool Clubs:
Reception - Gymnastics

Friday 31st

Non Uniform Day

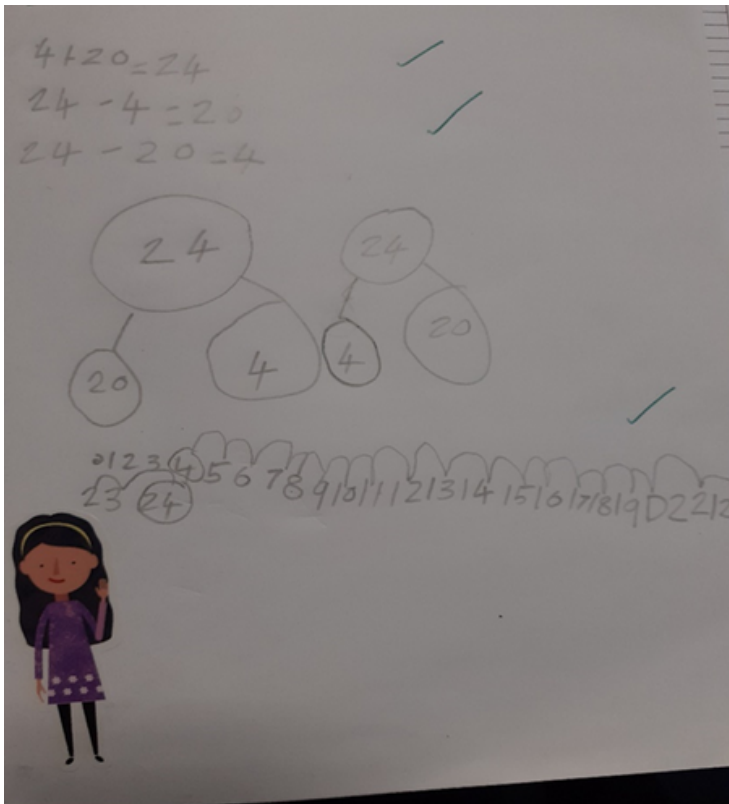
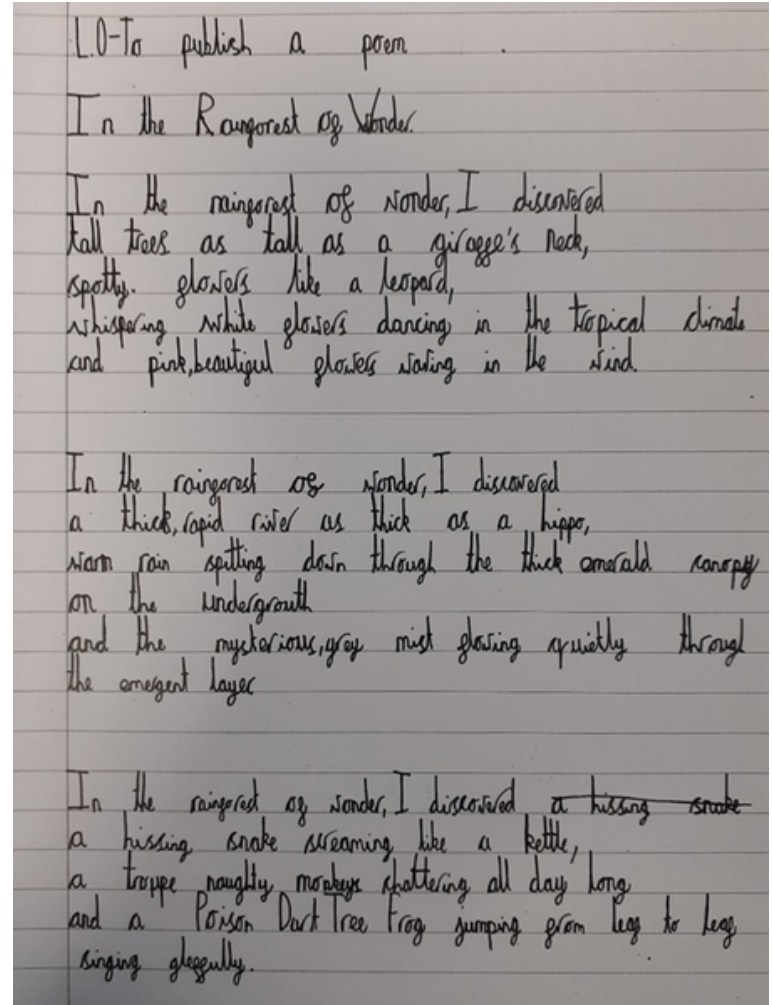
Year 5 & 6 PE Kit Needed

Afterschool Clubs:
Year 3 & 4 - Basketball

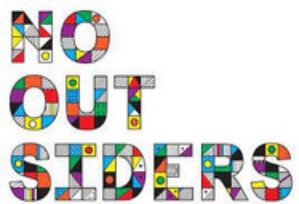




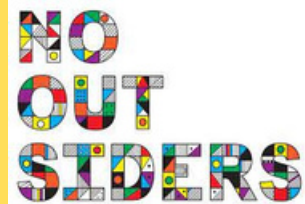
Another example of writing – aspiring from the start. A beautiful, descriptive poem written by a pupil in Year 3 about the Amazon Rainforest. Can you spot the excellent features included such as expanded noun phrases, personification and similes?



