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Welcome to the school newsletter for this week!

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Year 6 Robinwood meeting this week. I hope you found it informative and you feel it is something your child will really look forward to!

We also had a phonics session for our reception parents today which again was very well attended. It was lovely watching how the parents got on with blending their phonemes!

I've had a couple of parents ask me about what their children will be learning about in their subjects for the rest of year. All topics can be found here for each year group. Our Subject Intent Statements allow you to delve a little deeper into each subject to see exactly what is taught in each topic, in each year group. For example, if you wanted to look to see what your child will be learning about in Science or in their Personal, Social, Health and Economic lessons (PSHE) then it would be the Science and PSHE Intent Statements that you would look at. These subject Intent Statements can be found here.

If you have any questions about our curriculum and what is taught please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mr Jones

Communication Corner

Welcome to our latest Communication Corner! It has be so lovely to return to school and see so many happy children around school. I will be hosting coffee morning's again during this academic year and I'm really excited to welcome our Nursery parents on 11th October 2023 at 9.00am. If anyone has any questions regarding the coffee morning please feel free to pop into school or you can catch me at the school office. Thank you Mrs K

<u>Diary Dates</u>	
09/10/2023	Flu Immunisations
11/10/2023	Nursery parents coffee morning
11/10/2023	Warrington Guardian Reception Photographs
12/10/2023	Interim Reports out to parents
16/10/2023	Parents Evening
18/10/2023	Halloween Discos (Reception-Yr2 and Yr3- Yr6)
18/10/2023	Nursery Halloween fancy dress bring £1
18/10/2023	Reception parents coffee morning
20/10/2023	SEND coffee morning with Miss Kerrigan
20/10/2023	Non school uniform
13/11/2023	Open Evening for new parents
15/11/2023	Y1 parents coffee morning
17/11/2023	Y6 Chemistry with Cabbage workshop
29/11/2023	Y2 parents coffee morning
04/12/2023	School choir to Salvation Army
06/12/2023	Y3 parents coffee morning
13/12/2023	$9.30 am \ EYFS \ Christmas \ Dress \ Rehearsal-Grandparents \ invited$
14/12/2023	9.30am EYFS Christmas performance for parents
14/12/2023	2.00pm EYFS Christmas performance for parents
15/12/2023	9.30am KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents invited
15/12/2023	1.40pm KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents invited
18/12/2023	9.30am KS1 Christmas performance for parents
18/12/2023	3.30pm KS1 Christmas performance for parents
19/12/2023	9.30am KS2 Christmas performance for parents
19/12/2023	3.30pm KS2 Christmas performance for parents
20/12/2023	Toy day/Party day/Christmas Jumper day
10/01/2024	Y4 parents coffee morning
24/01/2024	Y5 parents coffee morning
07/02/2024	Y6 parents coffee morning

Book Donation

We have had a fantastic delivery of Non-Fiction books today for our school library which were paid for by the money raised in our Read-a-thon for World Book Day last year. We intend to do the same this year to add further to our library!

If you have any quality Fiction books in good condition that are gathering dust on your bookshelf at home, we would welcome them in our school library. We are constantly looking to build up our library to give our children as much opportunity as possible to read a variety of books. Please bring any donations to the office and we will ensure they are put to good use!

PTA Halloween Celebrations

The PTA have organised a fancy dress Party for Nursery children on 18th October during school time. Children are welcome to come into school in fancy dress and are asked to bring in £1 which will go towards the PTA fund for the school. The children will also receive a goody bag to take home!

After a class vote in Year 6, we are now pleased to announce that Year 6 will also be included in the later disco on 18th October.

Parents Evening booking

We will be taking bookings over the phone for Parents Evening as we did last year. The office will be open to take bookings on **Wednesday 11**th **October between 9am-4pm**. We recommend that you phone on this day to ensure that you are allocated a time to suit yourself as the bookings fill up quickly.

