

YARNFIELD NEWS

Principal's message

It has been another full and packed term where the children have continued to make progress, experience new learning and make good memories. We have seen the return of Mrs Raja and say a short farewell to Mrs Bate, wishing her the very best as she will be leaving to have her baby. Next term the children in year 6 & 2 will be doing their SAT's and have bought home some revision. Please guide and support them in completing these. All children will be doing their home learning projects and again help your child complete these.



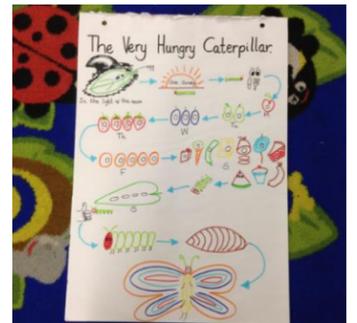
Spirit of Bollywood

Marathon

Friday 12th April 2019

Nursery

In Nursery, we have had a fantastic time learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have spent time watching caterpillars building their cocoons and are eagerly awaiting their transformation into butterflies. We have also looked at the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the children have really enjoyed retelling the story and making artwork inspired by the text. It has been lovely to see the Nursery children continuing to develop their language and creativity skills.



Reception

In Reception we've been learning to retell and write the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. In our topic lessons we found out where bread comes from and how to bake bread. We followed a recipe to make our own bread and really enjoyed eating some of it too. It was delicious!

If you have a child in Reception, ask your child to tell you the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and see if they can tell you all about how bread is made.



Year 1

Year One had a super innovate day as part of their topic, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. The children have been learning all about animals and as part of their learning they created their own pets. They also learnt how to care for them, create shelters and provide food and water for their pets. For part of the day, the pets had to go everywhere the children went, some children even fed their pets a bit of their lunch! Take a look at some photographs of our pets and their shelters from the day. We have loved learning all about animals and cannot wait for our next topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' after the Easter holidays.



Year 2

Year 2 have been busy getting green fingered these past few weeks. Oz, who tends to our school allotment, has kindly given up some of his time to come and work with the children in Year 2. Last week children potted some sweet peas that Oz had grown from seed during early spring and children were able to look closely at the roots and found out what roots are for. This week children planted from pumpkins, peas and beans from seed, which have gone into the green house to protect them from the current cold spell that we are having. Next week Oz will be back in and we will be planting our potatoes. Oz came to 'chit' the potatoes with the children back in early spring and they have now started to grow some roots and shoots and are now ready to seed. Our plants are outside 2LE and 2CF so take some time to check out how well they are doing.



Year 3

Year 3 have gained an impressive knowledge of 'Tremors' this half term. They have demonstrated high levels of enthusiasm throughout their topic work and have answered some fantastic questions such as:

How are volcanoes formed?

How do we stay safe during an earthquake?

How are earthquakes measured?

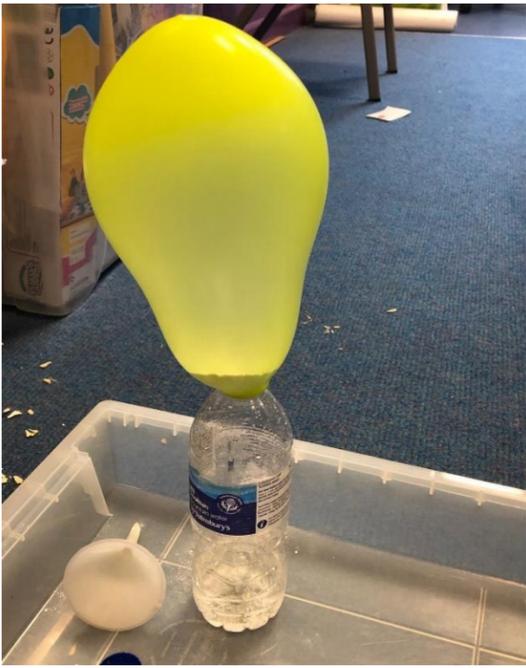
They have also used their design skills to plan and make a shelter to withstand an earthquake. We had some great successes and some houses which could not quite keep themselves steady, however all children had an extremely enjoyable day. We are excited to see children's learning continue into their next topic.

Year 4

As part of our new partnership project with Birmingham Hippodrome Education Network year four children were invited to perform on the main stage as part of 'The Spirit of Bollywood'. For the past 8 weeks we have enjoyed dance lessons from a Bollywood dancer (who was one of the stars of the show).

Their performance was spectacular! All the children who performed amazed the audience with their Bollywood dancing.





Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about 'Changing Materials' over the past few weeks. We have enjoyed conducting experiments to investigate which material are the best conductors of electricity, what materials will dissolve in different solutions and what changes are irreversible. Did you know that if you mix vinegar with bicarbonate of soda, they react with each other and create a new material? The new material produced was carbon dioxide. It is this gas that causes the bubbles, in the froth, which you can see at the bottom of the balloon. In the picture, the carbon dioxide gas had been released to blow up the balloon!

