

Date: 10th May 2024

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fun filled fortnight with a variety of enrichment activities taking place across the school. Last week and this week the children learnt about Autism Acceptance Week and Deaf Awareness Week and developed their knowledge and understanding through class discussions and assemblies. The year 3 children also developed their confidence with cycling skills by taking part in Bikeability workshops on the playground.

This week, nursery children have had the exciting opportunity to handle a variety of animals by learning from Jonathan's Jungle. Sunflower class also had their turn to become Italian chefs and worked hard to create some delicious pizzas at Pizza Express. Year 3 and Year 4 children have also enjoyed theatre workshops which had a focus on science.

We are looking forward to our sponsored walk your age day next week. Have a lovely, sunny weekend,

Mrs Fraser
Headteacher

Sponsored Walk Your Age 17th May

Please see more details about the sponsored Walk Your Age event on the pages below. Please use think link to collect any donations: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/wm-walk-your-age>
Thank you

Sun Protection

It has been lovely for the children to spend time outside in the sunshine this week. Please remember to ensure your child has a **water bottle** and **sun hat** every day.

Please apply long lasting sun cream before bringing them to school. Please ensure that any sunscreens you are using do not contain nuts— some Nivea sun creams contain almond oil, we ask that you check the ingredients for any products that you are using to protect those in school who have nut allergies. Thank you



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE





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Parent Support Advisor Sessions

The Lighthouse Team from the BKAT are offering 1-1 drop in sessions for parents on the first Thursday of every month at our school. These run from 8:45—9:45am. Please contact the office to attend an upcoming session.

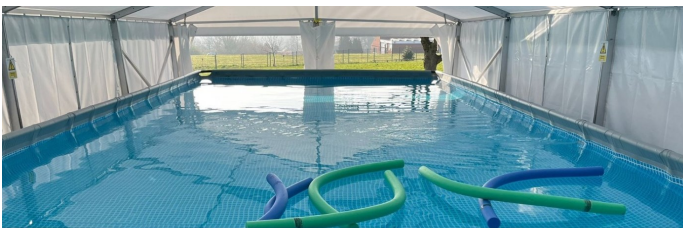


Disabled Parking Spaces

We have had reports that people are parking in the disabled bays who do not have blue badges displayed. Please note that we have a limited number of disabled spaces that are reserved for blue badge holders only. Thank you.



Swimming lessons



ELITE Swimming UK

We are very excited to be able to offer swimming lessons on site for Year 3 & 4 pupils. This is something we have been looking into for a couple of years and we have now found FortiusPE who will be running the programme for us. The pool will be situated on the back playground during the weeks of 3rd June & 10th June. When the pool is not in use, it will be locked and secure. If you would like to find out

more about Pools to School, please visit their website: <https://www.eliteswimming.co.uk/> Year 3 & 4 parents have been sent a letter with more details.

Class Reps Meeting

The class reps will be coming together next week on Friday so please get in touch if you have any topics or feedback which you would like to be discussed.

Year 4 Football Match

Well done to the Year 4 children who had a football match against Lethbridge Primary School. It was a close game and they came home with the win and a score of 6-5! We were so proud of the determination, resilience and good sportsmanship that you showed throughout the game.



The Blue Kite Trust Art Exhibition
Friday 3rd May to Friday 7th June 2024
North Swindon Library

The Blue Kite Trust are delighted to announce our second annual exhibition of art, held at North Swindon Library, from Friday 3rd May to Friday 7th June.

Schools and year groups across the Trust have produced examples of the teaching sequence using a 'mood board' presentational style to demonstrate the exploration of different art elements within the primary curriculum.

With cross-curricular topics and themes, as well as influences from famous artists and their work, the children are proud to showcase their outcomes from Early Years all the way through to Year 6.

We hope you enjoy looking at the interpretation, application and range of beautiful art across the Blue Kite Schools.

North Swindon Library opening hours:

Mon - 2 pm - 6 pm

Weds - 10 am - 2 pm

Fri - 1 pm - 5 pm

Sat - 10 am - 2 pm

Sun - 11 am - 3 pm



Gold Book

Well done to all of the children who were in the Gold Book this week and last week — we are very proud of you and your achievements!





