

Newsletter

May 2022

We have come to the end of another very busy and exciting half term at school. Here are some of the wonderful things your children have been doing.

Talk4Writing



This year we have introduced T4W, to help children learn the language of storytelling to support their writing. Children from Nursery to Year 2 are learning to tell (and write) stories with the aid of 'story maps and paths'. You may have noticed your child has come home with a map, to practise retelling their stories. This is an important skill to develop, before they can write down their stories.

Story Cafes



This half term, nursery and Year 1 held family cafes. These are a chance for families to spend some hands-on time with their child in their classes. Nursery's theme was 'How to Catch a Star' and Year 1 learnt about Explorers and what would take with them on an adventure. Look out for cafes in Reception, Mulberry and Y2 after half term.

Geography Week



Did you know that your child in main school has been travelling to different continents this term? The children made passports and spent time during the week learning about some of the physical and human aspects of the continents of the world, through music and art.

Billy & the Beast



We were excited to welcome the Britten Sinfonia to WEINS last week. They worked with Year 1 and Year 2 in workshops and gave a performance of 'Billy and the Beast'. Thank you to the Norfolk & Norwich Festival for making this happen. It was a brilliant opportunity for children to see live music being performed by an orchestra which has performed all over the world.

Dentist visit



We are delighted that 100% of our families gave their permission for dental screening with Plummers Dentists, this May. We know that finding a dentist is very hard and we hope that WEINS has helped to improve this for children attending our school. Our dental screening proved of interest to the EDP, Dentistry UK and Times Radio, as Norwich isn't the only place where there is a lack of NHS dentists. Look out for more events taking place with Plummers soon.

Dining Room



At Easter we had our dining room decorated and new benches and tables ordered, to make it an even nicer place to eat. Children have helped to plant herbs, salad leaves, tomatoes and cucumbers on the dining room windowsills with the aim that the kitchen staff will use them as ingredients in our lunches.

Year 2 SATs & Phonic Screening in June

This was the first year the government set Statutory Assessment Tasks (SATs) for Year 2 since 2019. We held an information meeting at the end of April to help families and carers understand more about them. The SATs measure children's attainment in maths and reading. At the end of the school year, Year 2 families will be informed of their child's achievement in reading and maths, as well as in writing, science and the foundation subjects in their child's school report. During the first week back after half term Year 1 and some Year 2 children will also be doing the Phonic screening.

Arriving on Time for School



Breakfast – 8.40am

Registration – 9am

Thank you for working with us, to ensure your child arrives at school on time at 9am (main school). Learning starts from 9am, so any child arriving 10-15 minutes late each day, misses approximately an hour a week of learning time. If you are struggling to get your child into school on time, please speak to Jane Shaw our Attendance Officer.

Keeping children safe

This month our **online safety newsletter** focuses on MINECRAFT. If you would like any additional advice about managing your child's safety online, please see our website or speak to a member of staff.



If you are worried about a child who you believe maybe at serious risk of harm, please call Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020.

SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Clubs



A **Multi-sports club** will continue to be offered next half term, after school on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays**, for **Year 1 and 2** children. Families can sign up on the day, at the school office. Spaces are limited and prompt collection at 4.20pm is essential

Queen's Jubilee



On Friday 10th June, we will be celebrating the Queen's 70th Jubilee! Please send your child to school wearing red, white and/or blue, along with a voluntary donation of £1 to raise money for the events of the day. We will be spending the day learning about the Queen's life, and we will be having a 'street party' lunch.

Dates for next half term

Our final half term of the year, is set to be extremely busy. Look out for more information after half term, about **Sports Day**, **Year 2 swimming**, **Reception visit to Gressenhall**, **Year 2 visit to Sainsbury Centre and Hoveton Broad**, **Year 1 visit to Banham zoo**, **new Reception parent meeting**, **new Year 1 parent meeting** and hopefully more...

We hope you have a happy and safe half term break. School reopens on Monday 6th June.