

Friday 12th July 2024

KS2 Cluster Athletics

On Tuesday we took part in Cluster Athletics at Broadland. As the organiser of the event, I was very pleased that the decision for the event to go ahead paid off despite the cloudy overhead conditions. It was lovely to see all the schools cheering each other on. On the day 37 children from Years 3 to 6 represented the school in different events; 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, ball throw, long jump and relay. In the end we came third overall, with the cluster athletics trophy being won by Coltishall. There were lots of great performances across the team. The following children won their events and deserve a special mention:

- Year 5 & 6 boys 100m – Harlan
- Year 5 & 6 girls 100m – Holly and Rachel
- Year 5 & 6 boys 200m – Ricki and Jayden
- Year 3 & 4 girls 400m – Freya
- Year 5 & 6 girls 400m - Isabel
- Year 3 & 4 girls relay – Freya, Erin, Mila, Amelie
- Year 3 & 4 girls relay – Ayla, Iris, Nicola, Sophia
- Year 5 & 6 Boys relay – George, Joshua, Harlan, Ricki
- Year 5 & 6 Girls relay – Holly, Isabel, Rachel, Mya
- Year 3 & 4 girls long jump – Mila
- Year 3 and 4 boys long jump – Jack
- Year 3 and 4 boys ball throw – Harley
- Year 5 and 6 boys long jump – Ellis



Thank you to Ms Holmes for scoring the event and to Mrs Duckmanton, Mrs Goddard and Mr Palmer who looked after the team.

Summer Fayre – The FORS Summer Fayre is tomorrow. It promises to be an excellent event. It will be great to see lots of you there tomorrow. Hopefully the weather will be on our side. Thanks to all the fantastic FORS for working so hard to organise the day.

After School Club - On Friday 19th July After School Club will finish at 4:30pm. Parents of children attending on that day have been contacted separately about the arrangements.



End of Year Reports – Reports will go out to parents on Monday 15th July. The reports will include an attendance sheet along with results from any National Assessments taken this year. A letter covering all of these assessments and what the results show will also be included alongside the report.

Year 6 Camp Out

After many years of lovely weather, since the 2015 monster thunderstorm Camp Out, it wasn't surprising given the weather this year that it rained and rained a lot! Fortunately, the tents were put up in the dry (thanks parents) and the children were amazing. Once it was clear that the rain was here to stay, we moved inside. The children enjoyed the food on offer and either enjoyed time in their tents or watched the European Football game between France and Portugal, or most popularly went into the hall for a disco and karaoke! Despite the rain we still fitted in a shortened version of midnight man hunt.

Heading to the tents just before midnight we did then find that a few tents hadn't stood up too well to the weather and we had to evacuate those children to sleep in the hall and find dry bedding for them.

One silver lining to all the clouds was that with the weather staying dark and gloomy in the morning the adults got more sleep than usual and we even had to wake up some of the tents to have breakfast. All told it was a very memorable Camp Out!



A huge thank you to Ms Holmes, Mrs Pilbrow and Mr Edwards for your hard work, flexibility, kindness and sense of humour. Without you on a wet and miserable night we would have literally been sunk!

Mrs Grogutt – Thursday after school - Following feedback our event for Mrs Grogutt is now going to take place between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 18th July instead of 4:30pm - 6:30pm. This will allow parents and current pupils to start off the event without having to go home.

The idea still being that anyone who would like to come along to see Mrs Grogutt can drop in for as short or as long a time as you can stay. We will have some drinks and snacks as part of the celebration.

You can just drop in on the day but it would be really helpful if you could call the school so we have an idea of numbers. Please do share in the community with anyone you think would like to come.

Clubs - There will be no clubs next week before or after school. The only exception to this being breakfast and after school club.

Parent Survey 2023-24

The governors have collated the surveys completed earlier in the term and in due course they will be writing to you to share their findings. Overall, there were 77 replies, with some lovely and thoughtful feedback and an extremely positive response. Some of the results are below:

- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that their child is happy at school
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that their safe and well cared for
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that their child is well taught
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that the school is well led and managed
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that the school provides an exciting and stimulating curriculum in and out of the classroom
- 99% strongly agreed / agreed that the school has high expectations of behaviour
- 100% would recommend the school to another parent

It is lovely to know that everyone who completed the survey would recommend the school to another parent. Thanks to the governors for all their hard work on the survey.

Euro 2024

And so, to the final England v Spain (Year 3 v Year 4). No disrespect to Year 4 but come on Year 3! COME ON ENGLAND!! As we expect a lot of the children will have a late night watching the game, we will close registers at 9.20am on Monday morning instead of 9.00am.



Next Week Key Dates

- Monday 15th - Cluster Swimming Gala
- Tues 16th and Weds 17th - Leaver's Performance (6pm start)
- Thursday 18th – Summer Term Celebration Assembly 10am
- Friday 19th – Leaver's assembly (this is a long one!) 9:30-11:30!

