



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last weekend saw the BAFTA awards which reminded me of Sir Ridley Scott's speech from 2018: *'It's extraordinary what an enthusiastic teacher can do, drawing the student out, igniting independence, encouraging the design of your own future. Teaching is the most important of all professions.'*

As part of the staff training on Monday, staff were reminded of the importance of their role in caring for children with a range of needs from social and emotional to learning difficulties to those who learn in different ways. Like children, adults learn in many ways too and understanding these ways is enabling us to form a strong teaching and learning policy to be used with the children for example dual coding (where you have a word with a picture on a sign for example a toilet sign which shows a picture of man as well as having the word man written there). Staff have undertaken a lot of training on how to ensure knowledge sticks with children so that they can draw upon this and move forward with their learning.

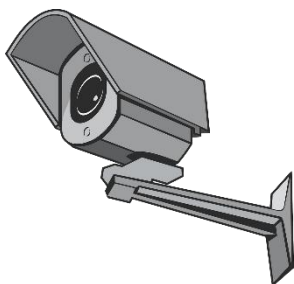
This week, a young man described the impact of an activity has had on improving his learning, another proudly showed me his handwriting and how it had improved by some simple modelling and practise. Athena class were given a copy of 'Quest' by Aaron Becker which followed on from their unit on his book 'Journey' and were beyond excited to read it, crowding round and eager to see the wonderful pictures. These examples are the ones staff want to bottle and hold on to forever as they remind us all what an extraordinary impact we can have on the young people you entrust into our care each day.

As we enter the week of reading and world book day, reflect with your children on those moments you had, the book that made you want to read more and how amazing it is to learn and to want to learn.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

PS: My inspiration came from Mrs Livesey, my French teacher who never gave up but unfortunately could never manage to make the French vocabulary stick with me even after 5 years of trying! As for the book, 'The Sealion and the slick' by Don Freeman inspire a need to care for the sea.



CCTV CAMERAS

Over the half term, we had 10 external cameras installed. This has enabled us to fulfil our safeguarding duty of being able to monitor the gates, as well as visitors on site, to ensure the safety of children and staff. These cameras will be recording 24hours a day and only cover the school site and not the surround roads/houses.



WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

To celebrate World Book Day, we would love for your child/ children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

We would also like to invite parents/ grandparents into school at 2:45pm on this day to join the children for a ‘book and a bickie.’

Gates will open at 2.35pm. Please enter through the main office, where there will be sign in sheets for each class. Due to the number of adults expected to attend, we would be grateful for you not to bring any younger siblings along with you. (A separate ParentMail will follow.)

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

To enter, your task is to recreate the front-cover of a book of your choice.

There will be **one winner per class** who will receive a prize in our World Book Day launch assembly on Thursday 2nd March.

All entries must be in school **by registration on Tuesday 28th February** in order to be judged.



BIG SING TICKETS GIVAWAY

Win 2 free tickets to NMPAT and InMATs School of Rock Big Sing!

To enter:

- Follow InMAT on social media
- Follow NMPAT on social media
- Share any of our Big Sing posts and remember to tag us!

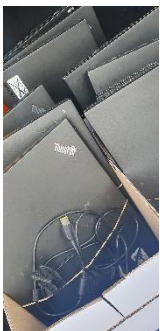
Winners will be announced on Monday 27th February



RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

Children are invited to ‘wear something red’ to school for a voluntary donation.

All donations will go to the Comic Relief appeal.



SHARING IS CARING!

Being part of an academy trust has its benefits from sharing expertise to equipment. This week, The Abbey Primary School donated some laptops that they had received from the DFE during the pandemic. These laptops will go into our circulation and support us in our bid to increase the amount and use of technology to support learning as part of and beyond the computing curriculum.

World Thinking Day 2023: Our World, Our Peaceful Future

We were really pleased to be able to celebrate World Thinking Day with our members of the Guiding and Scouting community.

Every year on 22 February, we celebrate World Thinking Day. World Thinking Day is a chance for us to connect with 10 million Girl Guides and Scouts across the globe. And to shout about the amazing things we do.

