

Newsletter 10 26/01/2024

Dear Families,

We have some lovely young people volunteering with us from Blenheim High School. They are supporting children with games in the playgrounds. It is lovely for us to make links with our local schools and continue to build our relationship to support each other as we are all serving the same community.

We are delighted to have welcomed Zsuzsanna Katona to our team as the new School Business Manager. She is getting to grips with this huge role and has lots of fantastic ideas to develop our school further.

Year 6 had a visit from a teacher at Blenheim High School last week. They carried out some scientific learning about the heart which helped really bring their new science unit of learning to life.

I just wanted to mention our brilliant Head Girl and Boy and our House Captains. They give up lots of their time to count house tokens and each week support in our Friday Shine assembly to announce the running totals of the House Points.

We have had lots of visitors over last few weeks and each time, people have commented on how polite and engaged the children are. Well done to all our children who always demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning and seek to shine in all aspects of school life.

Mrs Smith and I have dropped into music lessons across the whole school this week. It is really impressive to see how quickly the children have developed their music knowledge and vocabulary. I was particularly impressed when I saw year 2 children singing a call and response song from Ghana and year 5 children mixing their own music!

Mrs Greenacre and Mrs Kirk have been working really hard with the teachers on developing our new knowledge organisers for each of the science units of learning that children will study across the year. We are getting closer to being able to share these with you.

I visited year 3 this week and saw some excellent writing in role as the main character in their new core text Leaf. It is a beautiful picture book. The children really impressed me with their knowledge of the story and being able to empathise with the main character. Have a look at the book [here](#).



I hope that you have seen the invitation circulated to the 'Navigating the Digital Landscape' led by Sue Atkins. Mrs Smith and I saw her speak at a recent E-Safety conference we attended and found her to have lots of top tips and advice to share. The children will also be carrying out lots of e-safety awareness activities on the upcoming Internet Safety Day. In the meantime there are lots of excellent resources for you to access for free here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Have a lovely weekend.

Lauren Clogg
Head Teacher

Dates to look out for:

Tue 06.02.24	Safer Internet Day
Fri 09.02.24 8:30am	Pancake Race (house event)
Mon 19.02.24	INSET day (school closed to children)
Wed 28.02.24	Y2 visit to Watts Gallery
Fri 01.03.24 9:15am	Y5 Assembly
Thur 07.03.24	World Book Day
Mon 11.03.24 & Tue 12.03.24 P.M	Reception Parent Consultations
Fri 22.03.23 P.M	Easter Disco (arranged by the Friends)
Mon 25.03.24	Reports out to Y1-Y6 parents
Wed 27.03.24 After school – 5pm	Open Classroom and Report Response
Thur 28 th Mar 1:30pm	Break up for Easter (school closes at 1:30pm)

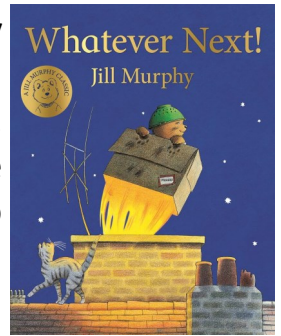
Named vs Unnamed Lost Property.....

The piles in the picture on the left have been taken down to the appropriate classrooms, but please come and have a look through the box by the office and take what you can before it gets put out next week.



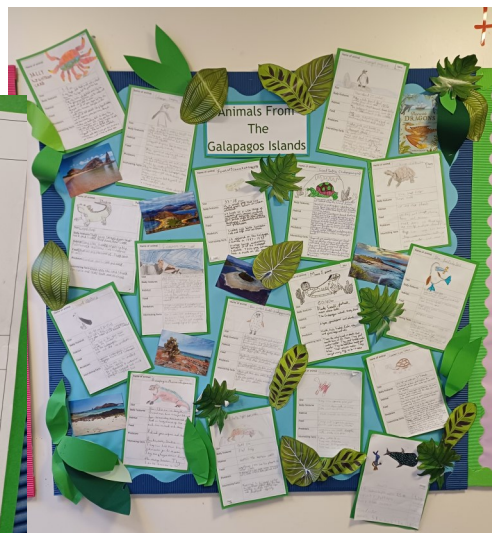
Rashford and Kinsella go to the moon!

Last week, Reception went on an exciting trip to the moon, just like Baby Bear from the story "Whatever Next!" We zoomed up, up and away in our cardboard box rockets, wore a space helmet and some space boots. We acted out the story and even had a picnic on the moon, before landing back on earth with a ..BUMP! We had such fun and can't wait to visit again!



Y4's core text this term is Darwin's Dragons, by Lindsay Galvin, and we showcased some of the children's wonderful writing and pictures in the last newsletter. This is the finished display board—we love the colourful dragon! The children also created some amazing factfiles about the animals living on the Galapagos Islands—did you know these facts about the Blue-Footed Booby and the Giant Tortoise?

