

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 19th June**

Current Topic: **'We Are International'** Current Value: **Communication**



Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

- EYFS — Chicks 93%
- KS1— Parrots 95%
- LKS2— Doves 98%
- UPKS2— Toucans 97.9%

End of Week House points totals:

- Spitfire — 176
- Lancaster — 175
- Hurricane — 205
- Wellington — 205

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
 Dylan (Doves) Piper (Penguins)
 Nina (Penguins) Leah (Penguins)
 Millie (Kingfishers) Ivy (Peacocks)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee

Thank you to everyone who came along to sports day this week. It is a real favourite of mine as it's an opportunity to get really stuck in and be competitive which is sometimes missing from our school day! We've always been a competitive school, enjoying the local sports events and taking all opportunities to join in with coaching and tournaments. As well as a desire to win, we saw children encouraging each other, supporting their house teams and helping to run the event - well done to everyone. A big congratulations to Hurricane House who won both the KS2 and EYFS/KS1 event - great racing. A big thank you to the GSA for providing parents/carers with refreshments and all of our pupils with an ice lolly. Also a big thank you to Mike Bulman who saved the day with a leaf blower to the running track before the big event!



An update from Mrs Gardner

By the time you are reading this, another Colour Run will have been and gone, and what a fantastic event it was!

A huge thank you must go to the GSA for the countless hours of planning, organising and fundraising that made the event possible. Their dedication, commitment and willingness to give up their own time for the benefit of our school community is truly appreciated.

The Colour Run has once again brought together pupils, staff and families for an afternoon filled with laughter, excitement and plenty of colour. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part, supporting one another and creating memories that will last long after the paint has washed away.

Events such as this are about far more than just having fun. As a school with limited funding, the money raised through the Colour Run makes a genuine difference to the opportunities and experiences we can offer our pupils. Every pound raised helps us to provide resources, equipment and activities that enrich school life and support our young people to thrive.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who sponsored participants, donated, volunteered or simply came along to support the event. Your generosity and community spirit continue to have a positive impact on our school.

Thank you once again to the GSA and to everyone who helped make this year's Colour Run such a success. We are already looking forward to next year!



An update from Mrs Summers

As we draw closer to the end of the school year, I am getting lots of applications from families moving this way, hoping to join us in September. It is always so lovely to hear that we have been recommended by members of our current Gateway Community. We are extremely grateful for this as it helps with the transition process and creates a feeling of belonging before they even start.

I've been informed that two grief charities have now amalgamated. Winston's Wish has now amalgamated with Child Bereavement UK, I have been sent details today of some free workshops available for primary aged children. Please take a look at their website if this applies to you: <https://www.childbereavementuk.org>



EYFS

We have had an amazing time this week visiting Greece, the birthplace of the summer Olympic games. We spent time practicing for sports day and then had lots of fun at actual Sports day, where we worked in our teams and house groups. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us.



As part of being sporty, we have been thinking about being healthy and how we can keep our teeth and bodies healthy.

Back in class we have been enjoying some traditional Greek tales. Aesop fables have a moral or a hidden meaning, one of our favourites has been about a hare and a tortoise.

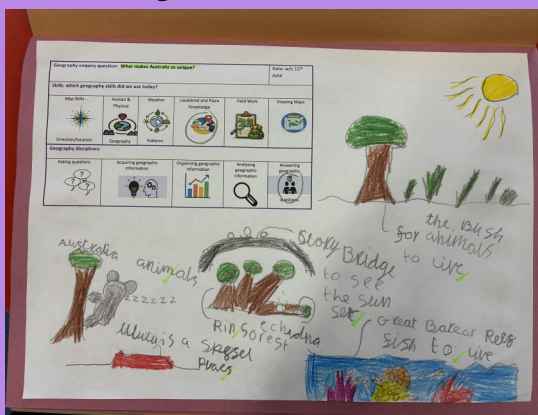


We have also loved tasting some Greek food and listening to traditional Greek music. Some of us even enjoyed Olives!

Next week we are off to Italy.

Year 1 and 2

This week, we have been exploring the question, "How is Australia unique?" Through our learning, we have discovered the wide variety of habitats found across Australia, learned how much of the population lives along the coastline, explored the significance of the remarkable Uluru, and, of course, enjoyed finding out about the country's amazing wildlife. Both the children and teachers have thoroughly enjoyed this topic, and the children have demonstrated fantastic geographical and scientific understanding throughout. In English, we have begun writing our new Wombat adventure, which we will be concluding next week. In Maths, Year 1 have continued developing their problem-solving skills by writing calculations to solve a range of questions, while Year 2 have been exploring how 0 and 1 influence multiplication and division equations. The highlight of the week was definitely our Sports Day on Wednesday afternoon. The children behaved exceptionally well and demonstrated our school value of excellence throughout the event. We were incredibly proud of them all and grateful for the wonderful support from parents and families. Congratulations to Hurricane House for winning the trophy!