Special Mentions

Nursery – Thea Dickenson – Thea demonstrates exceptional listening skills especially when taking part in whole class and small group activities. This week she has loved learning all about autumn and was able to confidently answer questions based on the information we had covered during whole class input.

Well Done Thea!

Reception – My special mention is going to be awarded to **Edward Hitchmough** this week. Edward has worked extremely hard in our phonics lessons this week; showing his confidence with Set 1 sounds by using magnetic letters to build and read CVC words. Well done, Edward!

- **Year 1 Jax Pilling** for trying really hard to listen and engage in all lessons. Keep up the great work Jax!
- Year 2 -Henry Melia for always being ready to learn. I'm so proud of you!
- Year 3 Cherish Siu for all the hard work she is putting into her learning!
- **Year 4 Elias Downing** for great handwriting and presentation
- Year 5 Selina-Sienna Wayman for her excellent maths work with negative numbers!
- Year 6 -- Amelia Chisnall for a fabulous attitude to school
- **PE-** Molly Harrison for her enthusiasm and effort.

Early Years News

Nursery

This week we have been looking for signs of autumn and the children have really enjoyed learning about the changes that occur during this season as well as exploring Autumnal objects up close. In Maths we have been counting leaves as well as continuing repeating patterns using autumn items including conkers, pine cones, acorns etc. The children have also enjoyed creating their own repeating patterns.

We have been printing with autumn leaves, creating autumn collages and using cotton buds to create our own autumn trees to show the changes in the colour of the leaves.

Thank you to all of the children who have shared the contents of their treasure boxes this week. We have all really enjoyed taking part in this lovely activity. I would also like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for your support with this.

As we are beginning to experience Autumnal weather please can I ask all those children who have not already brought in a pair of wellies to do so and if possible please can we keep these wellies in Nursery so that they can be used on a daily basis so that the children can access the outdoor provision regularly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wallace

Reception

This week the children have been using their artistic skills to draw and colour their very own self-portraits. The children have used mirrors to look at their reflection and have used colouring crayons to draw their facial features.

In Maths, the children have been learning numbers to 5. The children have also used natural resources to make a face; using their counting skills to count the objects and match the correct Numicon piece to the number of objects.

The children will also be exploring colour mixing on Friday. The children will be learning all about 'The Colour Monster' and the different emotions linking to the monsters. I'm looking forward to seeing Reception's wonderful art work.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Miss Bostock

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1

This week in Math's we have completed more work on using the symbols greater than, less than and equals. The children now understand how to use these symbols independently and it has been wonderful to observe them so confident with this. We have also worked hard to order numbers this week and ensure we double check whether questions are asking us to start with the smallest or greatest number. The children then enjoyed looking at ordinal numbers and worked hard to write ordinal numbers all the way up to 15th!

In Literacy this week we have continued our work on adjectives. We worked hard to be adjective detectives and find them in a range of sentences independently. We discovered that adjectives can be used in different places within sentences and we are looking forward to discussing this further next week. The children amazed me with their ideas and we created a wonderful word bank of interesting adjectives!

In Science this week we have labelled the human body. We used chalk on the playground to draw around each other and label our bodies before completing some independent work in our books. Test our knowledge you will be amazed!

We started some Geography work this week and looked at aerial views. We then worked in groups to create an aerial map of our classroom. We now know that an aerial view is what a bird or helicopter sees why they fly over a place. We understand that when looking at an aerial map it is 2D rather than 3D. Well done Year 1!

Miss Lewis

Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy week! In Maths, we have continued to learn about different number patterns. We are much more confident counting in tens, fives and twos from any given number. In Writing, we have learnt how to use a question mark correctly including asking questions about a person from the past. In History, we have researched more about the Great Fire of London and we now know that it happened on Sunday 2nd September 1666! In Geography, we labelled the countries and capital cities of the UK. We sang songs to help us remember and drew our own maps using chalk. In Computing, this week we labelled the features of a laptop and learnt how to research new information on the Internet. On Tuesday afternoon, we took part in a forest school lesson with Mr Cooney and we loved it! In PSHE, we discussed how unique we all are and celebrated our similarities and differences.

