



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a relaxing half term break. The children are enjoying the introduction to science topics this term, and it is lovely to observe their enthusiasm for learning. There are a lot of exciting events coming up this term, so please ensure that you take note of the key dates for your diary.

Sherwood Pines—Y1

On Tuesday, Year One went to Sherwood Pines to learn about 'Fantastic Forests'. The children had an informative day, learning about different types of trees. Firstly, we identified some of the trees in the forest, by looking at their trunks and leaves. Then we used sticks and leaves from the ground to create our own piece of art work. We learnt about the four parts of the tree. The children loved their visit, especially the range of activities provided by our Forest Ranger. Every pupil got the chance to plant their own sunflower seed and also brought home their own Christmas tree to grow in their garden. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

Nelson Mandela Assembly Y6

On Monday 13th June, Mrs Puckey, Chair of Governors (LGB), delivered an assembly about her hero. It was her first assembly in a long time but she hadn't lost her touch. Telling us about her trip to South Africa and Nelson Mandela's prison cell, we were intrigued to learn about his life. From what we were told, we found out that he had to face a lot of hardship before eventually going on to lead and unite the South African nation. It was impressive to hear that despite spending so long in prison with no access to news, he never gave up hope. We were asked to think about who our heroes were and Mrs Puckey explained that heroes didn't have to be famous, they could be regular people like you and me.

Science

This half term every class has a science focus for learning. The children have already been busy thinking about which questions they wish to investigate. The overall topic question for each year group and the pupil who thought of the question is listed below:

Year 1: Why do we have Seasons? By Sky

Year 2: How do humans and plants grow in similar ways? By Neelam

Year 3: Can shadows ever be useful? By Shaban

Year 4: How long does it take electricity to travel to a laptop? By Aliya

Year 5: What are the differences in the way humans and animals develop? By Sam C

Year 6: Can we find out why people test human drugs on animals? By Yomna

Y5 STEM Event—By Abdualah Y5

On Monday 13th June, Year 5 took part in a STEM challenge afternoon with Wednesday and Susie from the Nottingham High School. The afternoon involved us exploring board games. After looking at the game *Mousetrap*, we were given some recycled materials in order to produce our own game. The afternoon involved us having to use good communicate skills, work effectively as a team and use our imagination.



Able Writers Day—By Adell & Oliwia Y4

On Tuesday 7th June, we visited Radford L.E.A.D Academy. When we arrived, we were met by an author called William Gallagher. He was a very funny man. Our first task was to write our own script. The author told us that the hardest thing was to write your name at the top of the page! He taught us how to write a great script. Later, in the afternoon, we created a character and wrote a story about them. William also told us that a true writer doesn't follow the rules of writing all the time. We had great fun during this trip and learnt a lot.

European Referendum

As you will be aware the EU Referendum takes place on Thursday 23rd June. The children have already been discussing reasons for and against staying in, and reasons for and against leaving the EU within their classes. On Monday 20th June the year 6 children will present a balanced debate to the whole school based on their research. On Thursday 23rd June every pupil will have the opportunity to vote in our own school EU poll. After the debate concludes, year 6 pupils will create a report about their views—I am excited to learn about their findings. We have planned an exciting European menu for this special day.

European Referendum Menu Served Thursday 23rd June

Italian Bolognese meat or halal

Spanish frittata

French garlic bread

Sweetcorn and garden peas

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Jam and cream scone

Maths Challenge—by Miss Hopkin

In a magic square all of the rows, columns and diagonals add up to the same number (in this case 15) Complete the magic square.

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Holocaust Project—By Sam C Y5

Year 5 have recently begun working together with Leeds University and the Holocaust Centre on a project about the Holocaust. The aim of the project is to look at how digital media can be used to create an online exhibition, informing people about the Holocaust. Year 5 are really excited to be taking part in this project work. They are learning more about history, as well as learning how to use some new technology and equipment.



Headteacher's Award:



Swans:	Sumaiya	for being a kind and considerate member of the class.
	Yasir	for gaining confidence in attempting to work independently.
Yr 1:	Jaafar	for a fantastic piece of writing about aliens.
	Fatimah	for displaying great knowlege of Sherwood Pines.
Yr 2:	Asam	for producing a fantastic letter to Julia Donaldson.
	Maryam	for great use of fractions and directions to give instructions.
Yr 3:	Haseeb	for super knowledge of authors and genre.
	Kaltoma	for her fantastic attitude in football.
Yr 4:	Agar	for a super piece of writing applying all the skills he has been taught.
	Sara	for thoughtful piece of writing using a range of strategies.
Yr 5:	Pharrell	for writing a lovely poem in the style of the Highwayman.
	Ayesha	for working hard at converting and comparing measurements.
Yr 6:	Clinton	for trying extremely hard with his writing and producing some lovely pieces.
	Wiktoria	for always displaying a positive attitude around school.

Very kind regards

Mrs Pemberton