Wellbeing with Mrs Cookson

Credit for my newsletter entry this week goes to one of my lovely friends who gave me a pack of mindfulness cards for my last birthday. Today, I chose one of the cards at random. It reads: Listen deeply to others - The next time you're having a conversation with someone, just listen. Too often, a so-called conversation is actually two monologues, with each person just waiting for the other to finish. There are few things as generous as listening deeply to a friend - listening with your whole mind and whole body, receiving their words and thoughts with your complete presence.



I think evidence for this can be found in the word 'listen' - if you rearrange the letters it spells 'silent'.

Best wishes, Claire Cookson (email: ccookson6nrf@nsix.org.uk).

For more information about our school wellbeing service, please follow this link:

<https://padlet.com/ccookson6nrf/wellbeing>

Veolia Bin Competition

Earlier this year we announced the winner of the Veolia Bin Lorry Competition. Isabelle A from Year 6 was the winner for her amazing creative design to encourage people to recycle.

Veolia came along with their bin lorry to show Isabelle her design in its full glory. She also won us some apple and pear trees which have been planted around school. Keep your eyes open for the bin lorry around Broadland and don't forget to recycle.

Mrs Goddard



School Council

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who entered the 'Design a New School Council Logo Competition' to win a movie hamper full of treats (a big thank you to Tesco for donating the prize). We had over 40 entries which were all fantastic. I could tell that everyone had spent a lot of time and thought on them.



It was a hard decision but we picked a winner! Isabel C in Year 6 created an amazing design which I felt could get the attention of everyone and make a strong impression of all the hard work the School Council does to make sure everyone is included. Well done Isabel, I hope you enjoy your treats

Mrs Goddard



Reception

The children have absolutely loved our story this week, 'Supertato!' by Sue Hendra. They have joined in with lots of the repetitive phrases and really understood all the characters. We acted out the story and we were so pleased that lots of the usually quieter children wanted to take on acting/ speaking roles! It really reminded us how far all the children have come. Today, 'Evil Pea' from the story visited us – he was feeling pretty lonely but the children worked out it was because he was being so unkind and mean. They then came up with a plan to help Evil Pea be kinder and more helpful – they gave great advice!

The children have loved using the iPads connected to the 'sphero robots' – they had to sequence the Supertato story and code their robots to move to the different parts of the story. They showed huge interest in the equipment and great care towards it. They helped each other problem solve when needed and became quite expert at controlling the spheros after a few goes!

We have had lots of in maths with our sports theme, the children have been measuring how far they can throw a mini javelin (straws!), how far they can flick a cotton wool ball, bowling, and target throwing! It was fantastic to see the children predicting and estimating results, adding up their scores and working both individually and in teams!

We cannot quite believe it's our final week next week...it'll be a busy, fun and emotional one!



Year 1

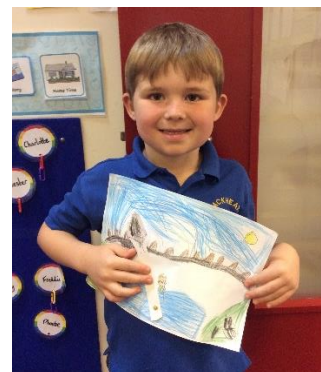


In Year 1 this week, we had our final Design and Technology lesson. We designed, made and evaluated a picture for a children's book with a moving part. We chose to use either a slider, a lever or a wheel. We were very excited to show them to the Reception children to see if they appealed to a younger audience. They were very impressed!

We continued writing our own Jack and the Beanstalk books, using carefully chosen verbs and adjectives.

In Maths, we continued with our work on time by telling the time to the nearest hour (saying o'clock) or half an hour (saying half past). Some of us could even say 'quarter past' or 'quarter to'. We then looked at intervals of time and how many different things we can do in a minute.

We finished our Paris Pursuit and each received a certificate for running the length of the River Seine, jumping the height of the Eiffel Tower, and throwing around an Olympic stadium!



Year 2

We have had another busy week with lots of art activities which the children have really enjoyed. On Wednesday afternoon they made mushroom shapes from clay which they will paint next week. Yesterday we learnt a little more about Kenya and used atlases to find some information before creating fantastic masks based on either African warriors or animals.

In English the children have planned their own story based on The Secret Sky Garden and also written a letter to Miss Holding, telling her all about themselves and what they are looking forward to in Year 3. We also had a lesson learning the difference between we're, were, wear and where.

The children have been choosing favourite counting and times tables songs in maths and also solving puzzles and problems.

Today they have enjoyed wearing non-school uniform. This afternoon we had discussed personal space, privacy, safe touching and what to do or say if someone ever tries to touch us in a way that makes us feel uncomfortable. The children have also loved having Year 10 students in to help this week.



Year 3

We have had a super penultimate week in Year 3!

In English, the children finished writing their adventure stories before writing a final draft ready for their class book which they will take up with them into Year 4. They wrote their adventure stories in first person, so to finish the week, they created some wonderful diary entries from their perspective of their adventure.