Year 6

Year Six are on the SATs countdown! It's becoming very hard for the teachers to choose just one star of the week per class because everyone is working their socks off!! A big well done goes out to everyone for their effort and hard-work, especially to those who are attending before and after school clubs. The hard work will pay off!



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Timestables rockstars is still going strong at Yarnfield!! There have been lots of brilliant battles this month between different year groups and classes. A big well done to everyone who is doing their bit for their team! Here are the latest participation levels for each class...

6AC – 100%	4NT – 90%	5NH – 80%	6LB – 71%
6VR – 100%	5SW – 90%	5SB – 77%	3VM – 66%
4KM – 94%	6SB – 87%	4SS – 74%	2LE – 52%
3JO – 94%	3SE – 83%	2RC – 74%	2CF – 47%

Marathon Kids

'Kids Run Free' are a Leamington Spa based charity who run (no pun intended) many half-marathons and marathons for kids.

On Tuesday 30th April, children and staff will be taking part in this fun, charitable activity; organised by Mrs Sparkes. Throughout the week, pupils will be running or walking (at their own pace). We are aiming to inspire all students to believe that they can achieve anything and hope to reach the distance of 4 marathons over the year. All classes will take part and parents- if you would like to join in- can sign up at the school office. Children will be allowed to come into school wearing sportswear.

Remember 'Active Kids Do Better'.
To all the children, parents and staff...
GOOD LUCK!

MARATHON KIDS

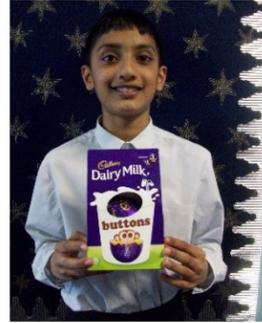
Easter Boosters

To help children prepare for the upcoming SAT's, school will be opening from 15th – 17th April (8:45am-12pm) for year 6 pupils to receive booster lessons. These will include Maths and Reading. We look forward to seeing all those who have signed up to benefit from the boost and tips for revision.

Winners of the Easter Raffle are:

Jack M (4KM)
 Ruhan A (5SE)
 Lubna F (2LE)
 Ismail L (1YQ)
 Kyle S (3JO)

A special Easter egg award goes to Danyal Z (6SB) who has been an excellent office angel. Always dedicated and willing to help all children, staff and visitors.



Eco Warriors

You may or may not know, that 12 children from across the school have been chosen to be eco warriors for our school. Over the past 3 weeks, the eco warriors have been doing everything they can to get rid of waste that can harm the environment. Every week the eco warriors from each year group will be on the playground twice a day with their litter pickers picking up discarded litter. Please help us by putting any litter in the bin at the end of the day. Remember the 3 Rules RECYCLE, RE-USE, REDUCE!

Red Nose Day

The whole school took part in wearing something red for Red Nose Day. Thank you for all your support.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has been changed to how it used to be run previously. If you would like your child to come to breakfast club, you must fill out a form for your child at the office. You will be charged £2 for your first child and £1 for their siblings, which will cover breakfast and the provision for being looked after. You will still be charged if your child does not attend. Club runs from 8am-8:45am and you must bring your child to the side doors (entering the hall). Doors close at 8:30am.

Polite Notice

Parents, if you are dropping your children off at school you must stay with them until 8:45am when the school doors open. You are responsible for your children while they are on the school grounds until 8:45am.

Railways safety

Staying safe around railway tracks has become our main priority, especially before the Easter holidays. It is very important for pupils to learn and understand the dangers near the railway. As a school, we believe that raising awareness about safety will help to encourage children to be sensible around railway tracks. Stay Safe!



E Safety

Throughout the school, teachers have been making children aware of why and how you should stay 'SMART' when using the internet. Monitor what your children are using the internet for and do not be afraid to question them. Please remind your children to stay safe on the net.

March Attendance

Reception	94.11%
Year 1	94.09%
Year 2	95.64%
Year 3	96.47%
Year 4	96.47%
Year 5	97.08%
Year 6	96.95%
OVERALL	95.87%



Let's try our best to get ourselves into school every day and see if we can reach the target of 97% next time! It is very important to come to school every day. If you are absent - your friends miss you and you will miss out on crucial learning for the day. We follow the Trust Policy on attendance and value your support. Mr Hendrickson is always on call at school to support and give advice.

Dates for the Diary

12th April - Staff Training Day
11th April - Break up for Easter
29th April - Children return to school
15th - 17th April - Year 6 Easter Booster classes
W/B 29th April - Apply for Nursery place.
29th April - Year 3 - Local Walk
30th April - Marathon Kids (Sports wear)
6th May - Bank Holiday
8th May - Year 5 - Les Miserables - Hippodrome
14th May - Year 4 - Think Tank
W/B 13th May - Year 6 SAT's
W/B 20th May - Year 2 SAT's
23rd May - Year 3- Worst Witch workshop - Hippodrome