

26th May 2023

We've come to the end of yet another wonderful half term. Our team have worked incredibly hard this half term to make the children's learning come alive from theatre companies sharing knowledge of the Great Fire of London in Year 1, Marvellous Minibeasts in the Early Years and a Careers Day like no other; our staff really have gone above and beyond for the children. Whilst we all pause and enjoy a well-earned half term holiday we wanted to share some of the fun we have been having this term.

We are looking to change our Newsletter's slightly and wondered which bits are the most useful / needed and whether there is anything else you would like to see. We will send a short form around on ParentMail—if you could let us know your thoughts we'd be very grateful.

We are in need of parent volunteers to help us walk to the library for either of the Reception or Year 1 visits—if you can help us please speak with the class teachers when we return to school. Have a wonderful, restful half term break. We will see you on 5th June.

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have completed their special SATs quizzes and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

To finish off a great half term the Year 2 children celebrated with a Careers Day. They were asked to come to school dressed as the job they wanted to be when they grew up. We saw police, fire, nurses and doctors, musicians, pop stars and dancers, pilots, teachers and business men. As part of their special day the children gained experience of other jobs they could do, they had to complete a CV and interview each other.

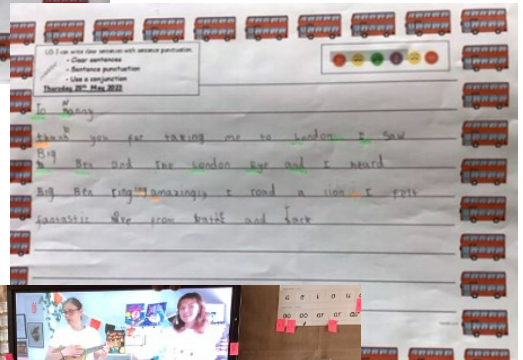
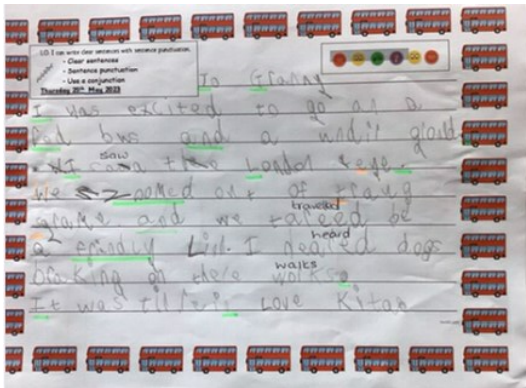
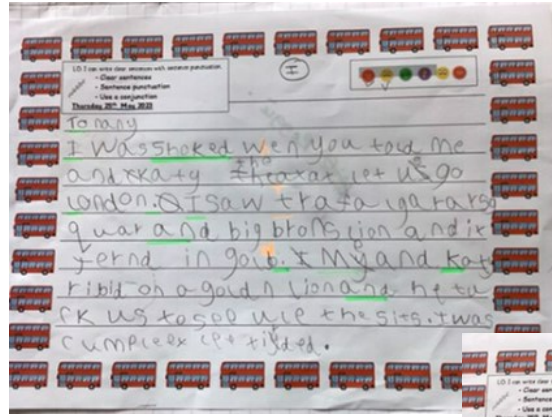
They were also visited by a number of different careers from a truck driver, music producer, sports coach, TAs and doctors. A huge thank you to our wonderful Year 2 staff for planning such a great day.



Year 1

The children in Year 1 have loved learning all about the Great Fire of London. They have been visited by experts at the Freshwater Theatre Company, learnt new songs about the Great Fire, created some pieces of art and written stories about visiting London. They have shown great perseverance with their learning this term so far. In Maths they have moved their learning on to exploring position, directions and movements. Children were busy using their Numicon shapes to explore half and quarter turns. They have also loved listening to Caryl Hart and Bethan Woolvin exploring the

different types of weather based on Caryl's new book.



Reception

The progress of our youngest learners has been amazing this year so far. The classrooms and learning spaces are now transformed ready for our new topic—Holidays! We can't wait to welcome the children back in to school to enjoy these new spaces.



Parking / Driving

Please can we remind all parents that we ask that Hurst Road isn't driven down or parked on at the beginning and end of the school day. We also ask that you be considerate to our neighbours at these busy times of the day. If you need to drive to/from school we have an agreement with the Collycroft Club to use their car park at school drop off and collection times.

Dates for your Diary

May

29th May—2nd June Half Term

June

5th June—Children Back to School

6th June—Year 1 Space Dome Visit

8th June—Pre-Pedal Sessions for Reception begin this week

12th June—Year 1&2 Phonics Screening Week Begins

14th June—Library Visit - Heron Class

21st June—Library Visit—Moorhen Class

28th June—Reception visiting library

29th June—Year 2 Sports Event

July

3rd July—Health and Wellbeing Week

5th July—Transition Day (Info to follow)

7th July—Sports Day

14th July—GB Gymnast will visit school

17th July—End of Year Reports will come home

21st July—Last Day of the Year

24th & 25th July—INSET DAYS

PE Days

Reception—Tuesday and **Thursday**

This has changed for the Summer 2nd Half Term for Reception

Year 1—Wednesday and Friday

Year 2—Monday and Thursday

Children must wear PE Kit to school on these days. Can we please ask that the children wear their school jumpers or cardigans on PE Days.



