Our School Newsletter

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a while since my last newsletter - apologies. However, I am pleased to say that our newsletter from now on will be written mostly by the pupils in Journalism Club, who have already begun writing articles, interviewing others and reporting on school events. I hope you enjoy reading their work, I have been really impressed by how enthusiastically they have risen to the challenge - they certainly all have lots of ideas about how things can be improved in our school!

We had a fantastic day doing our First Aid Training last week - the children practised putting each other into the recovery position, bandaging injured limbs, performing CPR and, for the older children, using defibrillators. I know from emails I have received that the children were full of everything they had learned and were keen to practise on their parents when they got home! I hope they will all now feel confident to help if they encounter someone who needs first aid.

This Friday we are looking forward to Pyjama Day, and curling up with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate! We are asking for donations of good quality books - fiction or non-fiction - that your children have outgrown. We are particularly keen to improve our non-fiction books. As well as our Book Amnesty, we are also fundraising for new non-fiction books through the Tesco token collection scheme in its Braintree stores - please shop there if you can and tell any friends and family to put their token in our box!

Many thanks and all the best from all of us to all of you, Lucy Overton

Parking Safely Around School

Please do not park on the yellow lines outside the school car park gates - or on the yellow hatching down the side of the village car park - these lines are there for everyone's safety and should be kept clear, thank you.

Also, another gentle reminder that the speed limit on approaching the school and car park is a maximum of 10mph for everyone's safety.

Many thanks for your support.

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Hello my name is Meredith, I am 8 years old. My class is Robins. I have a very silly dog called Jasper. I have a lot of friends here in Robins. I can't wait to be writing the school newspaper! I like to collect bookmarks and my best food is pizza.

Hi my name is Olive I am 10 years old. People say I am active, creative and sporty. I am in Woodpeckers class, year 5. My favourite sport is swimming and I go every week I am so excited to tell you about our school.

Hi my name Charlotte, and I am 10 years old and I am in Woodpeckers class. I live with my dad, mum and my sister (Matilda). I like to play sports and online games with my friends, I am SO excited about journalism club and writing the school paper. :)

Meet Journalism Club!

Hello my name is Sylvi. I'm 8 years old. I like doing karate. I have many pets my pets are called Star, Blossom, Daisy, Mr Kiwi, Terry and Bing. I'm in Robins class. My favourite thing to do is art and drawing. I like doing English at school . My favourite part of school is playing with my friends and seeing my teachers. When I go home from school I like doing crystal. Crystal art is when you dip a pen in wax and put the beads on certain numbers.

Hello my name is Lauren I am 10 years old my favourite thing in the world is acting and I love playing with my BEAUTIFUL dog Amber and spending time with my sister and my family. My favourite food is steak and pasta. I love doing thing with my BFF'S and best friends. I'm looking forward to interviewing the students and seeing what you guys like in the school and see what you look forward to doing in the future.

My name is Gracie and I am 7 years old, my favourite thing in school is PE on Mondays and my favourite thing on Fridays is Golden Time. Golden Time is a reward for being a good student. And if you're being bad you lose one minute of your Golden Time. My favourite subject at school is English because I like creative writing.

Hello. My name is Isla-Mae. I am nine years old and go to Great Tey Primary school. My favourite subject is English and free writing. I have a little sister called Gracie and she is a year and two months younger than me but sometimes she treats me like a younger sister and a burden. I am in Robins class and it is amazingly fun! I also play the piano.

Hello, my name is George and I'm 11 years old and I will be writing the school news letter (with others); interviewing students, reporting every thing that's happening in school. We also will let you know events and their dates.

Hello my name is Florence, I am 9 years old and I'm in year five, I like gymnastics but I also really like horse riding. I live In Marks Tey and I have a brother, sister and my mum and dad. My favourite food is Spaghetti Bolognese. I was so excited with this club to start and I hope you all are having a great day.

Hello, my name is Henry and I am 11 years old. I enjoy going on my PS5 (which I got for Christmas) and also like going to the park to play football and rugby (I also play FIFA 23 on my PlayStation).

My favourite food is Pasta Meatballs which is made by a friend of my Dad's (his name is William, a great chess player). I was born on October 23rd 2011 which ironically is the king of football's birthday (Pelé).

