Weekly newsletter 19.4.24

Headteacher's welcome

Welcome back to Term 5. We hope you had a great holiday and enjoyed any celebrations, events or trips you had.

This term is a busy one but the sun should be out (at some point soon!) and the children have come back incredibly settled and keen to learn. We will be focusing on our value of **grit** this term and began by thinking about the meaning of the word. I shared a quote with the children:

'The difference between a try and a triumph is a little umph.'

So, this term we will be encouraging some 'umph' if things get tricky and will hopefully develop resilience in our children with both learning and social situations. Please do use our value at home if you are trying to get children to learn new skills (tying shoe laces, getting dressed, reading etc) and share any successes with us. We love to hear about our values being developed outside of school.

Please do take note of the dates at the end of this newsletter including our Y5 production and SATS weeks. Our PTA are kindly running another disco. It's always a popular event so please do get your tickets early!



Learning in the Early Years

Our Early Years pupils have caterpillars! The children were very excited to show me the newest members of our school community. Despite being only 3 years old, the children explained what would happen next (a cocoon) and how long this might take. They are reading stories about caterpillars as well as learning about life cycles.



Learning in Key Stage 1

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils enjoyed a drama lesson yesterday with a company that came in to help develop our future actors! The children went on an adventure, transforming into characters and telling fabulous fairy tales.



Learning in Key Stage 2

Mr Field proudly showed me some of the artwork from Year 6, and I can see why he was so pleased with it. The children have been learning about self-portraits and developing their sketching skills. They have spent many lessons looking at particular facial features and then their shapes and sizes when a full face is drawn. They will add watercolours to them next and then display them in our corridor. I can't wait to see the finished products but wanted to share these with you now.



1 - An amazing self portrait!

Residential

Our Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to attend a residential at Youlbury this week. They have been incredibly well-behaved and enjoyed all of the activities on offer, showing real grit and also looking after each other. The teachers were still smiling when I went to visit last night (although might be a little tired...!) and told me stories of children who did the 'leap of faith' despite being extremely nervous, who had developed in confidence, made new friends and been awesome company in general. Thank you for trusting us with your children!







Important dates



The 2023-24 dates can be found here.

29.4.24 - Electives

6.5.24 - Bank holiday (No school)

10.5.24 - Learn with me afternoon

13.5.24 (Mon-Thurs) - Year 6 SATS

17.5.24 - Year 3 assembly

17.5.24 - School disco

20.5.24 - (Mon-Fri) - Year 2 SATS

20.5.24 - Electives

23.5.24 - Year 5 production

24.5.24 - School finishes at 3.15pm