



Newsletter

13th September 2023

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful summer break with your families. The children have settled back into school beautifully and demonstrated such enthusiasm towards their learning.

We are excited to inform you that we will be running some further extra-curricular clubs after school starting the week commencing Monday 18th September. The additional clubs are:

Club	Day	Time	Teacher	Key Stage	Cost
Dance	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4pm	Mrs Speed	Autumn Term 1 KS2 Autumn Term 2 KS1 Spring Term 1 KS2 Spring Term 2 KS1 Summer Term 1 KS2 Summer Term 2 KS1	£1.50
Basketball	Tuesday	3.15 – 4.15	Miss Meyrick (Canoville Coaching)	All Key Stages	£2
Drama Club	Thursday	3.15 pm – 4pm	Miss O’Kane	All Key Stages	£1
French Club	Thursday	3.15 pm- 4pm	Miss Turner	All Key Stages	£1
Choir	Thursday	3.15 pm – 4pm	Mrs Wright	All Key Stages	£1

These clubs are in addition to our existing football and multi- skills club. If you would like your child to join one of the wonderful clubs on offer, then please book the clubs through the Gateway App.

Core Behaviours Launch Day

On Monday 4th September children across the school participated in a range of learning activities to further develop their understanding of two of our Core Behaviours: Resilience and Altruism.

'I use resilience on a daily basis during lessons when I find something difficult and I'm determined to solve it.' – Hana Y6

'We show altruism through school by showing kindness to others without expecting anything in return.' – Isaac Y6

'I like the way we learn how to be resilient at a very young age, so as we get older it becomes natural to us.' – Sabreena Y6

'We demonstrate resilience on a day-to-day basis as we face new challenges every day and learn from our mistakes.' – Krish Y6

Our Learning

During this half term our learning is linked to the theme 'Slavery'. The children will be focusing on different periods in history to look at the impact of slavery and how it still has an impact upon our world today. They will be taking opportunities to link their learning to all subject areas, using their skills in geography to map the journeys taken throughout history, as well as making links within design and technology to understand the impact a product can have on people and the environment.

Additionally, in science, the children across the school have been exploring the topic 'Animals including Humans' and developing their own enquiry questions linked to this.

It has been fantastic to hear the children sharing their holiday projects with their peers and teachers. We have been truly amazed by the effort each pupil has put into this and the depth of their learning and understanding.

Nursery

Our children have come back to Nursery beautifully this week, showing such fantastic enthusiasm for their learning. We have also welcomed new children into our class. We have started the year by getting to know each other, exploring how we are the same and how we are different through discussions about ourselves and our families and through a selection of books. The children have enjoyed creating representations of themselves and their families. We are going to continue this exploration by creating self-portraits in the coming weeks!



Reception

The children have been thinking about their families, and their own interests. They have produced some lovely art work and have had super discussions based around their personal objects brought in, as part of their summer holiday homework challenge.

Year 1

Year 1 are learning about animals and the different groups they belong to. We have been exploring why different animals belong to these groups by looking at their features. During the half term we will also be using our historical skills to investigate the question: Would Wangari Maathai have been significant if the transatlantic slave had still existed?

Year 2

In Year 2 we have been exploring what life was like during Victorian times, particularly focusing on the question: What can we learn about slavery from the Victorian period?



Year 3

In Year 3 we are exploring the question: How did slavery shape Egyptian civilisation? We have also been utilising our science skills to investigate different skeletons and which animals they belong to.

Year 4

In Year 4 we are exploring the question: Did the Romans bring slavery to Britain and what impact did it have on society?

We have been looking at our teeth and comparing them to skulls of animals – predicting the food they eat using their teeth to tell us. Following this, we set up an experiment to test the effect different liquids have on the teeth using eggshells to represent the enamel of our teeth.

Year 5

Year 5 are learning about the Vikings and exploring the question: Why did the Vikings invade Britain? The children have become archaeologists digging for artefacts and used their skills to determine what the artefacts were and how the Vikings used them in daily life.



