

The Buzz

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Life-Long Learners who...Dream...Believe...Achieve ...

Headteacher's Update

I am in the privileged position of regularly being able to observe teaching and learning as well as teaching and learning myself. I am thoroughly enjoying working with my Year 6 Literacy group as we are working hard to explore the features of different genres and extract key information and I have seen children make great progress. The children are active and engaged, working their 'socks off' to achieve the very best that they can. I am really proud of all the children in Year 6 who are focused on being 'epic learners'. They are embracing the responsibility of being active learners to produce work which reflects the best of their abilities. Very well done Year 6.

I observed Year 3 children calculating an imaginative potion in maths. There was a great sense of awe and wonder as they carefully measured and weighed while adding and subtracting the most incredible ingredients that helped make the lesson so much fun! Year 3 children are working so well both independently and with their learning partners; I was so impressed with their thirst to 'have a go' and calculate the correct measurements. Well done Year 3!

Year 4 children are also enraptured with their learning. Again they are captured in a sense of awe and wonder as they explore genres and concepts in English. They are demonstrating superb listening skills in order to apply new concepts in their learning and should be congratulated for embracing challenging ideas with such positivity. They are also proofreading and editing their work carefully which can be a real challenge. Super work Year 4.

Year 5 children have been thoroughly enjoying their trips to the Science Museum in London. The benefits of going in a small group mean that the children enjoy the detail much more and the adult pupil ratio is much better. The children have had opportunities to practically explore and observe experiments first hand. Their enthusiasm and energy has been so incredibly positive—fantastic Year 5! Please check our Facebook page for pictures and updates.

Next Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day and have planned lots of exciting activities to promote and celebrate reading. The children will be able to dress up as a favourite book character. Home made costumes (if you have time) can often be the most simple and best—so please encourage your child to be innovative and think about how they can dress up using what they already have. We are really looking forward to sharing our favourite stories and books and hope that the children will keep reading regularly at home too.



Writing Prize

Congratulations and well done to Chloe who has been awarded the Writing Prize. Well done also to all those pupils who have been nominated - keep up the good work!



Maths Prize

Congratulations to Keir who has been awarded the Maths Prize since the last Buzz. Well done to all the nominees - it's great to see you placing such effort and pride in your work.





Diary Dates

Monday 26 February - Parents'/Guardians' Evening 3.50pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 27 February - Parents'/Guardians' Evening 3.50pm-6.30pm

Thursday 1 March - World Book Day, children to dress as their favourite book character

Friday 2 March - Mother's Day Sale

Monday 5 March - Year 6 Residential to Marchants Hill

Tuesday 20 March - DBA Morning 9am-10am

Thursday 29 March - Finish for Easter break at 3.30pm

Monday 16 April - Children return from Easter break

Our school calendar is on our website together with letters that are sent home

Premiership Bench

Well done to all those children who have earned a place on the premiership bench: Lily, Phoebe, Frankie, Ava, Maddie, Liliarna, Morgan, Blake and Roddi.



World Book Day

On Thursday 1 March we will be celebrating World Book day, we are encouraging our children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The children will be spending the day focusing on children's books and authors past and present. Teachers will nominate a pupil from each class to be considered for the best costume. We plan to enjoy the day celebrating the magical and informative world of books!



Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural Question for Home/School Reflection and Discussion

Why should we forgive our peers ?



Governor News

Governors have recently completed a skills audit as a self-evaluation exercise. This reflection task is important in order to maximise the talent of the team and identify where further training is potentially needed to strengthen capacity further. Our governors are committed to personal and team training which will support them to fulfil their role in challenging the school as a Governing Body.