

19 January 2018

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

Year R and Year 5 joint topic afternoon

It was fantastic to see Year 5 children working so well with Reception children on their castles topic this week.



The children were put into pairs and completed a series of challenges. They worked together on the computers to produce some fantastic castle pictures.



Year 5 children were great at helping the younger children to sound out words and use the computer key pad to write them. Back in the classroom, the children built some amazing castles. Reception children were able to use their new vocabulary to explain what they wanted to build and the Year 5 children helped them to draw and measure their castles.



We especially noticed Billy (RW) and Eben (5J), Claudia (RW) and Lily (5J) and Phoebe (RW) and Robert (6LO), Ethan (5J) and Callum (RW) being fantastic partners and supporting each other's learning. Well done!

SATs

Our Booster programme for Year 6 has started this week, giving all children in Year 6 the chance (on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons) to work in smaller focussed groups on key skills in Maths and Reading (in addition to their daily Maths / Literacy lessons in the mornings). We have set up this programme so that we can give children the chance to work on SATs type problems and questions, in smaller groups, revising some of the key concepts and skills from KS2 which they need to know in order to do their best when taking the tests in May.

We held a SATs information evening for Year 6 parents on Monday evening; it was good to see so many of you there. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the powerpoint (which gives you all the essential information you need to know) is now on the school website.

3M's Cake Sale raised a superb £88.70! Well done!

RW bought some lovely outdoor games equipment with their cake money.

ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%

Our current figure is...
96.65%

School Council

The school council ran the assembly on Wednesday afternoon to keep the school informed about the projects they are running this term.

The Eco Team are running an “eco class off the week” competition. The challenge for each class is to make sure that they are turning off the lights and shutting down their computers when they are out of the room and making sure all paper and card goes into the recycling bin. Reception, year 1 and year 2 are also composting the waste from their fruit snack.

The Learning Committee are conducting a safety survey in school to find out where in school the children feel safe. When they have the results they will look at ways to address any issues that arise. They are also working with Mr Henery to make sure that all children in school know how to stay safe online.

The Look Out Team have made a “Dreams and ambitions” tree for our school hall. Each week children from any class can add their ideas to the tree! They are also planning a listening project, collecting children’s views on different topics, including bullying, the golden rules and how different behaviours affect everyone’s learning. They plan to make a news report to share what they have found out.

Cluster curriculum events

As well as organising sporting competitions, our Cluster of schools arrange a variety of arts based events over the course of the year. We are preparing to enter pupils into the Poetry Festival which will take place at Southwood Hall on the 6th and 7th February. We are preparing for the event by selecting set or own choice poems for larger groups of pupils to perform. Individual pupils have also been selecting poems to perform; we have been giving the children the chance to practice these before performing in front of their peers. Children chosen to perform as an individual or in a pair (or small group) will be told next week, once the selection process has finished!

Children have also been encouraged to write their own poems, which can also be performed. Here are two poems we have been really impressed with, both written by our own pupils:



NASCAR racing is very exciting,
When it gets dark, they turn on the lighting.
One lucky person will come first,
And one person will be the worst.
He will get last,
He will not be fast.
But some day later he'll have the chance
Of doing the winner's victory dance.

Written by Harry Clogger, Year 3

Fix Our Earth



My name is 'Just look out there!'
The forests have to survive.
My name is 'We should all be bothered!'
So animals stay alive.

My name is 'Let's all help the Earth!'
There's only one for us.
So let's all work together
To save us from disgust.

My name is 'Don't just leave it to me'
We're all responsible for this.
This mess is causing pollution
It is something we cannot dismiss.

My name is 'This world needs our help'
This means all hands on deck.
We are all important
So what will happen next?

Who knows about Global Warming?
It could ruin our world for good.
My name is 'Sort out this problem.'
My name is 'Save our adulthood!'

So stop thinking there's nothing wrong
And believe what you're hearing is right.
My name is 'I hope I can sort it out'
My name is 'Let's brighten our sights!'

*Written by Lily Haynes and Scarlett
John, Year 6*

Cluster Film Festival

The teachers from each cluster school attended an animation workshop in the Autumn term, organised by Cinema City. Each school is now preparing to create short films or animations which may be showcased at the cinema for our cluster "Film Festival" the week before Easter.

Year 1 and 2 have already created some brilliant animations linked to their cross curricular topic "Castles", bringing the Bayeux Tapestry to life through film. Each group took a different aspect of the Bayeux Tapestry and created a short animation, using our set of iPads and stop motion technology. We have been really impressed with the way the children have developed their film making skills in such a short space of time! Their completed animation films can be seen on Teachertube.

<http://www.teachertube.com/video/battle-of-hastings-1066-animation-year-12-with-text-story-466512>

<http://www.teachertube.com/video/1066-battle-of-hastings-animation-year-1-2-without-text-description-466515>



Non-uniform day – Friday 9 February

In return for coming into school in non-uniform, please could your child bring in a donation of a quality grocery item that will be used to make up hampers for the Bingo prizes.

So, next time you go to the supermarket pop something extra into your trolley, or hand over your unwanted Christmas wine, chocolate or toiletries! Any food items need to be in date until at least the end of April to allow time for the prize winners to be able to enjoy them!

Also, don't forget to come along to the Bingo on the 3rd March at Acle Social Club. Many thanks **FOSA**

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

Tues 23 Football Club
Fri 26 Dance Club
Mon 29 Defenders Club

February

Fri 2 Rugby Coaching
Y5/6
Mon 5 Cake Sale 4HT
Tue 6/Wed 7 Speech &
Language
Festival
Tues 6 Seatbelt road
safety
presentation
Year 4
Fri 9 Non-uniform day
(FOSA Bingo items)

Please use the calendar on our school website

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