In Maths, the children have completed end of term assessments; I am really proud of them all for their hard work and determination which led them to produce brilliant results! On Friday, we took the opportunity to practise our target times tables ready for next year when the children will each complete a times table test.





In RE, the children have continued to look at the five pillars of Islam. This week the children focused their learning on the fifth pillar, known as Hajj. Hajj is a sacred pilgrimage that is required of every Muslim at least once in their lifetime.

In Science, we have been analysing and constructing our own food chains. The children have been identifying producers, consumers, prey and predators. They have also identified animals that are herbivores alongside those that are omnivores and those that are carnivores. In addition to this, we continued to complete daily observations of our boiled eggs in various liquids and discovered that the orange juice caused most damage to the egg's shell.

Finally, we have begun learning about electricity. Identifying mains and battery powered items and will continue to work on this topic next week.

Well done, Year 3 - I can't believe we only have one week to go!

Year 4

This week our 'Digestion' topic has taken us to learning about food chains and animal teeth. We have been learning about the different components of a food chain and categorizing each part into producer, consumer, predator or prey (and also whether each is an omnivore, carnivore or herbivore).

In Maths we have been working on interpreting statistics and collecting data to turn into graphs and charts. On Thursday we had a fun lesson finding out about each other, whilst collecting data.

In English we have been continuing with our mythical creature non-chronological reports and finding the best way to present them on paper. There have been some super mythical creatures created!

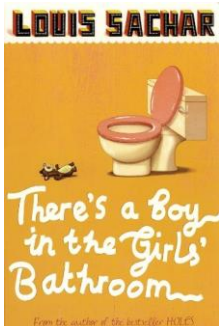
Well done to all those children who have completed homework or made PowerPoints to show - they have been a joy to look at. Also, a big well done to those children who were fantastic tour guides for our TA interviewees on Thursday.

Year 5

1 more week to go!

Maths this week, unfortunately for the children, has all been tests! They have not been happy... but have been amazing. Some children even doubling their scores from the Spring assessments. Fantastic work!

In English, we have continued our book study. We have used drama to show how a scene in the book would look on the stage... I was very impressed with Kayden's acting skills. We have also use relative clauses to show what is going on in the story.



For our science, we held a competition to see who could make a piece of paper travel the furthest but they were not allowed to screw it up into a ball! Sebastian realised that if he folded it up, it could be thrown across the entire playground.

Thursday was a highlight for us as we travelled to Broadland for a Science and Art Day. We used microscopes, used chromatography to foil a crime and even found out which food would be best for a long journey! The class were incredibly well behaved and really impressed all of the staff at Broadland.

Year 6

We will soon be heading into the last week of Year 6! Where has the time gone? Earlier in the week, the children got to try on their costumes and use props for our rehearsals of the Keymaster. Although we haven't had many days with our whole class together, the Year 6s have been absolutely brilliant when rehearsing and they should be very proud of themselves!

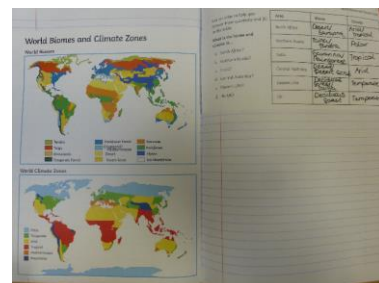
One of our Maths activities linked to measuring accurately. The children were given instructions to follow – in order to design the Brazilian flag.

In Literacy, the children completed their balanced arguments of whether deforestation should occur in the Amazon Rainforest and I was impressed by the level of detail and consideration.



In D.T / Science, we continued to learn about air resistance and nearly every group have completed their device to stop an egg from cracking when it's thrown off the pirate ship!

In Geography, the class learnt about biomes and climate zones and how they vary from country to country. They then had a challenge to research the biomes and climate zones for certain places.



Several children also had their Thorpe High and Hellesdon High transition days and the class had their final swimming lesson at Broadland where they got to play water polo!

For next week, please remember that the children can bring in an additional shirt (for signing) on Thursday and that our Leavers Assembly will be from 9:30am until approximately 11:30am on Friday 19th July.

Read at Home for a Star

Reading Bear will spend time with:

Year 1 who had **18 out of 30** and
Year 3 who had **23 out of 32**

of their children read to their family
at least 3 times at home this week!

Year 3 had

98%

Attendance last week. Attendance
Bear will spend next week with them!!

Attendance Bear

Star, Angel and Diamond Certificate Winners – Well done to the following children who got their certificates in assembly today.

STARS, ANGELS AND DIAMONDS	
Reception	Aubrey, Max, Isla B
Year 1	Ella, Klarka, Jasmine
Year 2	Sienna, Eliora, All of Year 2, Mrs Grogutt
Year 3	All of Year 3, Esme, Max
Year 4	Sophia, Iris, Sid
Year 5	Jacob, Isaac, Dolcie
Year 6	Jayden, All of Year 6, Nola

Have a good weekend!

Chris Ashman