Phonics Screening—Year 1 and 2

During the week beginning 12th June our Year 1 children and some of our Year 2 learners will be taking their Phonics Screening Checks in school. Please can you help by practicing reading—using 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Say the Word'.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/soundSayer/>

Please also practice the sounds using the Virtual Classroom links sent weekly.

Supporting Mental Health in School

As a school we are working with the mental health in Schools Team. As part of this work we would like your views alongside those of the children and staff in school. The link below will take you to the digital page.

<https://forms.gle/8zw8KH4hEEpArXCs7>

Attendance

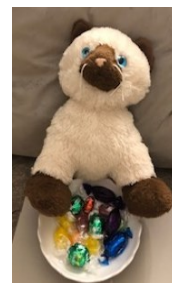
We are working hard to ensure the children have the best possible experiences within school so that the children are able to reach their full potential.

Each week the classes can be awarded **SAM** (School Attendance Matters) or **OTIS** (On Time In School).

We can fully understand the pressures for families and the desire to take time off for holidays, we ask that families work with us to improve the attendance of children in our school. If your child is not going to be in school please call the school office to let us know on 02476 312221. If you need to request a Leave of Absence please collect a form from the school office.

The attendance for this week in school is 86.9%.

We are aiming for a target of 96%.

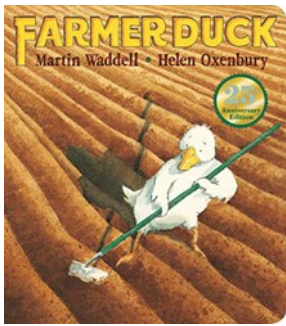


SAM goes
to **Swan**
Class



OTIS goes
to **Heron**
Class

Book recommendation from Mrs Sewell



Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell

I absolutely love this wonderfully illustrated and funny book from Martin Waddell which tells the tale of the hardworking duck and how he does everything from feeding the cows to shooing the hens safely into their coop at night without a rest. The lazy farmer stays in bed eating chocolates and constantly asks the duck "How goes the

work?". Duck's friends, the cows, sheep and hens, who love duck very much, have a meeting to find a solution to poor duck's plight and rid themselves of the lazy farmer.

This story is great to show children how working together and helping out friends is the right thing to do and ultimately reaps rewards whereas being lazy like the farmer won't get you very far! A truly lovely story about how teamwork saves the day!

Heron class have been working hard with their Art skills this week, showing great determination and taking great pride in their work.



Year 1 were also visited by not one but two of our favourite children's authors Caryl Hart and Bethan Woolvin who shared their new book with the children and some art lessons. Great work everyone.



In Moorhen class the children have continued with their Maths learning about sharing and equal groups. The children had to count, share, check and explain how they found the answer.

They showed great perseverance



Educaterers Lunch Menu Week 1

Corweny and Wronobachwy: 130, 244, 105, 016, 205 and 177
Llanaboch: 130, 244, 105, 001, 208
Orrdreville: 130, 244, 105, 005, 208 and 177

Monday



Pork Sausages G, SU.



(v) Veggie Korma Curry with Wholegrain or White Rice D.



(v) Cheddar Beans D.



(v) Cheddar Cheese G, D.

Shed Potatoes Every Day

Week 1 Dessert Menu

Every day we offer:
(v) Yoghurt, (D) or
Fresh fruit as alternative dessert options

Monday

(v) Swirly Chocolate Mousse D.

(vg) Homemade Fruity Rappack G.

Tuesday

(v) Homemade Crispy Cornflakes Cookies G.E.

Wednesday

(v) Homemade Chocolate and Orange Brownie G.E.

Thursday

(vg) Homemade Strawberry Slices G.

Friday

(v) Ice Cream Tub D.

(v) Cheddar Cheese, Crackers and Apple Wedges G.D.

Wednesday



Pasta with Peas & Bacon D, G.



(v) Veggie Breakfast Partie in a Bun G, D.E.



(v) Cheese D.



British Roast Chicken G.

Thursday



British Roast Chicken, Stuffing G.



(vg) Quorn Roast G. Optional Stuffing G.



Tuna Mayonnaise F.E.



Tuna Mayonnaise F.E.G.

Friday



Pasta Bolognese G, Cheese D. (v) Homemade Vegetable Burrito Bake D.G.



Crispy Salmon Fishcake F.G. (v) Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza D.G.



(v) Cheddar Cheese D.G.

Key

vg = vegan
V = vegetarian
D = Dairy
N = Coconut/Nuts
S = Soya
E = Egg
G = Gluten/Wheat
F = Fish
M = Mustard
SO = Soya
SU = Sulphites

Accompaniments may vary to those shown.

PLEASE NOTE some schools serve the cold option in a deli bag with vegetable sticks or salad, a dessert and a drink.

All our meals include a carbohydrate accompaniment, seasonal vegetables and/or salad. We offer a choice of fruit (juice cordal, semi skimmed milk or water to drink. Some schools offer a Hydration Station instead, comprising of unflavoured chilled water flavoured with fresh fruit.