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Welcome to our latest newsletter!

In the classroom, our children are engaging in innovative lessons and exciting projects that foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a love for learning. I am continually impressed by their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn more!

Our year 6 children complete their SAT's tests next week. As the tests will be starting in the mornings, it is really important children are in school on time. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them the best of luck!

One of our school football teams played again this week drawing 1-1 with Evelyn Street. The team played really well but just couldn't get the winner!

Thank you to all of our parents for a fantastic book fair turnout- we have raised £708.08 to spend on books for school! Well done everyone, an amazing achievement!

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the weather while it lasts!

Mr Jones

Communication Corner

Diary Dates

20.05.2024-22.05.2024 PTA Donate a toy

23/05/2024 PTA Toy sale

24/05/2024 School Closes for Summer Half Term

03/06/2024 School Opens after Half Term

04/06/2024 Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to Delamere Forest

07/06/2024 Non uniform- bring in a bottled drink (Summer Fair Tombola)

08/05/2024 Year 3 trip to Liverpool World Museum

12/06/2024 Reception Welcome Event 5.00pm

13/06/2024 Non uniform- bring in sweets or chocolate (Summer Fair Tombola)

14/06/2024 Sports Day – Morning EYFS

14/06/2024 Sports Day – Afternoon KS1 & KS2

18/06/2024 Sports Day (back up day if the weather is bad on 14/06/2024)

19/06/2024 EAL Celebration day – Coffee morning for EAL parents 9.00am to 10.00am

19/06/2024 Y6 to Robinwood

21/06/2024 Non uniform- bring in unwanted gifts/ non-perishable food items (Summer Fair Tombola)

21/06/2024 Y6 return from Robinwood

06/07/2024 Summer Fair

08/07/2024 Transition Day for the children

08/07/2024 School reports to parents

08/07/2024 Y6 - Bikeability

09/07/2024 Transition day drop in for parents to meet new class teacher 3.30pm - 4.00pm

15/07/2024 School report drop in for parents after reports 3.30pm – 4.00pm

18/07/2024 Y6 Leavers Assembly - Parents Invited

18/07/2024 School finishes for Summer

19/07/2024 INSET Day - School Closed

22/07/2024 INSET Day - School Closed

On Wednesday 19th June we will be having an EAL celebration day in school and there will be a coffee morning for our EAL parents (English Additional Language). Helen Chadwick from the local authority will be attending the coffee morning to offer support for our parents and bring resources that may help our EAL children in and out of school. If you require any further information please contact Mrs Kerrigan in school.



PTA Pop-up Uniform Shop

The PTA will be doing a uniform shop on Friday 17th May at 3.20pm, outside the Year 1/2 classroom (inside the hall if it is raining).

There will be a large selection of second hand uniform to browse through. Donations welcome and will be going towards the PTA playground fund.

Special Mentions

Nursery- Millie Wilford – Millie has shown so much enthusiasm for joining in with activities this week and has impressed us all with how hard she is trying to form the letters in her name. Well Done Millie what a superstar!

Reception- My star of the week is going to be awarded to **Elsie Melia**. Elsie has been showing her love of learning by completing many of this week's challenges during independent challenge time. Not only that, but she is applying her phonics skills during all writing opportunities, and this is brilliant!

Well done, Elsie! What a super Bruche writer you really are!

Year 1- Ryan Shaw for trying so hard to listen carefully in every lesson this week! It has been wonderful to see you so confident in lessons Ryan!

Year 2 - **Elsie Manuel** for great contributions in our writing lessons. It was lovely to see you enjoy learning all about compound words!

Year 3 –Isla Dolphin for her AMAZING writing on our big write this week!

Year 4 –**Benjamin Tallack** for his great effort in his writing and really thinking about the vocabulary he is using, well done Benjamin.

Year 5 - Alfie Pilling for his excellent angle work!

Year 6 - Esme King for always showing a tremendous attitude to all her learning.

PE Star- Hiro Chan for always being enthusiastic about what he is learning.

Early Years News

Nursery

This week we have completed our journey having visited Emma Jane's last destination of Venice. The children have loved learning about the different methods of transport used in Venice due to all of the canals and they have enjoyed creating their own Gondolas as well as exploring different ways to construct strong and stable bridges that will hold one of our small world people.

In true Italian style we have all enjoyed turning our playdough kitchen into an ice cream parlour and the children have been demonstrating lovely manners when requesting orders as well as taking turns when rotating roles.

We have made our own pizzas and we have been talking about cutting them in half and the children have been practising sharing objects equally when counting out scoops of ice cream on the maths table.

We have been consolidating our recognition of the letter sounds we have already covered and we are so impressed with all the children for their attempts in forming these in sand, with chalk and using our very special gel pens!

You have all worked so hard this week.

Well Done Nursery

Mrs. Wallace

Reception

This week in Reception, the children have been continuing with our text 'There is No Dragon in this Story.' The children have been writing speech for the different characters in the story have also started looking at how to use a story mountain to recall the beginning, middle and end of the story.