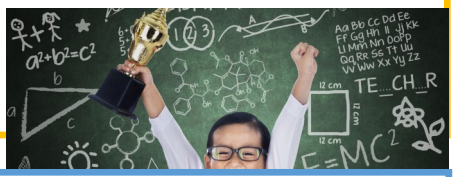
Hello my name is Oakley and I'm 9 years old. I love playing football and doing exercise, also I have quite a lot of friends which we mostly play football together. I love to eat, my step dad Frank calls me a gannet (: . I especially love mash and chicken nuggets and (: brownie and ketchup. I love playing FIFA 23 on the Switch.

My name is Connie I like to draw at night for some reason and I have a cat called Boston he's 10. I also like playing games on my tablet. By Connie age 8

All about Woodpeckers Maths

In Woodpeckers last term we were learning about angles, but this term we are learning about time. Some members of the class like the 12 hour clock more but others prefer the 24 hour clock. Personally, I find the 12 hour clock easier than the 24 hour clock. When we do the worksheets we can do it independently or we can go to someone for some help. When I do the worksheets sometimes I get some help but most of the time I do it on my own. Some people struggle and others find it easy but most of the people in our class are in the middle. Woodpeckers class have two teachers , and their names are Mrs Overton and Mrs Amey. With Mrs Overton we are learning about time but with Mrs Amey we are learning about fractions and percentages. Next I am going to talk about percentages and fractions. When we are learning about fractions we are doing equivalences e.g. 2/4 = 1/2, 4/8, 8/16 ,16/32 etc. With regard to fractions the class are getting much more confident with them. Mrs Amey has an after school club called learning club, focusing on improving maths. We have poppets to help work out percentages. If you wondering what they are it is something that you pop but you can keep on popping them. Lets just say Mrs Amey hates the sound of them even though she bought them. When we are learning about it we only use poppets to help then the fact of not knowing what to do is solved. But Mrs Amey thinks that we pop the poppets on purpose to annoy her!

By Florence



Work For Home

We can practice our school skills at home by using the apps such as: Ed Shed, Times Tables Rock Stars, Classroom Secrets and Maths Shed . Reception send home phonics to learn. Years1 and 2 ,3 and 4, 5and 6 all have Ed Shed . Only Ks2 have TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) but the whole school has Maths Shed. Children also are recommended to be reading every night . Woodpeckers are also sent home with homework in CGP books (Maths, English, Grammar and a Reading Comprehension) to be done in the week.

Written by George Y6.

PLAYTIME

Playtime is very fun in this school and everyone enjoys it and looks forward to it. Everyone plays different games that are fun in their own way but my personal favourites are Cops and Robbers, Red Light Green Light and just mucking about with your friends. Playtime can be quite dramatic but everything works out for the best in the end. Sometimes people aren't always aware that they've hurt their friend's feelings so they tell them but don't always listen or care so they need to start listening.

By Isla-Mae

Football Club

On Friday every week some people at school go to football club including me. Our old coach Jordan left, now we have a new coach named Will. Football club is really fun, but I have some concerns we don't wear shin pads and we usually one of us gets injured. I think we should start to wear shin pads - what do you think? By Oakley

First Aid

On Thursday the 17th of January 2023 a nice lady called Steph came in and taught us all about what we should do if someone was injured and laying on the floor, we check whether they're breathing or not. If they are we put them in a thing called Recovery Position and if not get a defibrillator and listen to exactly what it says and start doing compressions (CPR).

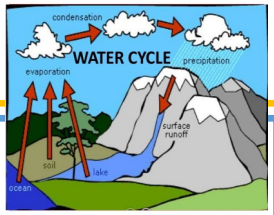
I have interviewed some of the Woodpeckers and the results are Oakley really like using the defibrillator and Florence thought that it made her very nervous and scared to use it.
By Lauren.

Topic in Robins Class

Our topic is about flow, rivers and the water cycle. Rivers are sometimes soft and sometimes rough, so it goes around rocks and mounts in the middle of a river. So basically rivers don't go up and down, and they don't go straight in a line, rivers go wavy.

