



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Well done to Years 1 & 2 for their Collective Worship this morning – all the children were confident when speaking and sang and played beautifully.

What a lot they have learnt!

DIARY DATES

- 08/02/2019 NSPCC 'Drop your books and boogie' Day
- 12/02/2019 PTA Event - EYFS & Y 1&2 Disco
3.15pm - 4.15pm – Hall
- 12/02/2019 PTA Event - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Disco
4.30pm - 5.30pm – Hall

Attendance

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS!**

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to
DONALDSON CLASS
who had 97.86 % attendance last week*

Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation Stage, the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Dear Zoo'. The children have been **extending their vocabulary** by looking at the describing words in the story and thinking of another word that means the same. We have taken some of the adjectives from the story and displayed them around the classroom for the children to use in their writing.

In PE this week, the children have been practising different balances. They worked with a partner taking it in turns to 'mirror' their partner's movement and balance. The children learnt about their core muscles and how they work hard when we balance.

The children have continued to test their boats this week, finding out whether they float or sink in the water and then writing their findings in their books. It has been great fun getting **creative** and then trying to predict what will happen to our creations in the water!



Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic week of fun filled learning activities. They have been **intrigued** to find out about Sir David Attenborough and his inspiring and passionate dedication to nature. They have **independently** identified and classified a variety of marine animals, learned about their habitat and their contribution to the eco system.

The children have enjoyed **working collaboratively** to perfect their assembly over the last few weeks. They have shared their learning about many of their inspiring topics, showing sunset art, diary writing and scientific diagrams. The songs the children have chosen to sing promote **friendship and unity**, two things we really value in Year 1 and 2. The children's recorder playing is wonderful and shows their amazing **dedication and determination** to learn a new skill.

Our Road Safety Officers delivered a very important assembly this week, promoting safety when crossing roads. Year 1 and 2 children contributed to the assembly by asking some **excellent enquiring questions**. These questions consolidated their understanding of road safety and how important it is.

The children have enjoyed the frosty mornings this week. They have made some lovely comments about their surroundings, such as "the frost looks like icing sugar on the trees".

To keep warm in these cold mornings they have been using Super Movers. We **consolidated our Literacy and Language learning** by moving to music about using full stops and capital letters.



PTA Events Information

- Disco - Tuesday 12th February

EYFS & KS1 3.15pm-4.15pm

KS2 4.30pm-5.30pm

Tickets £3 includes tuck shop & squash - on sale from Monday

- Ladies Swishing Social Night - Wednesday 13th February 7.30pm. Tickets £5. If you would like a stall to sell or advertise your business please e-mail stgilbertsptafinance@outlook.com
- 100 Club Raffle – information coming soon.

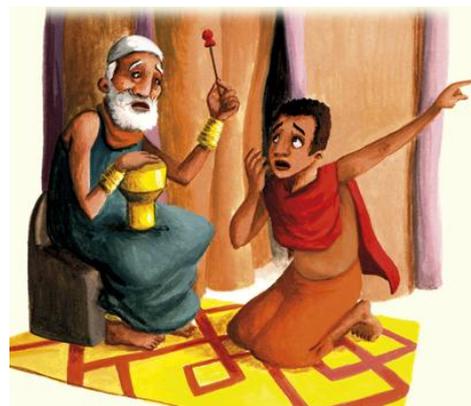
Key Stage 2

The children in Year 3/4 have had a very productive week this week and, as always, have worked incredibly hard to produce some thought-out, **beautifully produced work**.

For their Topic work this week, the children really enjoyed working in their table and class teams to devise their very own 'Pirate Code of Conduct'. They thought about what the rules of the classroom might look like if they were actually on-board a mighty pirate ship, changing their teacher for the Captain and their class mates for crew mates. They were **really imaginative and thought carefully** about different rules and ways to make sure important jobs would get done. They even managed to devise some ECO rules about turning the lights off. The children thought it was very important that all crew mates were given equal opportunities to their treasure (learning) and that they must **respect one another** and their captains!

Within English, they have been exploring Folktales and identifying the specific features to a Folk or Fairy-tale. The children listened to 'A Crocodile Named Rain Cloud' (a Burmese folktale) and Baba Yaga (a Russian folktale). They used their detective skills to identify features within both stories, such as themes, objects, heroes/heroines and problems within the stories and compared these to well-known, traditional fairy-tales.

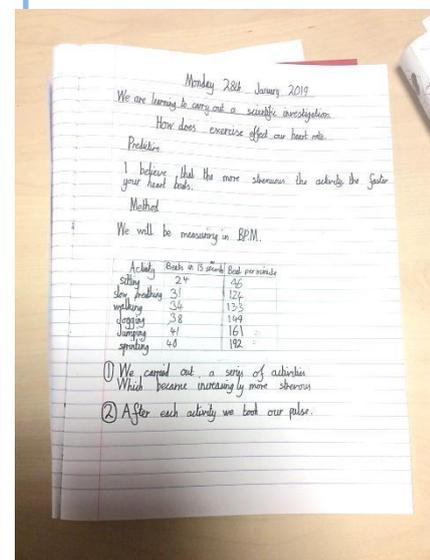
The children then went on to write their own version of 'The Enchantress of the Sands', **thinking carefully** about features, setting, and dramatic language that might be used in folktales. The work that the children produced was **extremely imaginative** and we will enjoy sharing the finished versions with our classes next week.



Key Stage 2

This week in Year 5.6, we have been writing letters of complaint. On Thursday morning, the children arrived to find the Games Space had been cordoned off, with a sign explaining that it is closed until next term. As expected, the children all had very strong views on this and were extremely passionate when discussing why they should be allowed back in the Games Space and the benefits it brings. They recognised the Christian Values and Virtues that are involved when playing in this area: **compassion, friendliness, fairness, honesty, teamwork, co-operation** and many more! The writing that the children produced was fantastic and VERY persuasive; they look forward to sharing their work with Miss Dicker next week.

In Science, the children planned and carried out an experiment to test the effect of exercise on their heart rate. We discussed what makes a fair test and the children worked hard to ensure that this was the case. They enjoyed combining Science and PE by taking part in a variety of different exercises: running, jumping, jogging and sprinting. They even enjoyed dancing their way out of the classroom at the end of the day!



Please keep collecting your used batteries and filling your card board boxes. There is a very large recycling tub in reception to fill!

A Note for your Diary:

We have 2 Open Mornings in the next few months; Monday 11th Feb is our ICT Open Morning and Friday 22nd March is our Science Open Morning.

More details to follow



DISC

TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

EYFS & KS1
3.15PM-4.15PM

KS2
4.30PM-5.30PM

£3 INCLUDES TUCK SHOP
& SQUASH



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