In Maths, the children have been using multilink and Numicon to show the different number bonds to 10. The children have been making number bond sandwiches; layering the Numicon numbers to show all the different ways you can make 10. They have also enjoyed playing pair the ladybird jigsaw, where they had to count the number of spots and match to another piece to make 10.

We have also had a big focus on learning about our 'learning brain' this week, with an introduction to Berty and Betty who have helped us to understand how our brain works in different situations. The children listened to a social story about Berty and Betty, and then answered questions during a 'time to talk' session.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Take care,

Miss Bostock

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1

In Literacy this week the excitement has continued!!! We received a suspicious golden envelope with a letter inside addressed to Year 1. Mr Dixon informed us it had arrived at school the night before and he was so excited to deliver it to us! There were several clues in the letter including a picture of a pocket watch and a black hat. The letter was sent from 'Alice' and we are starting to wonder if it is Alice from Alice in Wonderland! We asked key questions to her and we are so excited to search for more clues. We have also looked at compound words this week and can now confidently identify these in a range of texts.

In Math's this week we have continued with our exciting topic on multiplication. We have spent lots of time looking at repeated addition and how this helps us with multiplication. We have labelled a range of groups and worked hard to find the total. On Friday we completed a mini assessment and we are ready to start division next week!

In Computing this week we have explored digital painting on the laptops. We have discussed how we can paint using computers and worked hard on our mouse skills to draw shapes and lines.

As part of our 'Happy Mind' lessons this week have revisited the 3 parts of our brain and explained the function of each one!

We have revisited seasonal changes in science this week and looked at the life cycle of a chick. We reflected on our visit from the living eggs in our classroom and watched a wonderful video watching them hatch! We completed a detailed piece of writing and now know some new vocabulary such as incubation.

Well done Year 1!

Miss Lewis

Year 2

Year 2 have had another very busy and creative week.

In Writing, we investigated words that were written in the past and the present. We changed the verbs into past tense verbs, wrote the correct verbs in a sentence and corrected verbs to ensure it was written in the present tense. We also looked at different compound words and used these in sentences.

In Maths, we have continued our learning of Fractions and did lots of investigating. We folded different shapes to find out what a half looked like, quarters and thirds. We consolidated our learning of fractions by joining in with a fractions quiz and started to compare different fractions using a fractions wall.

In DT, we were all so excited to look at our animal habitats. We discussed our animals and the facts that we had found out for homework. We evaluated our finished product and discussed improvements that we could make if we were to make it again. Later on in the week we collected all of the ingredients we needed to make a cheese and ham tomato pizza. We used a knife to spread the tomato puree, pitta breads as our base and sprinkled cheese and ham on top. It looked delicious!

In PSHE, we completed another 'My Happy Mind' session and focused on how amazing our Neuroplasticity is in our brains. We discussed what we find most challenging in life currently and how our brains can help us.

In Science, we learnt all animals. We identified different animal groups and classified animals according to their characteristics.

Another great week Year 2! Well done! **Miss Kerrigan**

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3

In English we have been working so hard on rewriting our storybook, Journey this week! In total we've spent 4 whole days carefully planning and writing our story. The children worked well at making sure they included similes, prepositions, expanded noun phrases and even some metaphors!

In maths we have started to investigate how to find fractions of an amount. Everyone worked well at following the rules in order to find unit fractions, and non-unit fractions.

In History, we started looking at what achievements Ancient Sumer had experienced. We learned that they were the first civilisation to begin writing on clay tablets, using cuneiform (symbols) rather than letters to record their lives.

We also had an amazing time at Liverpool World Museum on Wednesday. All the children enjoyed the mummification workshop and asked some really fantastic questions. I think everyone's favourite part of the day was going into the Mummy Room where we got to see real ancient mummies. In Science we explored the muscles of the human body. All the children named all the important muscle groups in the human body. We even went into the hall to explore the interactive human body on the interactive board.

Mrs Hogan

Year 4

This week in Year 4 in Maths, we have been learning about fractions that are more than 1. We have thought about crossing one and how we can record this. We have been looking at changing mixed number fractions to improper fractions and improper fractions to mixed numbers before we move on to equivalent fractions next week.

In English, we have been hearing more from our book Escape to Pompeii. We have been thinking about language, and have been looking at zones of relevance for vocabulary. We thought about how much a character might be experiencing different feelings at different parts of the story. We have then been looking at the present perfect and how we can show things started in the past but can still be taking place.

In Geography, we have finished looking at mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes by learning about how earthquakes take place and there has been some excellent use of geographical language. We found out that earthquakes usually happen along transformational tectonic plates and are caused by plates rubbing together and getting stuck, the friction and the movement of pulling apart causes earthquakes. It is safe to say the children were really interested and asked so many questions. We then looked into the Japanese earthquake of 2011 and have written information boards about the what, where why and when.

Out of class, the children have discovered a real love of scientific investigation and curiosity about nature and many have become Bruche's Bug Hunters. They have been taking handheld magnifying pots out onto the field and seeing what they can discover. It has been really lovely to see their enthusiasm and how they have been thinking of their own investigations to carry out.