The theme for 2023 is Our World, Our Peaceful Future. On International Day of the Girl 2020, WAGGGS asked Girl Guides and Girl Scouts under 18 from 100 countries what issues they were most concerned about and found out that their number one worry is the environment.



The children spend lots of time learning and helping the environment as part of their different groups.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

New Age Curling

Last term, 4 children represented HMPS at the New Age Curling event in Kettering. Our team came 3rd and will compete on Thursday 2nd March in the county championships.

Rugby

Last year, we were chosen to represent Kettering in the county rugby championships after winning the area tournament. Unfortunately, this event was cancelled and not rescheduled. Due to this, we along with other teams from around the county, were invited to participate in this year's tournament. Although we didn't win, our children showed resilience and excellent sporting prowess. Well done to all.

Cricket

On Feb 10th, 20 Year 6 children took part in a cricket festival at the KLV. This followed their 6 week sessions with Northampton Cricket Coaches. The children had a great day and were able to utilise their skills in a range of matches.

CAN YOU HELP?



To support the development of the next phase of our garden project, PACT and staff are preparing to purchase some seating to create an outside seating area.

To prepare the area we need to dig the grass out and are wondering if any of our parents have a mini-digger or similar to make this task simpler and quicker.

If you are able to help, please contact the school office and leave a message for Mrs Mehta.

PACT – EVENTS AND NEWS



AMAZON SMILE <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>



Please register your amazon account through the smile link above and search for **Hall Meadow's Parent and Children Together (PACT)**. Once you have added Hall Meadow to your account, every time you shop through your regular app PACT receive a small donation. So far this is at over £100.

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA – FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2PM

More details for this event will follow after half term.



STARS OF THE WEEK

- IRIS – Ciaran
- DEMETER - Isabelle
- APOLLO - Anashe
- POSEIDON - Arya
- ATHENA - Tom
- ARES – Georgia and Caitlin
- ZEUS – Kenrick

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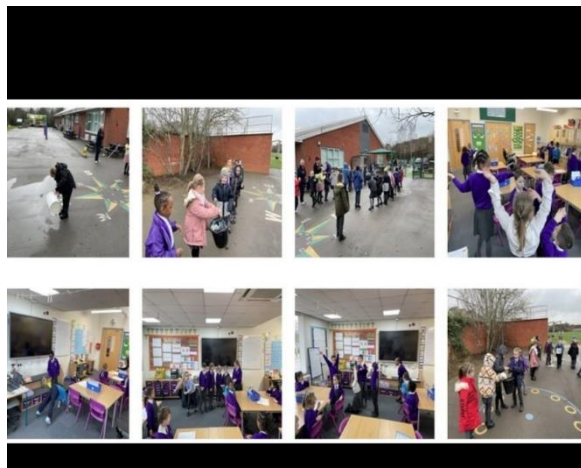


hallmeadowps It was great to see children looking so smart and proud in their guiding and scouting uniforms for #worldthinkingsky @inmat_inspire

ellerbybeach Very smart Hall Meadow pupils

View Insights

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hallmeadowps In Apollo class today, children have been using drama to create still images from different points in the Great Fire of London. Furthermore, they even became residents in London from 1666 and worked together to put the flames out!

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View Insights



DATES FOR DIARY!

March

2nd March – World Book Day

2nd March – ‘A book and a bickie’ event 2.45pm

9th March – Art gallery Exhibition (times to follow next week)

17th March – Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

21st & 22nd March – Parents Evening (more information to follow)

24th March – Year 6 Trip to the National Justice Museum

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

All class assemblies begin at 9am, in the school hall.

IRIS - Weds 28th June

DEMETER - Weds 3rd May

APOLLO - Weds 29th March

POSEIDON - Weds 8th March

2022-23

TERM DATES

Term 4

Monday 20th February– Training Day

Tuesday 21st February – School open to all pupils

Friday 31st March – End of term

Term 5

Monday 17th April– Training Day

Tuesday 18th April – School open to all pupils

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 5th June – School open to all pupils

Friday 21st July – End of term