

Newsletter 34 – Summer Term



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday 20 th June	Y5 & Y6 boys football club – CANCELLED Field Town Sports at Cumberland Arena	World Refugee Day
Tuesday 21 st June	Y2 multisports club Y5 & Y6 girls football club	Make Music Day
Wednesday 22 nd June	Track Town Sports at Barony Park	Windrush Day
Thursday 23 rd June	Y4 dodgeball club	
Friday 24 th June	Y1 gymnastics club & Y3 dodgeball club	
Advanced Notice:	Festival Manchester: Saturday 2 nd July (Our performance 6 – 7pm)	
Polite Notice:	Please note the school office opens at 8.30am each morning and is manned until 4.30pm. Before and after these times, there will be no access to the Main Reception area.	

We are Brilliant Winners

KS1: Oliver, Olivia, Lainey, Isabelle, Kaja

KS2: Dominik, Emelia, Josh, Jaycob-John, Zayne-Lee

Certificates were handed out to children who participated in the CREST project with The Oaks Academy earlier this year.

Reading 'Golden Tickets'

We have been celebrating our reading achievements in school and some children have been awarded a golden ticket from Mrs Griffiths. This has been for those who have been trying really hard with their reading and have been chosen by their class teachers. The children were given a golden coin to use in the new book vending machines. They were so excited to choose a book to take home! Well done to:
The Hub: Franciszek, RA: Joshua, RB: Nathanael, 1A: Jayden, 1B: Phoebe, 2A: Eddie-James, 2B: Layla, 3A: Emelia, 3B: Dominik, 4A: Finley, 4B: Jacob O, 5A: Evin, 5B: Riley C, 6A: Jack, 6B: Sofia



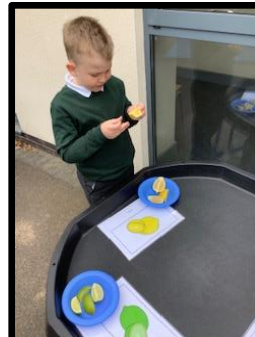
Celebrating our very own Queen

As you are all aware, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee recently. At the same time we wanted to mark a belated celebration for our very own Queen, Mrs Shirley Irlam. During Covid Shirley had worked at the school for 50 years but unfortunately, due to lockdown, we were unable to celebrate this amazing achievement. To commemorate this, Shirley, with the help of her grandson Ashton-James, planted a tree at the front of the KS1 building (also known as the Irlam building) named after her. Thank you for your commitment to the children, staff and community Shirley. We think the world of you. ❤️



The Hub

One of the topics that The Hub will be focusing on between now and the Summer holidays is fruit and vegetables. It has been lovely to watch the children explore citrus fruits this week by handling them, tasting them and even trying to feed them to the toy animals!



Nursery

This week in nursery the children have been getting to know our chicks. We have learnt about the lifecycle of the chick, and how to care for them. We have been singing the song Chick Chick Chick Chick Chicken and have read the book Chicky Chicky Chook Chook. The children have really enjoyed meeting them.



Reception

We have been growing our own produce in the garden this term and noticed our courgette plants were getting huge! We had a look and saw some of the courgettes had grown big enough to pick so we cut them off the plant. We washed the courgettes, dried them and then chopped them up ready to try.

Some of the children chose to take a bite, being brave and trying something new.



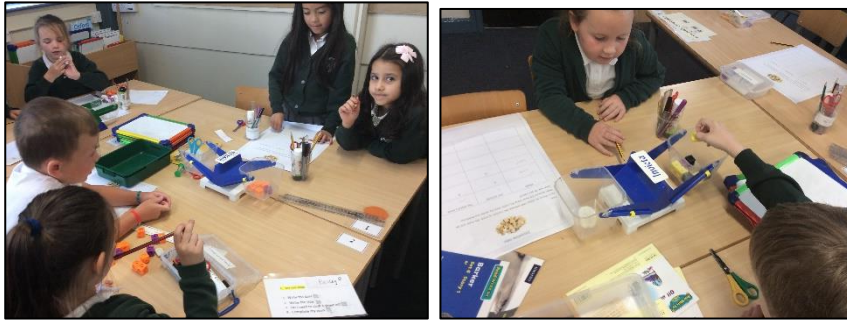
Year 1

We have been learning to share different amounts and discussing why it is/is not a half or quarter. We had to decide if the answers were true or false and we also had to prove that the answers were correct.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been learning how to measure mass using cubes.