Parents and Friends of William Morris Newsletter

This week's news...

Upcoming Events

May 17th Sponsored "Walk your age"

June 7th Ice Cream Friday

June 14th PTA Crafts for home for Fathers Day

June 15th SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 5th Ice Cream Friday

Jul 7th TGV market stall

July 23rd SUMMER DISCO



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A DONATION

School ID:

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To all those who bought your bags for
bag2school we raised £72.80

SPONSORED WALK YOUR AGE **17TH MAY**



3 EASY STEPS

1) CLICK THE LINK -

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/wm-walk-your-age>

2) SET UP YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE

3) SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT YOUR PAGE TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO GET AS MANY DONATIONS AS YOU CAN!!!

REMEMBER WE ARE WALKING FOR THE OPAL SCHEME TO HELP FUND THE CREATION OF A LARGE OUTDOOR SANDPIT AREA ON THE FIELD AND TO PURCHASE STORAGE SOLUTIONS



As always, thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from our events go straight back to the school to provide equipment and resources.



Sponsored Walk Your Age

The school and the Parents & Friends of William Morris (PTA) would like to invite you to join us in a Sponsored Walk Your Age on Friday 17th May 2024.

Each child would collect money from friends and family to sponsor them to walk around the playground and the field. They would walk the circuit however many times they are old, so if they are 5 years old, they would walk 5 times around the circuit.

WHY ARE WE WALKING?

We are walking in aid of the OPAL scheme to help fund the creation of a large outdoor sandpit area on the field and to purchase storage solutions for the children's toys and loose parts that they play with at playtimes.

HOW TO GET STARTED

The PTA is now a charity, so we are now able to collect gift aid for every donation made, we need each child to set up their own "give as you live" page to allow them to collect their sponsorship. <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/wm-walk-your-age>

1) Click on the link above and it will take you to a page with a button that says "start fundraising"

2) Sign up – add your details
Create an account

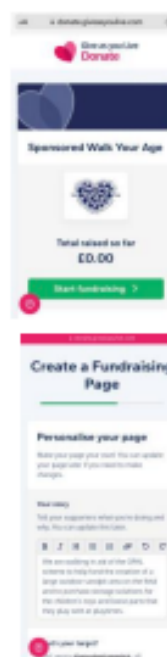
3) Create a fundraising page
Page Title [child's name] walk your age
Page Owner [Child's name]

4) Personalise your page
Your story [add "why are we walking section above on this letter]
Target - optional
Image – optional
Click "confirm"

5) Optional Extras
Thank you message – optional
Click "continue"

6) Gift aid setting
'tick' Allow gift aid

7) Finish, Publish and share with friends and or family



The walk will take place in Mental Health Week so we would like the children to wear something GREEN to go with their uniform. Green t-shirt, hair bobble/clips, jumper/cardigan, socks, etc.

Also, the children will be advised to wear either their PE pumps or trainers to do the walk in (school shoes to be worn the rest of the day



MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

MAY HALF TERM
William Morris Course!



Fun-filled days with a wide variety of activities including: football, handball, gymnastics, dodgeball, multi-skill games and many more!

Ages 5-11 years old
Time - 9am-3pm
Venue - WILLIAM MORRIS SCHOOL

Limited spaces available

Tuesday **Weds** **Thurs** **Fri**
28th May **29th May** **30th May** **31st May**

1 DAY: £18 DAYS: £32 3 DAYS: £45 4 DAYS: £55

Visit sjrsports.org to book a place



For more information email: sjrsports@hotmail.com



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School Diary

May

13th YR vision screening
17th PTA Sponsored 'Walk Your Age'
17th Class reps
23rd Governors meeting
24th 2pm Open House
27th—31st half term holiday

June

3-7th Y4 Timetables check week
3-14th Y3&4 Swimming lessons on site
6th Lighthouse drop in session
12th SEND Families Voice coffee morning
15th PTA School Fair
21st Wrong Trousers charity day
27th Y3 sleepover

July

1st TD INSET day
4th Lighthouse drop in session
10th Infant voice festival
11th Governors meeting
11th Reports to parents
15th—19th Olympic Week
18th Sports Day
18th International lunch & parents picnic lunch
19th rain off Sports Day
22nd Open House
25th Break up 3pm

[New dates in red]

TD INSET Days 2024-25

- Monday 2nd Sept 2024
- Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024
- Monday 24th Feb 2025

Please see 2024—2025 term dates on the school website.

