

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned after the Easter break with very positive attitudes and are keen to get on with their learning. This term we will be encouraging children to read regularly and will be preparing them for the next academic year. Year 6 are busy preparing for their SATs and swimming started this week. We look forward to the weather getting better so that we can start to enjoy all the outdoor activities during the summer months.

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Jerrom

#### Dates for your Diary

W/B Mon 13th May - KS2 SATs Week

Thurs 16th May - Yr6 Park Trip

Weds 22nd May - Yr5 British Museum Trip

Fri 24th May - Break up for half term

Mon 3rd June - Inset Day

Tues 4th June - Children return to school

Mon 10th June - Yr4 British Museum Trip

Wed 12th June - Culture Day

W/B Mon 8th July - Yr6 Residential Trip

Tues 16th July - Sports Day

#### New Communication and Messaging System

If you haven't already done so, please download the **My Child at School** app to your smart phone. If you need any help with downloading and setting up your account, please come to the school office.



#### Headteacher Awards

Adam Y5 - for writing definitions of words from books

Logan Y6 - for showing great teamwork in a football match

Luca Y6 -for writing a persuasive speech

Leo Y6 - for encouraging others during a PE lesson

Daniel Y3 - for a fabulous drawing of a hand

Joey Y5 - for making a very inventive Easter hat

Jackson Y3 - for fabulous reading of the book "Nell and Tess"

Ava YR - for a fantastic drawing of an ostrich



#### LKS2 News

Both years 3 and 4 have made a fantastic start to their new history topics this term. Year 3 are learning about the Romans and year 4 children are studying a topic called 'Ancient Civilisations' which includes learning about Ancient Sumer, Ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley. Year 4 have made a great start with writing their own ancient Sumer temple hymns with expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases. In year 3, the children have started their research on different Roman Emperors in order to write a biography about them. They have been thinking about using expanded noun phrases to describe the Emperors and what their lives were like.

During this term, year 4 will be learning about ancient city life, inventions and social hierarchy. In Maths we are focusing on different properties of polygons including their angles and symmetry. The children are making great progress each week with their times tables and are looking forward to showing off their quick recall skills in the times table test in May. Keep practising your times tables of j2blast!

In year 3 this term, the children will be learning about life in Ancient Rome, the Roman Army and religion in Rome. We will be writing biographies, letters, myths and poems! In Maths we will be learning how to add and subtract fractions, use money and how to tell the time. The children are already working so hard and trying their very best!

Mrs Iroala

## UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

We have had a fast start to the term in Year 5 and the children have come back ready for action. Well done! We have begun our new topic - Groundbreaking Greeks - and we are beginning to write our own myths in the style of Theseus and the Minotaur. We have also started reading our new topic text called 'Who let the Gods out?' by Maz Evans, which is a really fun book. We will be using this text throughout the term as the basis for our reading comprehension lessons. Our new topic in Science - Forces - has begun and we will be carrying out some practical investigations over the coming weeks. We are planning a trip to the British Museum to enhance our learning about Ancient Greece this term so do look out for a letter which will be coming home soon...

Year 6 have had a busy start back to the school year ensuring the children are as ready and as prepared as possible for their upcoming SATs. We have also begun our new topic 'Britain at War' where the children are learning about what war is, its causes and the wars that Great Britain have been involved in. In English we will be writing balanced arguments about war. In Maths, it is all about revision! While in guided reading we have started the book 'The Boy in The Striped PJS'. Look out for lots of letters and forms that have already been sent home and will continue to be sent home - make sure they are returned to school ASAP.

Mrs McLean

## KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Last week, Year 1 were busy with their Design and Technology companion mini project 'Chop, Slice and Mash'.

As part of the project the children learnt about sources of food and linked this to their previous understanding of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They learnt about food hygiene and then got to explore the preparatory skills of peeling, tearing, slicing, chopping, mashing and grating. They began by making either a fruit or a vegetable salad of their choice, exploring the textures and tastes of the different ingredients. They then used their knowledge and the techniques to design and make a supermarket sandwich according to a specific design criteria before evaluating it. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience but most felt the best part was getting to eat the food they had prepared.

Miss Thirtle

## Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

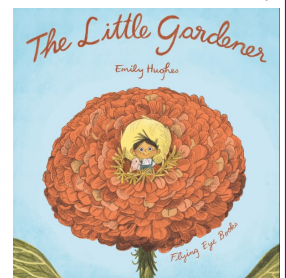
## Foundation Stage

Welcome to the new children in Nursery who have just started with us. They have settled very well into their new school and are love playing in their classroom.