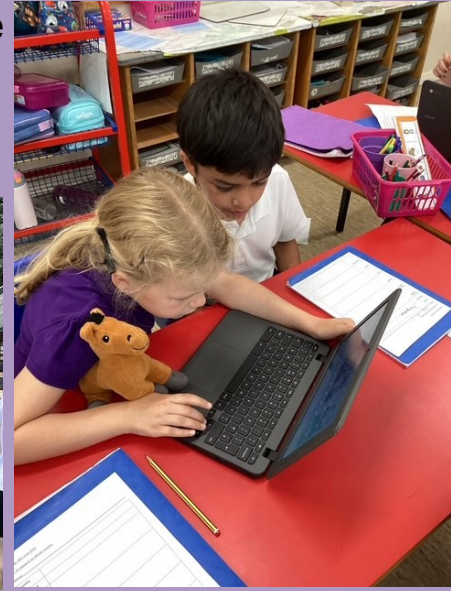
We are also looking forward to ending the week in style with our fantastic Colour Run on Friday after school. Thank you for supporting our school and helping to make this such a fun and memorable event.

Year 3 and 4

This week in year 3 and 4 we began our research on an African country in preparation for our podcasts. We were finding out what human and physical features it has and any exciting and interesting facts that would be great to include. We have also discussed biomes in Geography and how Africa has a range of different climates and habitats across its continent.

We were also really proud of all of the efforts of the children on sports day. We know that this day is loved or loathed and every single child tried their best and were encouraging and supportive of each other.

We have continued our learning in Science on sound and investigated how distance affects how we hear sound. We made paper cup telephones to help sound travel further by giving the sound energy solid particles to pass along more easily.



Year 5 and 6

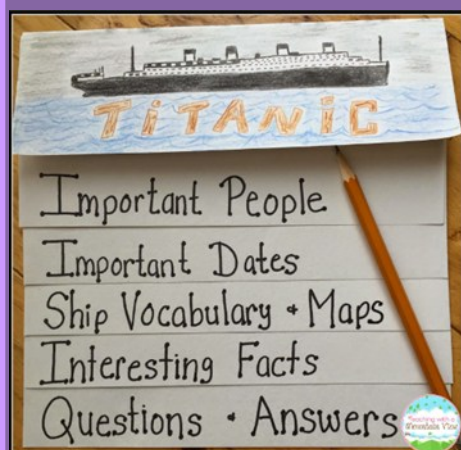
What a fantastic week in UKS2!

We are very proud of all our Year 5 children for their focus and super effort with their final assessments of the year. All the children have made progress which is amazing and so great for them to see just how much their hard work is paying off. Well done.

Alongside this, the year 6 children have been working just as hard to learn their lines and we have been focusing on their scenes and actions and projecting their voices. We will have costume lists out next week.

In English, the children have been writing an explanation text all about the four components of the blood – plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells and the platelets. Please ask the children about this and the facts they have learnt.

We have finished our Statistics unit in Maths. The children worked hard throughout the unit finding fractions and related percentages and solving multi-step word problems based on Line graphs and pie charts. Our next unit will be all about Ratio and Proportion.



In Geography, we have been identifying the push and pull factors about why people wanted to leave Ireland in 1912. The children have given excellent ideas and reasons supporting these with evidence based on our previous lessons. In History, we are continuing to make our waterfall booklets all about the Titanic. We have looked at the timeline of events and the crew who were on the ship. This information has been organised into sections of the booklet and they are starting to look amazing.

Our KS2 Sports Day went really well. We included a few different events this year and it was lovely to see, and hear, the support from all the houses, the staff and parents/carers who were able to attend.

Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 23rd June — Year 6 Cake Bake Sale After School

Monday 6th July — Year 6 Production — Afternoon Times TBC

Tuesday 7th July — Year 6 Production — Evening Times TBC

Tuesday 14th July — Transition Day Into New Classes — PM

Wednesday 15th July — Mingle In The Mess 8:35-9:30am

Wednesday 15th July — Transition Day Into New Classes — AM

Thursday 16th July — Leavers Assembly 2:30pm

Friday 17th July — iRock Concert — Parents Of iRockers to Watch

Friday 17th July — End of Term — Finish 1:30pm



Carterton Art Week

We're delighted to share that some of the fantastic artwork created by children at Hartist Art Club after school was displayed at Carterton Art Week in the WI Hall!

It's wonderful to see their creativity being showcased for the community to enjoy. A huge well done to all the children involved – you should be very proud of yourselves. We certainly are!



YEAR 6

CAKE

BAKE SALE

**RAISING MONEY FOR
PRODUCTION COSTUMES**

23RD JUNE

**STRAIGHT
AFTER SCHOOL!**



ICE LOLLY FRIDAY

IS BACK!



FROM NEXT FRIDAY
(12TH JUNE)



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Harry Potter Theme

Monday 20th July



Magic Faraway Tree Theme

Monday 24th August



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