

# Friday Flyer

17th March 2023

## Head of School Update

Thank you to all of the parents who have taken the time to attend parents' evenings this week. It was good to see so many parents in school and I hope that you found them to be informative conversations about your child's progress.

Unfortunately this week Mrs Johnson has had a fall on site and has broken her arm. I know that you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. She has asked that I share this letter to the children that she has written with her good hand! Please take the time to read it to them again over the weekend.

Best wishes

L Blain

Dear children

I wanted to write you a letter as you've not seen me in school for the last couple of days and I wanted to explain why.

Unfortunately I had a little fall and I landed on my arm and broke it! I'm absolutely fine as the amazing doctors and nurses have fixed it and put it back together again but I'm not allowed to drive yet and they've told me that I need to take a little bit of time off school to recover. Now, that's going to be very tricky for me as you know I love school and I am going to miss you all very much but the doctors know what they're doing and I have to listen to them. Your teachers will all keep me updated on how you all are and I will look forward to seeing you when I get back.

There IS a positive to this situation though - you all know how much I LOVE reading and this is going to give me some extra time to do just that! I'm going to read lots of books and then when I'm allowed back to school I'm going to read whatever my new favourite is to you in assembly and I can't wait for that!

Hopefully I will see you soon. Keep working hard.

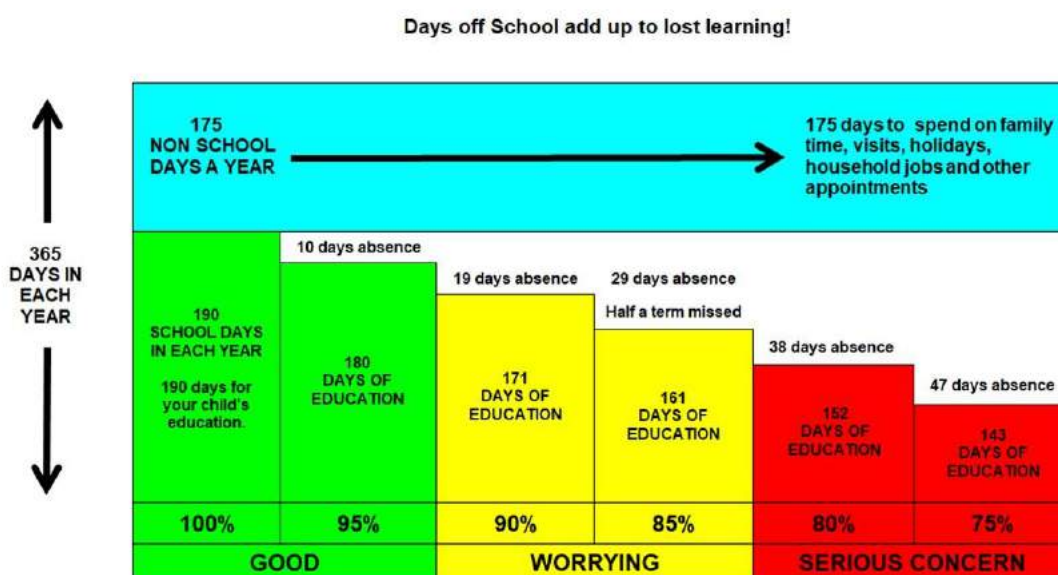
Best wishes

Mrs Johnson

## Class by Class Attendance

Class	Attendance
Reception	96.59
Y1/2	93.38
Y3/4	94.50
Y5/6	97.73

Please refer to the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.



### Upcoming events:

Week beginning 27 March	Made In The North East Week Each class will study an aspect of local history/geography including a visit.
Monday 27 March	Belsay Shakespeare Cast's performance of The Tempest at Northern Stage

Friday 31 March	End of term
Monday 17 April	Summer term begins
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
Tuesday 9 May - Friday 12 May	Y6 Sats
Friday 26 May	End of summer 1
Monday 5 June	Summer 2 begins
Week beginning 12 June	Year 1 phonics screening
Week beginning 16 June	Y6 France trip
All dates may be subject to change.	



## Time to get your bake on for our new White's Bakery competition!

We're looking for students of all ages to bring their wild and wacky ideas to life and create us a brand new biscuit to add to our range.