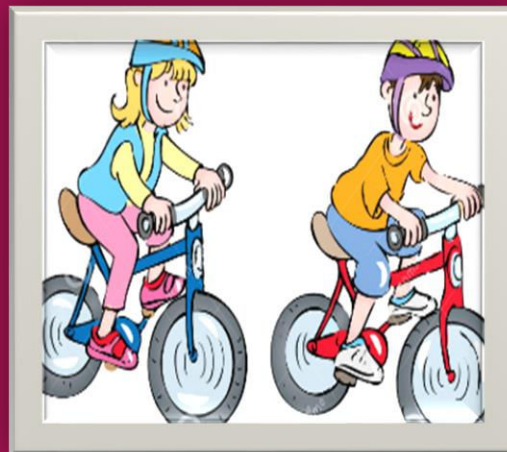
Year 6

In Year 6 we are investigating the question: What role did Victorian Britain play in the transatlantic slave trade? We have also been conducting research related to our topic 'Animals including Humans', in which we have focused on the circulatory system. We shared our learning using a range of mediums, including podcasts, news reports and quizzes.

Edna News Updates

Cycling to School

It is great to see so many children riding their bikes to school this academic year. Please also remember to wear your helmet, it is so important to reduce the risk of a serious injury!



Secondary Admissions 2024

Parents of Year 6 children will have received their application information for their child's move to secondary school. Deadlines for secondary admissions are 31st October 2023.

Extended Learning Club

We have enjoyed using our amazing new building for our extended learning club. Please remember to collect your child from the KS2 playground. For any new parents/carers please book this club using the school Gateway App. If you have any problems please call or pop into the office.

Edna G. Olds Events Planner

Autumn 1/2– 2023/2024

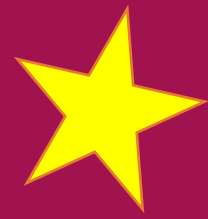
Please do not miss out on the following days, as set out below:

4 th September 2023	Core Behaviours Launch day
19-22 nd September 2023	Bike ability (Year 6)
20 th September 2023	Year 6 Class assembly and curriculum showcase
27 th September 2023	Year 5 Class assembly and curriculum showcase
4 th October 2023	Parents Evening
2 nd October 2023	Black History Week learning
4 th October 2023	Year 4 Class assembly and curriculum showcase
6 th October 2023	Photos
9 th October 2023	Harvest Assembly 9am
11 th October 2023	Year 3 Class assembly and curriculum showcase
18 th October 2023	Year 2 Class assembly and curriculum showcase
20 th October 2023	Modern Foreign Language themed day
6 th November 2023	Core Behaviours Launch day
10 th November 2023	Remembrance Day. Themed day across school
13 th November 2023	Diwali Celebrations
14 th November 2023	Anti-bullying week
15 th November 2023	Year 1 Class assembly and curriculum showcase
24 th November 2023	Flu Vaccinations
17 th November 2023	Children In Need Day
6 th December 2023	Christmas Fair
7 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day

13 th December 2023	EYFS Christmas Production 9.15am KS2 Christmas production 1.45pm
14 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Production 9.15am KS1 Christmas Production 1.45pm
15 th December 2023	Modern Foreign language theme day
18 th December 2023	Christingle at Holy Trinity 1.30 pm
19 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner
20 th December 2023	End of year class parties



Core Behaviours Achievers



Nursery	Aisha	For setting a great example in our class and taking on tasks by herself without being asked to.
	Harley	For coming back to school so brilliantly, following rules and routines and taking personal responsibility in looking after our environment.
Reception	Hana	For showing curiosity and bravery in the classroom, always being willing to have a go at new activities.
	Oliver	For being focussed on activities in the classroom and following the new routines well.
Year 1	Veer	For being a positive role model at all times in both his work and behaviour.
	Sareenah	Sareenah can't do enough to help other children and takes such pride in keeping our class room tidy.
Year 2	Robbie	For showing creativity and enthusiasm during our history launch day by creating amazing repeating patterns.
	Aaminah	For showing resilience and confidence when presenting her homework project.
Year 3	Yamen	For being altruistic every day. Yamen enjoys helping people with computer problems in class and it is so kind of him.
	Ajbah	For being altruistic in our launch days and helping her peers without being asked. She made sure to include her peers in the different activities.
Year 4	Haleema	For her altruism, always taking care of those around her.
	Zion	For motivating others to learn with his enthusiastic Romans presentation.
Year 5	Omar	For showing resilience in a completely new learning environment.
	Hannah	For showing altruism in the classroom. She quietly helps others tidy away and never expects anything in return.
Year 6	Isaac	For using his creativity and producing a good quality piece of holiday homework.
	Hana	For her personal responsibility to complete her holiday homework using a different technique.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Hannah Crotty
Head of School