Nursery—Daisy and Poppy Classes

What have we been learning in Nursery?



We have had a very enjoyable last few weeks in Poppy and Daisy Class. We continued to share our story 'Dear Zoo' learning it using actions and then creating our own version thinking about animals we would love to have as a pet. In maths we have continued our number journey learning all about the number 8. The children have been practising 'growing' and 'showing' their numbers to 8, using their fingers. In phonics we have been practising super listening for initial sounds in words e.g. playing games such as 'I Spy'.

This week we have been talking about Minibeasts. We have had a fantastic time hunting for minibeasts in the garden, whilst thinking about how we care for living things. On Wednesday we were visited by Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow where we met snakes, tarantulas, crickets and even a giant millipede named, Maisie. The team were all incredibly proud of the children's behaviour and confidence during our visit, they were so excited to meet these wonderful creatures!

We continue our topic next week, exploring animals you might see 'At the park and on the pond'.

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school (white t-shirt, navy shorts, and daps).
- Please ensure that all belongings are clearly marked with your child's name including water bottles.
- Please ensure that if your child is bringing a packed lunch that it does not contain items with nuts e.g. cereal bars or spreads.
- Please ensure all children have spare clothes including pants/knickers, trousers, socks and t-shirt. Our nursery supplies are running very low!
- **Please ensure your child brings a hat to nursery every day during the warmer weather. They are welcome to leave these at school in their drawers.**
- **Long lasting suncream must be applied before your child's session. Please ensure your child's suncream does not contain almond or any other nut oils.**

The Nursery Team :)



Nursery—Daisy and Poppy Classes:

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Reception - Sunflower and Bellflower Classes

What have we been learning in Reception?

We have had the busiest time in Reception, growing plants from seed, making sandwiches and we are all finally enjoying the sunny weather!



Sunflower class had an amazing trip to Pizza Express, they made their own pizza, did some food tasting and were very pleased to come home with the pizza they made! The children were a credit to William Morris and enjoyed every moment of their adventure.

Thank you for all your support with returning reading books and reading at home, this is having a hugely positive impact on your child becoming a confident, independent reader. Please ensure your child's reading record and book is in their bookbag every day.

We are looking forward to our Fab Finish on Friday 24th May at 2pm – we will use the instructions we have written to make sandwiches together and share our super writing.

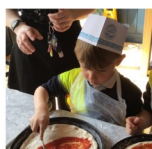
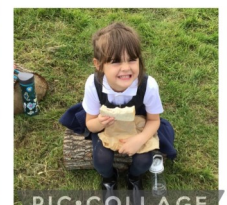
Please apply long lasting suncream to your child before school as the weather gets hotter, we are not able to re-apply suncream during the day, but will keep the children in the shade if needed. We do encourage all children to drink lots of water and wear their hats at this time of year.

With thanks

The EYFS team

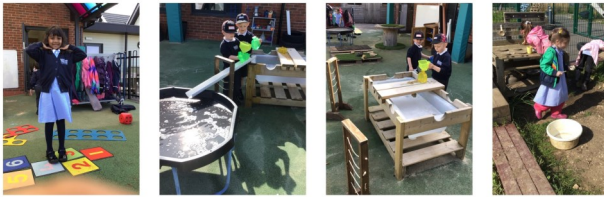


Bellflowers made jam sandwiches and had a picnic on the field!



Reception - Sunflower and Bellflower Classes

What have we been learning in Reception?



Fun in the sun!



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We are all expert pizza makers now!



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Making jam sandwiches... yummy!



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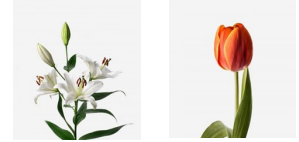
We had a pizza party back at school!



