



Cavalry Newsletter 02.05.2023



Last week in Nursery:

The Nursery children are showing a particular interest in vehicle play so we have been reading the story *On the Journey Home from Grandpa's*. We've explored creating ramps outside predicting and measuring how far our vehicles have travelled. We carried out a traffic survey making marks for each vehicle we spotted driving past our school.

We celebrated Earth day by working collaboratively to create our planet with painted handprints. The children have been learning how to look after our environment. We are sorting our rubbish into different bins- food waste from our snack, dry recyclables and general waste. The children have particularly enjoyed saving sea creatures, cleaning up the ocean in the tuff spot!





Last week in Year 3:

We have started our fractions topic in Maths and have worked hard this week using the resources to help us to find equivalent fractions.



In addition we have started our new science unit: Plants. The children in Class 8 have planted beetroot seeds in our raised bed and Year 3 will work as a team to look after them and watch them grow.

Best attendance last week: congratulations to Class 6 98 %and Class 8 with 99%. Our whole school target is 97%.





Last week in Year 6:

We introduced the children to their Create and sing Royal Opera House project. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning six operatic songs from 'The Magic Flute'

Meet the characters



Pamina

A brave and fearless princess



Tamino

A heroic and lovesick prince



Papageno

A funny bird catcher

The forest

As I stepped into the forest, I was met with the instant feeling of regret. Why had I entered this forest? Despite everything, I kept on walking. It was a gloomy place, darkness everywhere, trees that look like giant [?] thorns and branches so thick that you couldn't even see the sky. This place was so spooky! Before I knew it, I had gotten lost. I had no idea where to go. [?] A rustling sound came from a nearby bush. "Hello?" called out. Then, two swirling, red eyes appeared in front of me. I screamed so loud you could have heard it miles away. [really loud] Run! Terrified, I sped over to the nearest light I could see. There it was, the Manor house.

In English, we have been learning to write suspense fiction using a number of different features such as: personification, metaphors, similes and decription.

The Komodo dragon



The Komodo dragon is a very large lizard and a vertebrate. They live in tropical savanna forests but range widely over the 5 islands they live on, from beach to ridge top. Komodo dragons eat almost any kind of meat, scavenging for carcasses or stalking animals that range in size from small rodents to large water buffalo. They can grow up to 3 metres long (10 feet)! This reptile has muscular tails for balance and has flat heads and round snouts. Their scales are green on top with yellow underneath, making for excellent camouflage to hide from their predators when they are young and their prey when they are older. Their long legs can help them reach 15 mph while chasing their prey! Did you know that the yellow and green scales are also made up of tiny bones, which create a "chainmail" armour effect! They defend their territories by having fights with other komodo dragons. The venoms from their deadly creatures is enough to kill animals in one bite and their bite force is only 39 newtons (N) with the average males being 300 N.

Alex

In Science, we have been learning about classification of animals and plants. We read about the scientist, Carl Linnaeus who created a system of naming plants and animals - a system we still use today.



Eco Council Update:

Our Eco council took part in a Green Ambassador event on Thursday with members of the Elliot Foundation and many other schools in The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust. This event was held to celebrate Earth Day. We heard what other schools were doing to support a more sustainable climate within their schools and we were able to share what our Eco Pledge was for this academic year.

We will now recycle your old batteries for you! Please send them in with your child, there is a box in each classroom. Each half term we will award a certificate to the class who recycle the most batteries!



Our Aim



We aim to improve how we 'reduce, reuse and recycle'.
We pledge to :

- Reduce our food waste in school using food waste bins in every classroom and the school kitchen and reduce energy consumption by turning off lights, computers and smart boards when not in use
- Reuse paper where possible, making sure both sides of the paper are used
- Recycle more including batteries





Celebrating the Coronation:

On **Friday 5th May** we plan to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III in school by:

- **Dressing up in red, white and blue** - all children are invited to take part in a non uniform day and wear clothes in any combination of red, white and blue. There is no need to bring in any money
- Joining in a **special assembly** where we will be singing the coronation song we have been learning and sharing the winners of School Council's competition to create a picture of King Charles
- All through school, each class has worked together to **decorate their classroom door** on the theme of the coronation. The doors look amazing and the winners will also be announced in our special assembly
- Enjoy a **special lunch** together - this means **all** children will eat in classrooms and have the opportunity to wear a homemade crown and enjoy the festive atmosphere.





PE/Sports news:

Weather permitting, we plan to hold our annual sports days as follows:

Monday 22nd May at 2.15 p.m. - Reception and Nursery (only the older age group from Nursery who will start at school in September are involved in Sports Day)

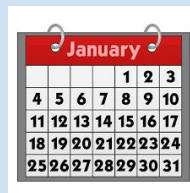
Tuesday 23rd May at 2.00 p.m. - KS2

Thursday 25th May at 2.15 p.m. - KS1



Parents are very welcome to come and watch, and cheer the children in their races.

Please note that for KS2 only, we encourage the children to wear a T shirt in the colour of their team (red, blue, yellow or green).



Dates for your calendar:

Friday 5th May - non uniform day in school - wear red/white/blue

Monday 8th May - closed for Bank holiday for the coronation

9th to 12th May - Year 6 SATs tests take place

15th to 19th May - Arts week - our theme is 'The Flying Scotsman'

Monday 22nd May at 2.15 p.m. - Sports Day for Reception and Nursery (only the older age group from Nursery who will start at school in September are involved in Sports Day)

Tuesday 23rd May at 2.00 p.m. - Sports Day for KS2

Thursday 25th May at 2.15 p.m. - Sports Day for KS1

29 May to 2 June - closed for half term week

Monday 5th June - closed for staff training

Wednesday 19th July - last day of summer term

All term dates 2022/23 and 2023/24 are available on the school website. Please remember that holidays in term time are not authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances and you may receive a penalty notice if your child misses school.