We wanted to celebrate Year 1 journals. Here a pupil has represented a fact family for 24, using whole part models and a number line. They have demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction.



NO OUTSIDERS OPEN LESSONS



Throughout the Spring Term, we are very excited to invite parents to No Outsiders open lessons so that you can work with your child as they learn about diversity, difference and British Values in school.

The lessons will be taught by Mr Moffat and your child's class teacher and will involve a story, lots of discussion with your child followed by an art activity. They will take place in the hall and last for about half an hour. The No Outsiders open lessons are always enjoyable and we love to have parents come along to take part.

Year 2 open lesson - Monday 27th March

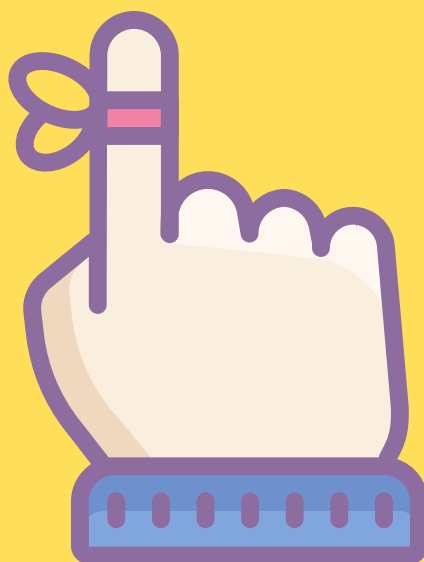
9.00am - Giraffes

2.45pm - Gazelles

Year 5 and Year 6 open lessons TBC.

Please look out for individual class invites over the coming weeks.

Thanks for your support.



YEAR 1

AFRICAN DANCE WORKSHOP

Year 1 will be taking part in an African Dance Workshop on Wednesday 29th March and will need to come into school in their PE kits please.





Exciting news...Following feedback from the children and the school council, we have increased the number of days for OPAL lunchtimes this week to four and from next week, every day will be an OPAL lunchtime! How exciting! OPAL has certainly proved to be incredibly popular and has had such a positive impact on all of our children!

A huge thank you to Ethan in Year 3 for kindly donating a mountain of Duplo to school to be used at lunchtimes! That was such a generous thing to do and we know that everyone will love playing with it!

As you will know, the children are keen to add a climbing dome to the equipment we already have and school council have been thinking of different fundraising ideas which they have discussed with me so will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of term, next Friday, to help them raise funds for the climbing dome. All children are therefore invited to wear non-uniform next Friday in return for a donation. Our aim is to raise just over £300! We will keep you updated in next week's newsletter!

YEAR 1 PHONICS MEETING



A date for your diary...On Wednesday, 19th April, parents are invited to come to school for a phonics workshop. It promises to be great fun! Look out for your special invites next week.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS

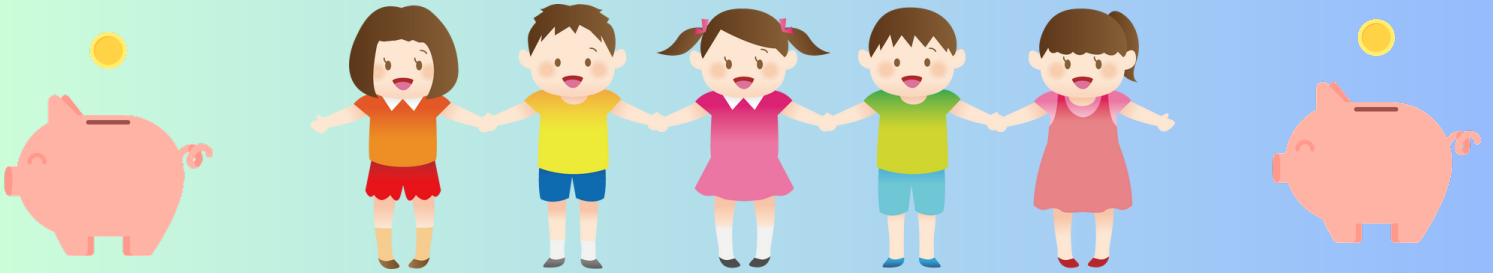
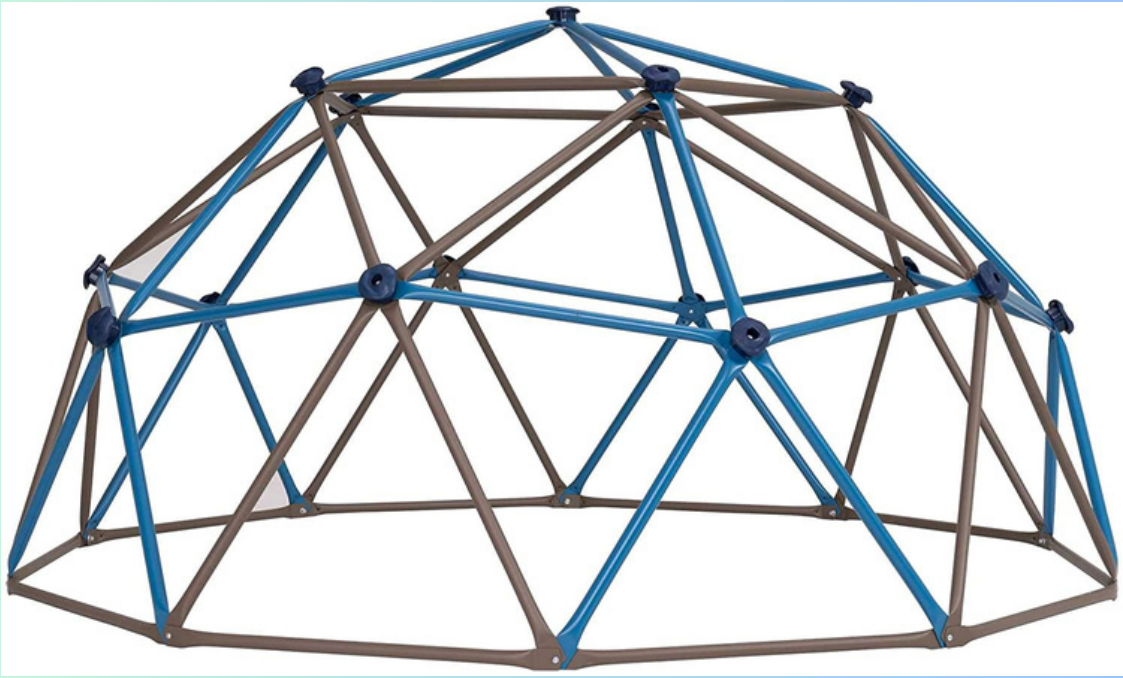
As we fast approach the Summer Term, I thought it would be a perfect time to remind parents of the dates and year groups that take part in the national assessments this summer.

Year Group	Assessment	Date
Reception	Foundation Stage Profile	End of June
Year 1	Phonics Screening	wb 12 th June 2023
Year 2	KS1 assessment period	Throughout May
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	From 5 th June 2023
Year 6	SATs	9 th - 12 th May 2023
	Writing assessment period	By the end of June

If you have any questions about any of the national assessments, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself

Non Uniform Day

School Council have organised a non-uniform day on **Friday, 31st March** to raise money for a climbing dome. If you would like to take part, please wear non-uniform in return for a donation!



We are proud to share that the total amount we raised for Comic Relief last week was a fabulous £250! Well done everyone.

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EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

1 ticket = 20p

Pupils can purchase raffle tickets in class on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** next week. Names will be written on each ticket purchased and placed in the prize draw.

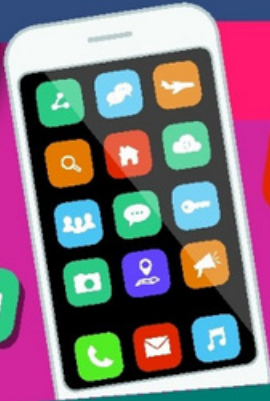
Prize Draw to take place in the celebration assembly on **Wednesday 29th March 2023**

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

2

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.



BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.







Menu Kids



Please see change of Menu on Wednesday when we will have a special Easter Menu.

WEEK COMMENCING 27TH MARCH 2023

CITY KITCHEN YOUR MENU Week ONE 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetable Bolognese Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Pie Vegetable Pie Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Turkey Roast & Pigs in Blankets Or Gammon Fish or Quorn Roast Roast or Mashed Potatoes	Pork Sausage Vegan Bites Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Pasta Or Diced Potatoes	Creamed Potatoes	Assorted Sandwiches	Creamed Potatoes	Chips
Carrots	Sweetcorn	Selection of Vegetables	Peas Or Beans	Baked Beans
Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available with Bread Baked Fresh Daily				
Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts Available Daily				
Jam Donoughts	Chocolate Cracknell		Flapjack	Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse
For Any Allergen/Dietary Requirements Please Speak To The Catering Supervisor				

School meals are £2.35 per day, payable via Arbor, for years 3, 4, 5 & 6, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please note that for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ALL children are entitled to universal free school meals.