Miss Kerrigan

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3

In English this week, we completed our Stormy Mountain description! All the children worked so hard on it and they were a pleasure to read! They all took into account all the work we have done over the last couple of weeks to prepare for it and therefore the descriptions were FULL with amazing adjectives and similes. We then moved onto our new class text, Seal Surfer and have begun by making a prediction on what we think is going to happen. After reading the first couple of pages, the children then had a go at creating their own alternative opening to the story, using prepositions for time, cause and setting.

In maths, we had a few recap questions on ordering and comparing numbers, and counting in 50's before moving onto investigating number lines. The children had a go at using their estimation skills to estimate where certain numbers may be placed on a number line to 100. In science, we looked at how fossils are formed and what the process is. We discussed the different types of fossils that have been found and discussed how fossils help historians interpret the past.

We've moved onto our new shared reading book, Count, and have started to make predictions about what we think will happen in the story. The children identify the different ways they can make a prediction by using the blurb, the front cover and the pictures on the front.

In Geography we labelled an 8-point compass and discussed what compasses were used for and how they work.

Miss Conway

Year 4

This week in Year in Geography, after finding out what a biome was last week using the Virtual Reality headsets we have researched the different biomes of Europe and created fact files on them. We discovered what animals live in the different biomes, the plant life, the climate and what countries in Europe had these biomes.

In Science, we have been starting to investigate what liquids are worse for our teeth. We have put 7 eggs (to replicate the enamel on our teeth) with different liquids such as coke, coffee, orange juice,

and vinegar and we will observe the effects over the next week. We have also put two eggs covered in different kinds of toothpaste and vinegar to see the effect this will have.

In English, we have been continuing with our Hare and Tortoise fables. We have heard a couple of different versions, and we have been looking at vocabulary for boastful and humble and looking at synonyms and antonyms we could use in our own retelling. We have looked at using longer-fronted adverbials, to set the time and place of events and to end the week we have looked at using direct speech and great reporting clauses.

In Maths, we have been looking at counting in 5s, 50s and 500s and then in 25s. Year 4 were amazing at spotting the patterns and links for these numbers and Mrs Shone was really pleased. We spent quite a lot of time this week, thinking about our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Mrs Shone

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have ventured onto negative numbers in Maths. We looked at real life examples of where we would find negative numbers such as in money (debt), temperature, and lift levels and above/below sea level. We read thermometers and found the difference between positive and negative numbers.

In Writing, we created our own magical objects using our class book (Podkin) as a stimulus. We used the map in the book to decide where these objects come from and our fantastic imaginations to decide their powers. Then, we created sentences including relative clauses to further develop our writing.

For our Geography topic, we looked at the topography of North America. We plotted height on a map of the continent and shaded this with green being lower levels of ground and red indicating mountainous areas. We could spot the Rocky Mountains that spread across the West of North America.

In History, we used the VRs to visit an Anglo-Saxon village! This village taught us about what their houses were made of, some of the jobs that they had and the animals that they farmed.

Lastly, in Science, we recapped and compared life cycles of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects. We found key differences such as: insects going through metamorphosis and birds laying eggs rather than live young. We also found major similarities: all starting as an embryo and all growing as time goes on.

Miss Ratcliffe

Year 6

In Maths, Y6 have been continuing to work on the 4 operations of fractions and using their reasoning skills to solve problems. They have been working with mixed numbers, top heavy fractions and common denominators to help solve these problems.

In Science and Art, the children have been learning about inheritance and how organisms vary. We have examined that variation in species can occur due to environmental influence and due to inheritance.