Year 3

This week year 3 continued with looking at shape in maths and constructed their own 3D shapes. They also continued with exploring Judaism in RE and performed a play about God's covenant with Abraham.



Year 4

In Science, we investigated how we can make bubbles last longer using our 'best bubble' mixture from last week. We added glycerine a drop at a time to a mixture of bubbles and found out that the more glycerine, the longer the bubbles lasted. Finally, we created our own bubble wand to see if we could alter the shape of a bubble but we found out that all bubbles are spherical.



Year 5

On Monday, Year 5 had Dan from Cheshire fire and rescue in to discuss road safety with us. We looked at how to travel safely when walking, in the car and on our bikes. We discussed and decided that it is safer to walk without a mobile phone in our hand and that we also need to be careful when travelling in the car so we don't distract the driver.



Year 6

This week, some Year 6 children visited The Oaks High School to take part in a cookery session. We learned about the importance of a healthy breakfast to kick start our day. In the pictures below, you can see us creating our very own layered, yoghurt pots – full of nutritious ingredients.



Art News

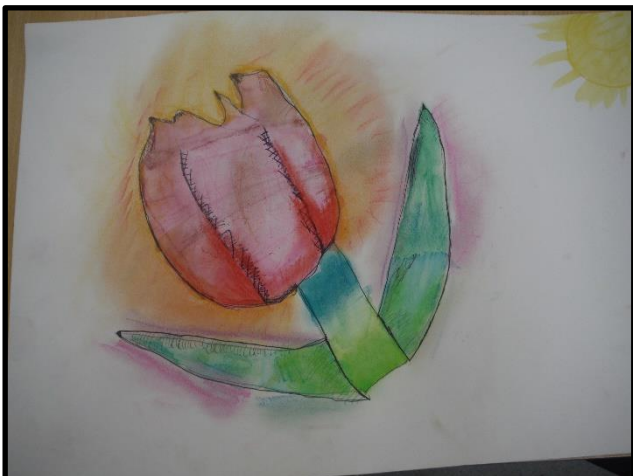
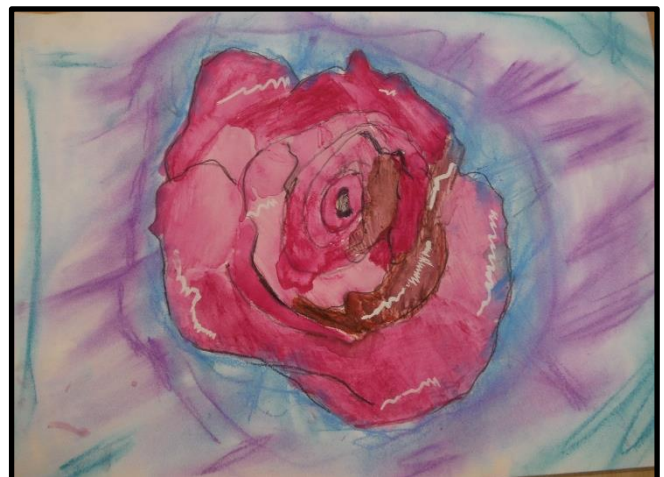
Focus on Year 4

Year 4 have been working extremely hard on some enlarged observational flower studies inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keefe. We drew our linear outlines from observation and experimented with watercolours, pens and chalk pastels to colour and shade our flowers to show the 3-D form. We tried hard to add detail, like Georgia O'Keefe. Great work everyone!" Here are just a selection:



Artwork by:

Georgia, Natalia, Finley,
Sylvia-Rose, Brooke,
Ecatarina, Charley-
Louise, Kaiden, Taylor,
Alexis, Ava and Mati P





PE News
Sports Day Photos



Sports Day Results

Team Names	Points	Position
Scotland	256	1st
England	255	2nd
Nigeria	246	3rd
Cameroon	238	4th

After school clubs

After school clubs are running from Monday 13th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022. **All clubs are free of charge.** If your child is interested in taking part in any of our clubs, please sign them up through Arbor or ring the school office. Please note, children who were signed up for clubs in previous term will need to sign up again.