We have also learned about the Water Cycle. First the sea, rivers and lakes evaporate because the sun heats up the water and turns it into water vapour. Then, water vapour in the air cools down and changes back into tiny drops of liquid water, forming clouds. The clouds get heavy and water falls back to the ground in the form of rain and snow. This is called precipitation. Rain water falls over the land and collects in the sea or rivers and lakes. Then the cycle starts all over again.

By Gracie



ENGLISH IN ROBINS

Dear parents, this term Robins have been looking at writing letters. We have been writing to our future self about our ambitions and what people will think about us. And we have been looking at some examples and been looking at what a letter needs, like the address and the date. By Meredith

SCIENCE

Dear parents, in Robins class we are learning about the water cycle in science. At the start of the water cycle you have the sea and the sun is so hot that the water rises up and turns into water vapour . The water vapour goes into the clouds . The clouds get heavy from the water vapour and it creates streams going down mountains and back into the sea. At the moment we are seeing if the water is clean or dirty by the opals . The darker the opal the dirtier the water is . Science is fun but I'm sure it could be improved.
This article was by Sylvi

The recycle assembly was about learning how to recycle for example a water bottle into a bird feeder and how people don't normally recycle unless they need the box.

In school we recycle paper, cardboard , cans, glass and plastic bottles. We are looking into recycling our food waste.

By Connie

Our School

Report by Olive

Our school is to help people learn, play and be kind. All the teachers think the school is great and the students love it but let's see what the students really think!

" I think the school is very fun and sometimes polite but the size could be improved and I would like more sports equipment." Oakley, Woodpeckers

" I think the behaviour could be improved because sometimes people scream and shout on the playground but I really think my friendship is perfect." Charles, Robins

" I really like the behaviour in this class but the friendships could be improved. In football, people sometimes fall out over the game." Benjamin, Sparrows

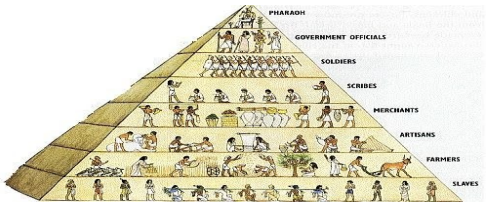
Topic and History In Woodpeckers

Recently we have been learning about Ancient Civilisations: e.g. the Egyptians and the Mayan.

The Egyptians

We learnt that the Ancient Egyptians had a hierarchy; this is what it looked like:

We also leant that they invented tooth paste , tooth brushes , sleds , and pyramids.



The Mayan

We also leant that the Mayan were the first to make hot chocolate which they drank in their own clay cups.

In Woodpeckers we created our own Mayan cups and painted them with the original colours.

Before we made them we designed them in our topic/science exercise book.

Also in Woodpeckers we have been looking at how the Mayans made their hot chocolate ,and they made it with cocoa beans from a cocoa tree. They also had a special sign which looked like a fish.

Diary Dates

New or changed dates are shown in red.

Friday 27th January - Pyjama Day. Children are invited to come to school in pyjamas and share and book and a cup of hot chocolate. Please bring in any books you have grown out of at home (and any school reading books you have lurking under the bed!!!)

Wednesday 1st February - NEU Teacher Strike Day. School open as normal.

Thursday 2nd February - Dance days Workshop for all classes. Please could all children come in PE kit or dance kit with a school jumper or cardigan on top, thank you

Friday 3rd February - Candlemas Community Worship at St. Barnabas Church, 11am. All Welcome - please join us.

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 20th February - Non-Pupil Day (staff training)

Tuesday 21st February - first day back. Clubs will run as normal on this day.

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as favourite book characters. Ideas sheet with some easy costume suggestions attached below.

Thursday 30th March - Clubs finish for this term

Friday 31st March - Easter Community Worship, St. Barnabas Church, 11am. All Welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt after school - more info to follow

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April - first day of Summer Term

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III (school closed)

Tues 9th - Fri 12th May - KS2 SATs

Fri 26th May - Pentecost Community Worship, St. Barnabas Church, 11am. All Welcome.

Tuesday 6th June - 2 Johns e-safety day including parent workshop - more info to follow