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Year 1 - Lily and Tulip Classes

What have we been learning in Year 1?



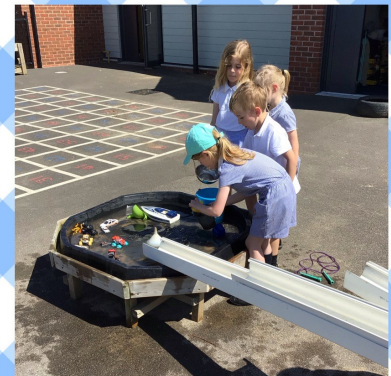
We have had another great few weeks continuing to learning all about Dinosaurs. In topic we have been exploring herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and sorting a range of animals in these categories. In History we have been learning about Mary Anning and have made fossils out of clay. We are currently learning a song all about Mary Anning which we will share with you at our fab finish.

In English we have continued our talk for writing unit on the story 'The Girl and the Dinosaur'. We have innovated our story and made ourselves a character and changed the setting. The children have really enjoyed making the story their own and being imaginative.

In Maths we have been exploring directional and positional language as well as our lefts and rights. We have been looking at half, quarter and three quarter turns as well as amounts. We have been lucky enough to also explore the indies and giving them a range of instructions/ directions to move to the final mat, we had great fun!

Reminders:

- Please ensure your child's reading book and reading record is in their bags as their books are changed every Thursday.
- Please bring in a picture of a pet on Monday (if you have a pet at home) for our Science lesson next week.
- Fab finish is Friday 24th May where the children will show off their amazing work this term.
- Please bring a sun hat to school and a water bottle as the weather is getting warmer.





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Year 1 - Lily and Tulip Classes

What have we been learning in Year 1?



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Year 1 - Lily and Tulip Classes

What have we been learning in Year 1?



Year 2 - Clover and Willow Classes

What have we been learning in Year 2?



We're having a great term so far and have really enjoyed learning about 'Movers and Shakers'! In our topic lessons, we have been learning and comparing Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. We have used the Dawson model to look at their significance and the impact they have had on our lives.

In English we have finished writing a biography about Rosa Parks and her impact on society. We have now been reading 'The Man on the Moon – a day in the life of Bob'. We have been writing character descriptions of Bob using some of his characteristics such as hardworking and energetic.

In Maths, we have begun to learn about money. We have been recognising coins and adding different amounts. Next week will learn how to calculate change by counting up to find the difference.

In Science we went on a minibeast hunt and have been learning about micro habitats and what animals need to survive in their habitat. We found a range of animals including worms, ants and grasshoppers!

In DT we have been learning about what happens when we cook food and this week, we have been following a recipe to make Eton Mess!

In PE this week we have been continuing our lessons on fitness and net and wall skills. We have used tennis rackets and balls and are learning how to hold the racket to successfully hit the tennis ball. In fitness we have been learning to run for longer periods of time while controlling our breathing.

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school and all items are labelled with their name.

The Year 2 Team



Year 3 - Honeysuckle and Rose Classes

What have we been learning in Year 3?



Year 3 have enjoyed another exciting couple of weeks and were very pleased to welcome the sun!

We had many budding scientists exploring anatomy and engineering during an engaging science workshop which focused on keeping our bones and bodies healthy. With the help of some friendly puppets, they also looked at how we can use engineering and light and shadow to bring science to life.

In our topic lessons, we researched and celebrated the lives of historical heroes. From courageous leaders to world record holders, our young historians explored the stories of individuals who have left their mark on the world.

In science, we have continued to look closely at plants from roots to stems, leaves to flowers. They have loved checking on their sunflowers each day and watching them grow from seeds to young plants.

During our English lessons, we completed our own newspaper reports about the Three Little Pigs and the terrible crime they committed against the wolf. We made sure our reports included quotes with speech marks, headlines and exciting vocabulary to hook the reader in.

In Maths, after completing our measurement unit on money, we moved on to looking at finding fractions of a set of objects or an amount. The children were fantastic at this and it was so helpful knowing our multiplication and division facts to help us with this.