The children thought about the characteristics that may be inherited if a Jammy Dodger biscuit produced offspring with a Bourbon biscuit! With this, they created posters to show the potential variation in the characteristics of their offspring.

Also in Science, the children carried out an investigation to examine how evolution occurs - Year 6 became members of a bird population in an imaginary place called Clippy Island and undertook an investigation into natural selection. They did this to investigate natural selection.

From this experiment, they learnt the following:

- To understand that organisms show natural variation within a population
- To understand that species characteristics can change over periods of time
- To understand that natural selection is the main mechanism which drives evolution
- To know that natural selection acts on individuals and that populations evolve
- To understand that adaptations are controlled by genes, and that these genes are passed from parent to offspring

They used a variety of different sized and shaped bulldog clips and used these as if they were the beaks of the birds. In 30 seconds, they had to collect as much food from the tray provided using the clips as beaks. There were 3 different types of foods, with 3 different amounts of calorific value.

Only the beaks that collected a sufficient amount of calories survived and only the beaks that collected a larger amount were able to reproduce and bring more beaks of that variety into the game.

Beaks that did not collect enough calories would die and therefore not reproduce and not pass on their genes. The most successful beak shapes would pass on their genes and therefore that variety in that species would be the fittest and the most adapted to their environment.

As the game progressed, different conditions were changed such as droughts/famines and new beak varieties (mutant beaks) being introduced. Some of the beak shaped varieties died out and therefore that variety became extinct, whereas some shapes and sizes were very successful and thrived with their population numbers growing.

In English, the children continued with their biographies of Charles Darwin. We have now moved onto preparing for our second piece of extended writing, which will be a balanced argument on whether or not Darwin should have risked his life to embark on his 5-year long journey around the World when he boarded the Beagle.

Mr Gould

PE

This week we have focussed on further developing our fundamentals linking into specific sports. Our classes have particularly enjoyed the freedom of choosing their own personal best challenges linked to our topic.

Mr Cooney

Lunch Menu W/C 09.10.23





BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Dates 2023-2024

	Closing Date	Opening Date	
Autumn 2024		06.09.23	
Autumn Half Term	20.10.23	06.11.23	
Christmas 2023	20.12.23	03.01.24	
Spring Half Term 2024	09.02.24	19.02.24	
Easter	28.03.24	08.04.24	
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	29.03.24 and 01.04.24		
Bank Holiday (May Day)	06.0	05.24	
Summer Half Term	24.05.24	03.06.2024	
Summer 2024	18.07.24	(TBC)	

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	04.09.23
INSET 2	05.09.23
INSET 3	28.06.24
INSET 4	19.07.24
INSET 5	22.07.24

Holiday Dates				
October Half Term	23.10.23 – 03.11.23			
Christmas Holiday	21.12.23 – 02.01.24			
February Half Term	12.02.24 – 16.02.24			
Easter Holiday	01.03.24 – 05.04.24			
May Half Term (Whit)	27.05.24 – 31.05.24			
Summer Holiday	19.07.24- TBC			







Music is a compulsory and important part of the National Curriculum. The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils: perform, listen to, review and evaluate music.

From September 2022 Early Notes Music Education will be able to offer support to students with small group and one to one instrumental tuition for the following...

Ukulele For KS1 & KS2 students

Guitar For KS2 students

Keyboard For KS1 & KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Flute For KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Recorder (all ranges) For KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Violin For KS2 students (all students will learn to read notation)

Drum Kit For KS1 & KS2 students

Tuition prices start from £65 for 12 sessions, all lessons are held within school during lesson time. The 12 sessions will usually fit into a school term and lessons will be carried over should a term be less than 12 weeks.

For further information about Early Notes Music, details about specific instrumental lessons or to enroll for September, you can do this direct via our website www.earlynotesmusic.education



Warrington Schoolwear

Uniform Price List

Sweatshirt Jumper V-Neck (badged) £10.50

Sweatshirt Cardigan (badged) £11.00

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