### YOUR BISCUIT CREATION MUST BE:

- ✓ Based upon a cookie, flapjack, shortbread or gingerbread
- ✓ Nut free
- ✓ Low sugar, low fat, and low salt
- ✓ Free from chocolate or sweets

Send your entry with a recipe, a drawing and your name and schools name. And please give your biscuit a name too!

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THE WINNER'S PRIZES INCLUDE:

The winners biscuit added to the White's range for 12 months

A trip to the LACA Show and a special award

Goodie bag

An experience day

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## The week in Reception

This week in Reception, we have been preparing for a very special day on Sunday. We are all looking forward to Mother's day and sharing how special our Mums, Grandma's, Nana's and Aunties are to us. We have all worked very hard to make our cards, photo frames and even some flowers. We hope you enjoy your day and get to have a hard earned rest!



**MOTHER'S DAY**  
19TH MARCH



Miss Houghton

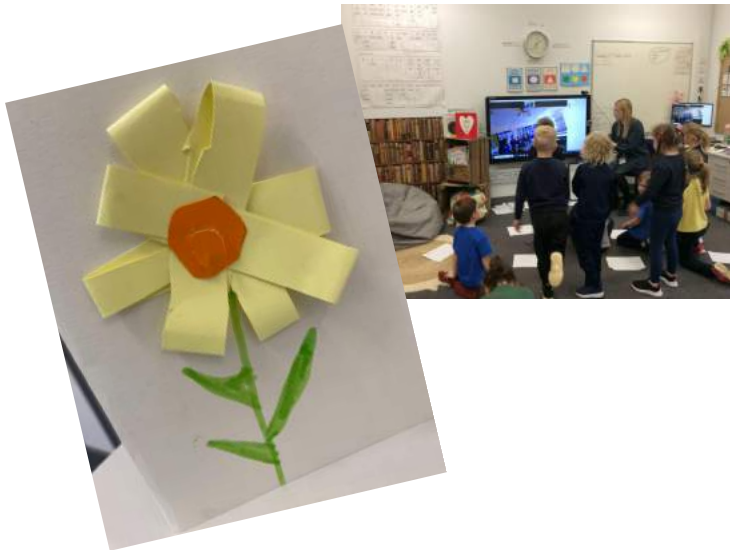
## The week in Key Stage 1

This week year 1 and 2 met their penpals from St. Lawrence's School via Zoom for the first time. We introduced ourselves to our new friends using Sign Supported English and shared our likes and dislikes. After we played a game of *Stand up, Sit down*. It was lots of fun and lovely to see the children we are doing the Linking Project with.

Year 1 and 2 innovated the story of *Stella and the Seagull* in English. We all worked hard to use the message of the text to create a new story plot about a small person making a big difference in their community! We studied speech, alliteration and similes and discussed how these features enhance story writing.

In Science we learnt how animals are adapted to their habitats and researched animals around the world to find out how their special features make them suited to their environment. We gathered lots of facts and recorded them in the class Big Book.

As part of our Art work we crafted beautiful 3D cards to wish our Mums, Grandmas and Aunties a very *Happy Mother's Day* and celebrate how special they are.



Miss Dixon

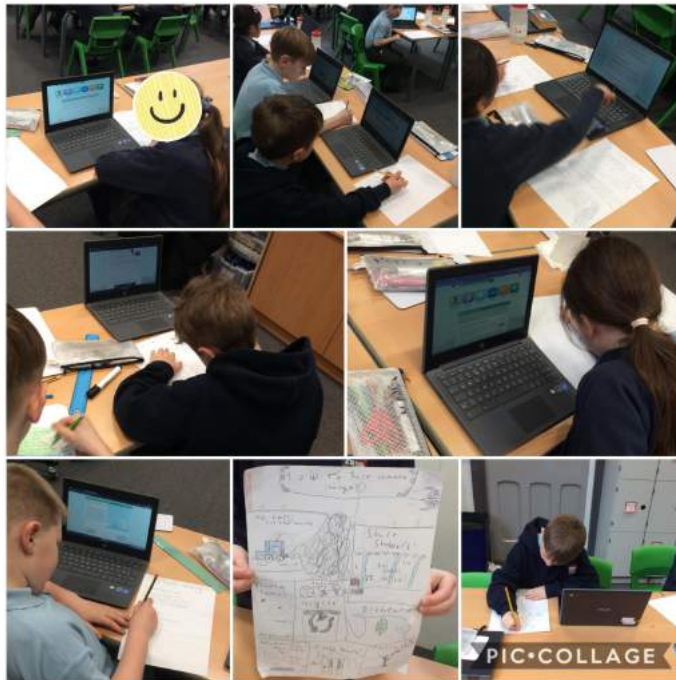
## The week in Year 3 and 4

This week in Year 3 and 4 we have been focusing on sustainability and renewable energy during English and we have been creating our own leaflets about the different energy sources and the different benefits they each have. We challenged ourselves to use exciting fronted adverbials as well as ensuring we were using the different features of a leaflet.

