

Newsletter 24 – Spring 2



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Primary and Nursery School
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This Week's Events

Date	School Events	International Events
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	Y1&2 Gymnastics at LS Gym 10-12pm	
Advanced Notice:	Wednesday 27 th March Y5&6 football tournament 12pm-4pm	
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

EYFS:

KS1: Amelia (1A), Tayanna (1B),

KS2: Tommy (5B) Morayo (3B) Kelvin (3A)

The Hubs

British Science Week 2024: Exploring cause and effect through rockets.

To mark the event of British Science Week 2024, The Hubs have been creating rockets out of empty bottles.

The children chose what decorations they wanted to add to their rockets before putting them onto the rocket launcher outside. In order to make the rockets fly, we had to use a foot pump to fill each of the bottles with air. Once released, the air made its way out of the end of the bottle propelling it upwards and many feet over the playground!



Nursery

In nursery we have been reading the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. This week we followed a recipe to make our own porridge for snack. We checked we had all of the ingredients. First, we put the oats into a bowl. Next, we added the milk. Then, we mixed the ingredients together. After that, we placed our porridge in the microwave. We discussed the time taken to heat the porridge up. The children enjoyed counting backwards from 10 to 0. Finally, we chose our topping before eating it all up!



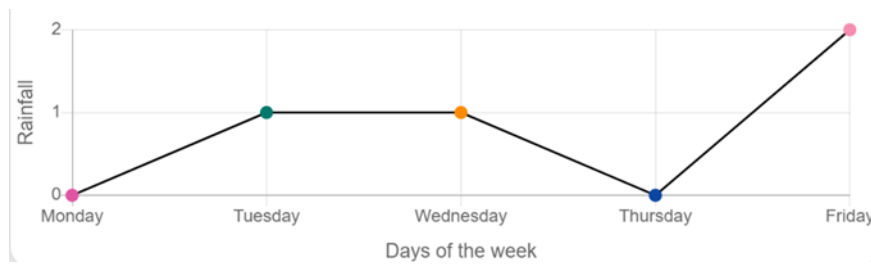
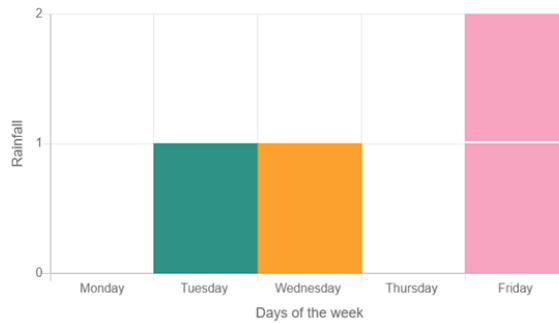
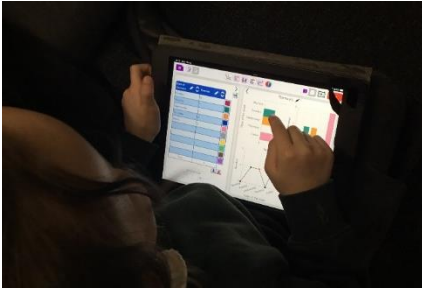
Reception

This week we have been celebrating British Science week! Reception loved exploring our senses on our Barefoot Walk across stones, sand, icy water and wet mud! We used lots of scientific language to describe the materials, including 'rough' and 'smooth'.



Year 1

Last week, we made a rain gauge. We collected data over 5 days to see how much rain had fallen. We then used the I-pads to create charts to show our results. We talked about our results and found out that we had collected the most rain on Friday, but the least on Monday and Thursday.