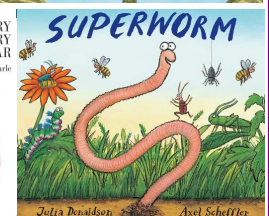
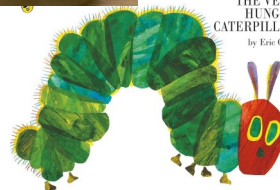
The children in Nursery are enjoying their new topic this half term called 'Sunshine & Sunflowers.' They are reading the book called 'The Little Gardener by Emily Hughes.' In Literacy, they are enjoying sharing and talking about the story. In Phonics, they are enjoying the song bag games. In Maths, the children are practising their number recognition. Outside in the playground, the children have been hunting for signs of Summer.

The children in Reception have been learning about their new topic which is called 'Creep, Crawl and Wriggle'. They are reading non-fiction texts which provides them with lots of facts about minibeasts. The children have loved reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. In Literacy, the children are reading captions and facts about minibeasts. They are then matching the caption to the correct picture. The children have loved looking at different mini beasts using magnifying glasses and writing about their favourite minibeasts and identifying the similarities and differences between them. In Phonics this week, the children are on Phase 4 sounds. The children are using their phonics knowledge and are sounding out and reading longer words as well as looking at meaning of words they are now able to read. They have learnt tricky words such as said, so, have, like, some, come, love, do. In Maths this week the children have been very busy, they have been looking at number bonds to 10, matching numerals to quantity, counting and recognising numbers to 10 and beyond and looking at smaller parts of a number. The children have enjoyed threading making patterns and creating webs. Outside in the playground, the children have loved observing the mining bees and talking about what the bees are doing. The children have been hunting for minibeasts such as snails, bees, caterpillars, visiting the bug hotel.

The children in Early Years are looking after little caterpillars. These were delivered to the classrooms at the end of last week. The children are enjoying watching them grow everyday. They have been talking about talking about the life cycle of a butterfly and are very excited for them to turn into butterflies and then release when the butterflies are ready! This week the children had their first swim and really enjoyed themselves.



Miss Digman



### Swimming

The children have started swimming this week. Please make sure that your child comes to school on their allocated days with their swimming costume, swimming hat and towel.

Monday PM - Year 2

Tuesday PM - Reception

Wednesday PM - Year 3

Thursday PM - Year 5

Friday AM - Year 1

Friday PM - Year 4

Year 6 will be starting swimming the week beginning 3rd June and their swimming days will be Thursday mornings.



### Sports News

Both the boys and girls football teams were in action last week, in cup matches. The boys played away against Stanley Park and suffered a slightly unfortunate 5-3 defeat, Stanley Park started quicker and scored 2 early goals. However, Tweeddale settled down and started to put some passes together. They were rewarded with a goal, by Elias, just before half time. Into the second half and Elias scored his second. Richie added another goal to ensure the Tweeddale boys were beaten but with pride intact. Without our normal goalkeeper, Logan agreed to step in at short notice and he did himself proud - there was very little he could have done about any of the goals. Furthermore, with no substitutes available to play, all 9 boys played the whole match and ended the match exhausted but happy with their efforts.

The girls' cup match against Bandon Hill followed a similar pattern. Despite Tweeddale having the early chances, it was Bandon Hill who scored the first goal, when a long throw caught the wind and evaded the defence to allow their striker a simple finish. Bandon Hill then added a second before Amelia got one back, from Limota's well-taken corner. Credit to Bandon Hill, who came on strong in the second half to score a further 2 goals, for a final score of 4-1 to Bandon Hill.

Both the boys and girls can look back on this season with pride at knowing they won some and lost some, but learned how to be teammates and good sportsmen and sportswomen. Most importantly, they have all enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school. Well done all, I hope you keep playing next year.

Mr Dix

### Art Donations

We would be very grateful if any of the following could be donated to the art department:

- Pinking shears
- Pins/needles/safety pins
- Buttons
- Sewing threads
- Fabrics (Various sizes & colours)
- Wool

Miss Taylor

### Sports Day

Sports day will now be held on Tuesday 16th July at the David Weir Centre opposite the school. More information will be given closer to the day.

Please save the date in your diary!

### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

#### **SUMMER TERM**

School Holiday

**Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May**

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

**Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July**

#### **INSET DAYS**

**Monday 3rd June**

**Wednesday 24th July**

### School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2024/25 Academic Year

#### **AUTUMN TERM**

School Holiday

**Thursday 5th September - Friday 25th October**

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**

**Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December**

School Holiday

**Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January**