Following on from this, in Geography we have been learning about climate change and sustainability. We were focusing on how climate change may happen naturally but as humans we can also affect this and this allowed us to use our research skills to create posters and leaflets advising other children to help prevent climate change and give them some ideas as to how they can achieve this. This allowed us to follow on to thinking how we can live more sustainable and we realised we were all already doing so much to help our planet and what a positive impact this has on ourselves, nature and our animals.

As part of our Young Leaders award, we have been focusing on kindness and how a small act of kindness can have such a huge impact and we were able to reflect on times when we have shown and received kindness.

Another brilliant week Year 3 and 4, keep up the amazing work.



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## The week in Year 5 and 6

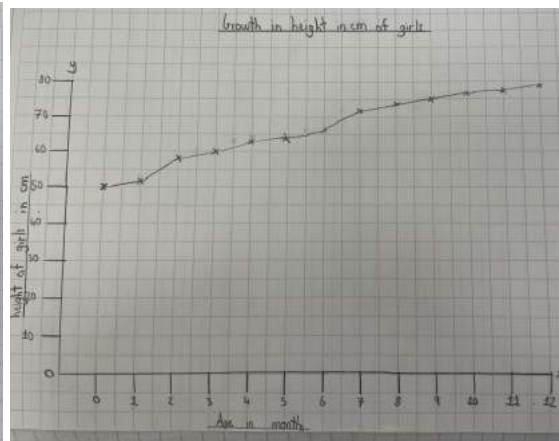
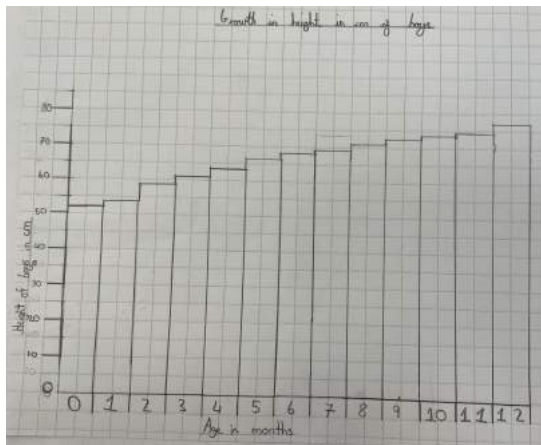
This week our parents and carers have been in school discussing their child's progress and hearing all about how wonderful we are. It was lovely to see so many of them and it's always great to celebrate the amazing things we do in our class. You should all be very proud, I know your parents and teachers are.

In our forest school session this week, we were tasked with a whole-class challenge and we created a shelter that everyone in the class would be able to fit inside of. There were a few challenges ahead of us but we worked together as a team and succeeded just before the rain started. If we are ever out in the countryside with a tarpaulin and some rope, we all know how to keep ourselves warm and dry. We also demonstrated some great knot skills too.



In our Maths lessons this week, we have been learning all about percentages, fractions and decimals and the links between all three. Some superb work has been happening and the children are becoming more and more confident. We have had many pupils coming up to the front of the classroom, sharing their learning with their peers and talking through their strategies.

We have been showcasing our graph skills in our science lessons too. We were comparing the height of babies as they grow and analysed the data in detail, discussing our findings.



Mr Harvey and Miss Thomas

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## recipes



In celebration of Refugee Week 2023, we are proud to launch our multilingual, community e-cookbook.

### Get involved!

In a Word document or an email, send us your favourite international **recipe in any language** by **Friday, 19th May 2023**. Make sure there's an **English translation** too! Finally, top it off with some **pictures**.

### What next?

Your recipe will join many others to create a multilingual e-cookbook. This will be shared [online](#).

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