Our club days and times are:

Year 5&6 Boys Football with Mr Barton

Monday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 5&6 Girls Football with Mr Barton

Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm



Year 2 Multisports Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Tuesday 3:05-4pm



Multisports give children the opportunity to take part in active, fun and rewarding sporting activities. Children will be able to try many different sports to broaden their interests and knowledge in physical activity.

Year 4 Dodgeball Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

Year 3 Dodgeball Club with The Sports Coaching Company

Friday 3:15-4:15pm



Dodgeball is a team sport in which players on two teams try to throw balls and hit opponents, while avoiding being hit themselves. Children will be active, enjoy playing with friends and will have fun!

Year 1 Gymnastics Club with Jasmine and Alisha Evanson from Cheshire Gymnastics

Friday 3:05-4pm



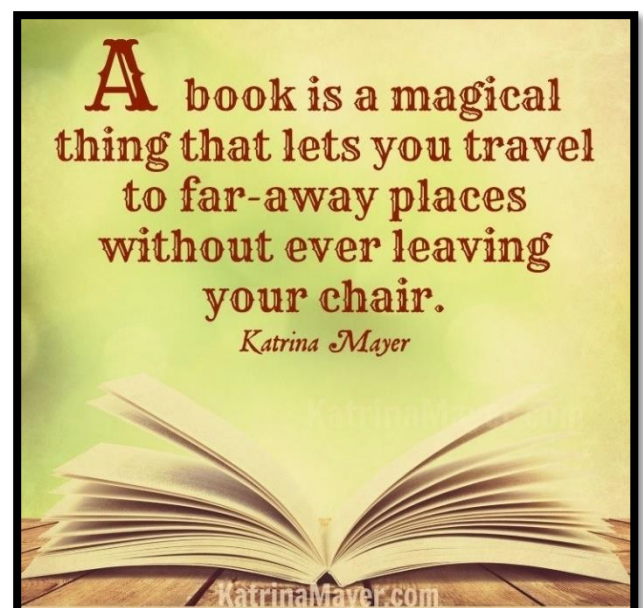
Please ensure that ALL children are collected from clubs outside the main reception.

Reading tips

Talking to your children about the books they read is one of the best ways to support your child's development. Here are some tips on how to start a book discussion with your child:

Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you select this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Does this book remind you of anything else you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- What do you think is going to happen?



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Childhood Development

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer a 90-minute Parent Workshop which will explore a child's development journey during the school years to build on current knowledge and it will provide strategies to support children during this period of considerable change.

This workshop will look at the inevitable changes in childhood, brain development, attachment, childhood experiences and resilience.

This workshop is suitable for families with children aged 8+ and is available to families in Cheshire East. It will be held at Sandbach Children's Centre for face-to-face delivery.

If you would like to book a place on the Workshop, please contact lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

Parent Workshop – Childhood Development

- Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at 1. 15 pm – 2.45 pm.



FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM

PARENT WORKSHOPS



Parental Separation – Looking after yourself and your family

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer a 90-minute Parent Workshop which will explore Parental Separation. This workshop will look at how your children may be feeling and ways to support them. We will look at ways to take care of your own wellbeing and how to work together to support the whole family.

This workshop is available to families in Cheshire East and will be held at Visyon in Congleton for face-to-face delivery.

If you would like to book a place on the Workshop, please contact louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

Parent Workshop – Parental separation

- Tuesday 21st June 2022 at 10 am – 11.30 am.



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PARENT WORKSHOPS



Suicide and Self-harm Awareness (90 minutes)

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent workshop** which will provide information, advice and strategies to empower parents to effectively support their children with their wellbeing.

The Programme is available to families in Cheshire East and will be held at Visyon in Congleton for face-to-face delivery. If you would like to book a place on the Programme, please contact lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.



Parent Workshops – Suicide and Self-harm Awareness

- Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at 10:00am – 11.30 am.