Name of animal	Blue-footed Booby Bird
Size	
Body features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bright blue webbed feet • Dark neck and short bill • Round feathers on wings and white body
Habitat	Is a sea bird, confined to marine habitats, 1 km. Near the coast.
Food	Black fish, sardines, anchovies, sardines, and other fish.
Predators	Galapagos hawk
Interesting facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They are blue like the water they live in. 2. The females are bigger. 3. The male sings to get the female. 4. They are very noisy and make a lot of noise. 5. They are very noisy and make a lot of noise. 6. They are very noisy and make a lot of noise.



Name of animal	Giant Tortoise (Galapagos zone)
Size	Males grow up to 65cm and females are about half the size of males.
Body features	Their shell is part of their skeleton. They have thick legs and small air chambers inside their shells that help hold up their massive bodies.
Habitat	There are two main types: domed tortoises which live in the cooler regions of the archipelago and saddle-backed tortoises which live in dry coastal environments.
Food	Galapagos tortoises had an uncomplicated life, grazing on grass, leaves and cactus. They can survive up to a year without eating or drinking.
Predators	The only native natural predator of the Galapagos tortoise is the Galapagos hawk.
Interesting facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They rest for nearly 16 hours per day! They can easily carry a full grown man and live for over 100 years! They can't just jump out of their shells, which is why they wait. They travel at about 0.16 km per hour. The name 'Galapagos' means 'tortoise' in Spanish!



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News from the Friends

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back!

We hope you all had a good Christmas break! We did and are now working hard behind the scenes towards our next events.

Here are some dates for your diary:

9 February **Donut Sale** from 3:05 pm in the Infants playground gazebo

7 March **World Book Day Book Swap**

(Look out for more details in the ClassWhatsapps over the coming weeks but please start sorting out your books in the meantime, especially locating books suitable for the Junior Years. Thank you!)

22 March **Easter Disco**

(Tickets will be on sale from 26th February via PTA Events. More details to follow closer to the time.)

Do you have a big spend coming up? Are you booking a holiday soon?? Then please consider Easy Fundraising to make money for our school. Just by spending what you would normally spend online, Easy Fundraising will donate a small percentage to the charity or institution of your choice.

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Christmas jumper collection

Massive THANK YOU for all of your donated Christmas jumpers and other items. We'll hold on to these for next Christmas, where you'll be able to grab a bargain in plenty of time for the celebrations!

Art in Year 6

This term the children in Hamilton and Anderson classes are looking at the work of artist Thekis Blacker, a local artist who used batik techniques to create richly coloured and energetic works of art. In their art lessons

the children are starting to explore the world of resist and are practicing some techniques, as you can see in these pictures.

We are looking forward to seeing the art they produce as their final piece!



SHINE

Well done to the children who received a SHINE certificate:

Kinsella	Joao and Phoenix	Rashford	Aron and Blake
Tuilagi	Alicia and Lottie	Joshua	Charlene and Orlando
Federer	Harry and Rahul	Simmonds	Alex and James
Daley	Grace and Thomas	Wilmot	Emilie and Finley
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 (10am–11am quiet hour for those with sensory sensitivities)
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Thursday 15 February

Amplify are hosting a free wellbeing festival on Thursday 15th February from 10am-4pm at Rosebery School in Epsom.

Amplify is the Shadow Leadership Board for Mindworks Surrey (Surrey's Children, Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service). This means that they are expected to attend meetings and be involved in decision making at the highest levels of Mindworks. Their main purpose is to diversify the voices in these meetings to make sure that the voices of children and young people are included in key decision making.

The family friendly event will see performances, treasure hunts, arts, and crafts as well as stalls run by the Mindworks Team. The event is a fantastic way to have your say in mental health services and how they are run but also find out more about the resources available to young people in the area. Amplify want to hear from you as to what you might find useful at the event, so please fill out [this survey](#) if you have any ideas that might be useful.

For those with sensory sensitivities there is a quiet hour planned from 10am-11am. This does not need to be booked simply speak to a member of the team on arrival who will direct you to the appropriate area.

If you would like to attend the event there is no pre-registration so simply turn up on the day. If you would like any further information on the event, please email: amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard Additional Book Material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

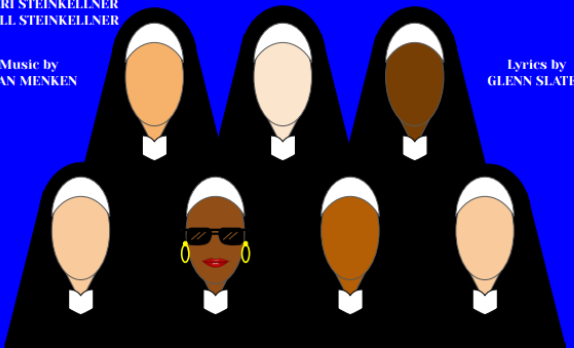
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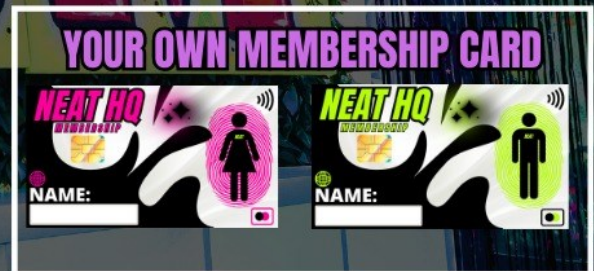
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