Finally, we are sure you have heard all about our current D.T. project this term; Cook Well, Eatwell! The children have loved applying all their learning about balanced diet and nutrition to cooking. They used their chopping skills to cut up all the ingredients required for our Ratatouille including carrots, celery, peppers, aubergine and courgette. Well done to everyone who tasted the Ratatouille! We were very impressed by everyone and are pleased to say that due to most children wanting seconds (and even third helpings), we polished off two slow cookers worth! At popular request, please find the recipe for Ratatouille below so you can enjoy it at home :)

Year 3 - Honeysuckle and Rose Classes

What have we been learning in Year 3?



Ratatouille (Serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 2 large aubergines
- 2 courgettes
- 2 onions
- 3 sticks of celery
- 4 carrots
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 3 red or yellow peppers
- 6 ripe tomatoes
- 1 x 400g tin of tomatoes
- Olive oil
- Herbs
- Salt and pepper to taste



Method:

- Peel and chop all the vegetables.
- Put all the vegetables into the slow cooker with 2 tablespoons of olive oil.
- Add the tin of tomatoes, herbs, salt and pepper to the pot.
- Cook on low for 5-6 hours.
- Leave to cool a little before enjoying!

Note: if you are cooking in a casserole dish, fry off the onions and garlic in some oil before adding the rest of the ingredients. You can then bring to the boil and simmer for 30mins until the vegetables are soft.



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Year 3 - Honeysuckle and Rose Classes

What have we been learning in Year 3?



Year 4 - Apple and Blackberry Classes

What have we been learning in Year 4?



Week 4 already?! It feels like the term is racing by. The children have finished their discussion texts this week, writing balanced arguments about whether or not children should have more screen time. They wrote some fantastic arguments using a range of facts that they found in their research. Now we will be moving onto writing a persuasive argument.

In Maths, we have moved onto decimals. This can often be a tricky unit but the children have tackled it head on and shown some fantastic perseverance. So far they have learnt how to divide numbers by 10 and 100, which result in answers with decimals, as well as understanding the connection between decimals and fractions. We will then be looking at comparing and ordering decimals before learning how to convert from pounds to pence.

We are edging closer to the **multiplication check** and are really pleased with the amount of effort that Year 4 have been putting into their practice. They need to keep going for the next few weeks! Any garage games that they can do from now until the check will have a positive impact on their rapid recall of the times tables.

With our Playlist topic this term our science has focused on sound and how the ear works. Children have learned about the different parts of the ear and how sound vibrations are interpreted by the ear and translated to the brain. Additionally to this, the children have been learning songs on the recorders ready for the Fab Finish.

Thank you for your continued support,
Year 4 Team.



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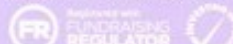
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What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK’s regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents’ media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, ‘Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024’ has just been published, and we’ve plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

By children’s age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child’s screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s



Over-12s



ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

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Neurodiversity Parent 101:

Can exercise help manage ADHD symptoms?

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Exercise good for all of us to maintain physical and psychological wellbeing.

Why exercise?

When you exercise, your brain releases chemicals called neurotransmitters, including dopamine, which is one that help with attention and clear thinking. People with ADHD often have less dopamine than usual in their brain.

How can exercise help?

Exercise can help in a number of ways:

- Reduce feelings of stress and anxiety – it allows your brain to focus on other things.
- Help with fatigue building stamina .
- Being physically tired can also impact on your sleep which is often problematic for people with ADHD.
- It can help with executive functioning skills and help with planning, organisational and time management skills.
- Help refocus you to do a more boring task. Some people find that if they do some stretches/exercise they can then re-focus on a task they have lost interest in.

What exercise?

- ✓ The main thing is to find something you or your child can enjoy.
- ✓ Even starting with a short session of exercise is better than nothing.
- ✓ Plan the activity and make it easy for it to happen. For example, if you are going for a walk make sure your wellies, coat etc. are at hand so you are not put off hunting for them!
- ✓ Some people find something like running, or swimming can be really useful in giving your brain a bit of a break.
- ✓ Others find something like a martial art where you need to focus on you and your body and follow some complex movements can be even better for helping with focus and attention.