Mrs Shone

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been learning about angles. We recapped our knowledge from previous years about the classifications of angles: acute, obtuse, right. We then moved onto how these fit into degree classifications e.g. an acute angle is less than 90 degrees, a right angle is 90 degrees etc. Finally, we worked out angles on a straight line (they must add up to 180 degrees).

In writing, we began our new writing topic! We will be writing a set of instructions based on the book Holes. Our set of instructions will be about 'How to stay safe in Camp Green Lake'. We first looked at an example of a set of instructions and then some ambitious vocabulary we could include.

For our science topic, we looked at the history of space exploration. We saw how rocket technology has improved and how the war was a key part in starting the creation of rockets. We then ordered these key events into a timeline.

Last week, we had our art day! We looked at images of faces and drawings. Then, we had a go at sketching different faces, before modelling one with clay. This week, now that they have set, we painted them!

Finally, in computing, we continued looking at vector drawings. We were tasked with duplicating a set of images using just copy and paste of a circle and a square. We had to make: a bus, a pig, a castle and a robot.

Mrs Ratcliffe

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to revise hard for their SATS exams this week.

In Maths, the children have been covering probability; revising rounding; converting between miles and kilometres; translating shapes and coordinates and general mental arithmetic practice.

In English, the children have been looking at a variety of grammar concepts with a focus on learning the variety of tenses, including: the past and present perfect tenses and the past and present progressive tenses, along with a variety of other areas.

Reminder - Key Information for next week:

Below is a timetable of the exams for your reference:

On the exam days, we invite the children to come and have a snack with us before the start of the day, which school will provide. We then do some revision, before starting the tests for that day.

Please could you ensure that your child arrives at school at 8:30 from Monday 13th May for the 4 days of the SATs exams? The children can come through the office entrance from Monday through to the Thursday.

Next Friday, we will be having a celebration party day, where the children can watch a movie, play sports and do art and craft activities; Mr Cooney is also currently organising a number of competitive sporting activities for the children to look forward to over the coming months.

In the meantime, please can you ensure that your child completes all the homework set to be as prepared as possible?

Homework this week will be:

LBQ lessons in Maths and Grammar Reading Plus Times Table Rockstars - with a focus on the 6,7,8,9 and 12 times tables **Mr Gould**

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What an incredibly productive week we have had. In KS1 we have started consolidate our striking, with emphasis on striking with our feet. In KS2 we have focused on 3v3 invasion games creating an emphasis on defensive principles. Also a big well done to our Y5/6 football team who fought hard to draw 1-1 against Evelyn street with a fantastic performance and goal by Kyle Dobson. Evelyn street voted our super keeper Harry Shawcross as man of the match.

Mr Cooney

Lunch Menu W/C 13.05.24

Week 2







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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)	06.05.24	
Summer Half Term	24.05.24	03.06.2024
Summer 2024	18.07.24	04.09.2024

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	01.04.24 – 05.04.24	
May Half Term (Whit)	27.05.24 – 31.05.24	
Summer Holiday	19.07.24- 04.09.24	



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Term Dates 2024-2025

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn 2024		04.09.24
Autumn Half Term	18.10.24	04.11.24
Christmas 2023	20.12.24	06.01.25
Spring Half Term 2024	14.02.25	24.02.25
Easter	11.04.25	22.04.25
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	18.04.25 and 21.04.25	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	05.05.25	
Summer Half Term	23.05.25	02.06.2025
Summer 2024	18.07.25	03.09.25

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

INSET 1	02.09.24
INSET 2	03.09.24
INSET 3	27.06.25
INSET 4	21.07.25
INSET 5	22.07.25

Holiday Dates		
October Half Term	18.10.24 – 03.11.24	
Christmas Holiday	20.12.24 – 05.01.25	
February Half Term	14.02.25 – 23.02.25	
Easter Holiday	11.04.25 – 21.04.25	
May Half Term (Whit)	23.05.25 – 01.06.25	
Summer Holiday	18.07.25- 03.09.25	



BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Dates 2025-2026

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn 2024		03.09.25
Autumn Half Term	17.10.25	03.11.25
Christmas 2024	19.12.25	05.01.26
Spring Half Term 2024	13.02.26	23.02.26
Easter	02.04.26	13.04.26
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	03.04.26 and 06.04.26	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	04.05.26	
Summer Half Term	22.05.26	01.06.26
Summer 2025	17.06.26	(TBC)

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

INSET 1	01.09.24
INSET 2	02.09.25
INSET 3	03.07.26
INSET 4	20.07.26
INSET 5	21.07.26

Holiday Dates		
October Half Term	20.10.25 - 31.10.25	
Christmas Holiday	22.12.25 – 02.01.26	
February Half Term	16.02.26 – 20.02.26	
Easter Holiday	03.04.26 - 10.04.26	
May Half Term (Whit)	25.05.26 – 29.05.26	
Summer Holiday	20.07.26 - 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

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please wist nationalcollege.com. What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OF RESTRICTION PEGI 18+ Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success WHAT ARE stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing THE RISKS? to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with

several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

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IN-GAME PURCHASES

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat eac other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

LACK OF ACCESS

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself - while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be unsetting seeing your housest had seeing to the seeing the seeing to the seeing the s upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99, it could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.

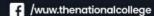




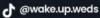
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