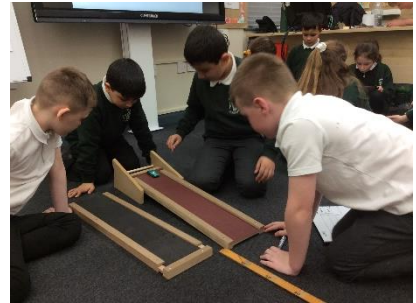
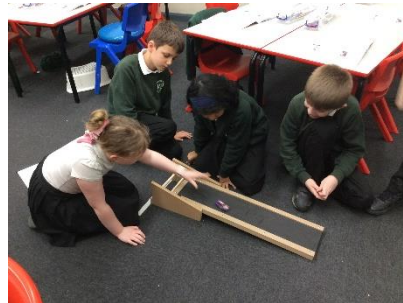
Year 2

This week, we recreated the fire of London using the Tudor houses that we had made. We started our fire in the bakery and watched as it spread to the neighbouring houses. We learnt the song 'London's Burning' to sing as the houses burnt down. It was very exciting!



Year 3

In British Science this week, Year 3 have had lots of fun learning about friction. They created a fair test to investigate the effect of different surfaces on the distance a toy car travelled.



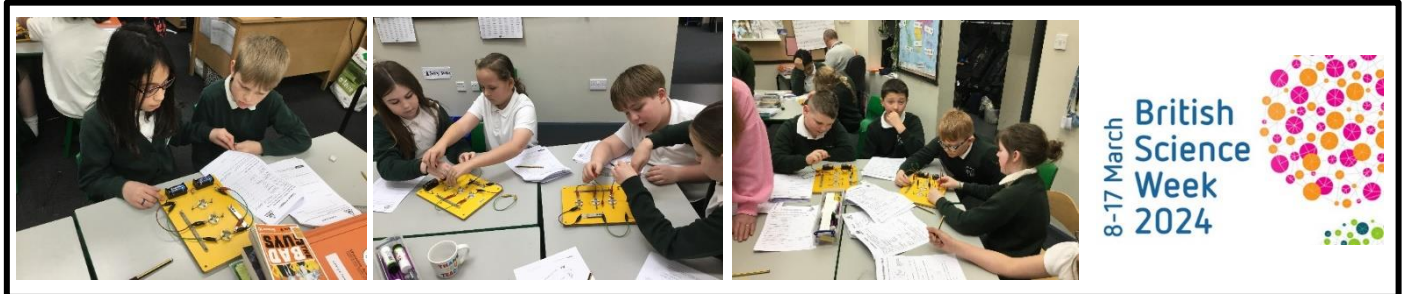
Year 4

Year 4 have been studying the work of American artist, Heather Hansen in their art lessons with Mrs Walsh. Inspired by her performance-based drawings, the class created their very own kinetic art! They listened to music and danced, 'downloading' their movements onto paper using a variety of oil pastels. The atmosphere in the room was magical - so calm and focussed, thrumming with creativity. A special thank you to Mrs Walsh for organising such a wonderfully memorable experience for the children.



Year 5

During British Science Week, year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic electricity workshop taught by Ruth. They have explored different experiments and learnt lots of amazing facts.



Year 6

As part of our History topic, the Ancient Greeks, the children became Olympians and tried different Ancient Greek Olympic activities. These included javelin, long jump and running.





PE News

Y5&6 Football match v Monks Coppenhall



On Wednesday our Y5&6 Football team played in their third league match of the year against Monks Coppenhall Academy. It was a close game and we played brilliantly. We lost 3-2 but were happy with our performance. Well done boys!

Picture News

Every week in assembly we share the Picture News image and question with the children. This resource helps children to learn about the world around us, whilst linking to British Values and supporting pupil's personal development.

We hope this enables you to have an interesting conversation at home with your child.

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers. The guidance is not statutory and offers schools different ways of introducing the ban. These include an order to leave all phones at home, handing them in on arrival, keeping them in inaccessible lockers or allowing pupils to keep them, on the condition they are not used or heard.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of mobile phones and other portable devices. Do you use them at home or at school? Do you enjoy using them?
- > Discuss with people at home your thoughts on the new guidance. Do you all agree that mobile phones should be banned in secondary school classrooms?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Maths News

If your child is in Reception or KS1, they will have access to an app called **Numbots**. If your child is in KS2 they will have access to an app called **Times Table Rocks Stars (TTRS)**.

Logging on for just a few minutes each day will make a massive difference to their basic number/times tables skills.

Check out the dedicated TTRS website for parents to answer any questions

<https://trockstars.com/parents/>

