

16 March 2018

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

## Mini Monsters

Ed from Mini Monsters came to show Yr 5 and 6 some of his incredible insects and other animals to help us with our topic of fantastic creatures.



'I really loved holding the lizards and the snakes, as they were very different to any other animal I have ever held.' - *Maisy*

'My favourite part was watching the millipedes 250 legs move in a wave sequence I also liked learning about the tarantula and seeing its most recent shed skin.' - *Scarlett*

'I really liked holding the bearded dragon – Winston – as he felt really deflated because he was not blown up. He expands to make himself look fierce.' - *Lily H*

'I enjoyed the feel of the milk snake – salsa – it was cool when it wrapped around my arm. The Millipedes legs felt much different to what I thought it would feel like as it felt like Velcro.' - *Jasper*



'I wasn't excited for the spider but I ended up not being as scared as I thought I would be, my favourite was holding the African snails, the Bearded Dragon and the Milk Snake, the snake was weird to hold.' - *Margot*

## FOSA BINGO

A big **THANK YOU** to all that supported this event, which raised an amazing

**£880!**

Thanks to those that attended and to all those that provided hamper items on non-school uniform day.

## Football Match Y5/6 v Rackheath

Yesterday our Year 5/6 football team played an evenly balanced match against Rackheath.

The two teams both played the match in an excellent spirit, showing lots of sportsmanship and competitiveness.

Rackheath just had the edge, however, winning 5-3.

## ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is 97%

Our current figure is...

**96.48%** ↓☹️

## The Link Easter Prayer Space

On Thursday and Friday next week, the school will be visiting Acle Methodist Church class by class to take part in The Link Easter Prayer Space which has been specially created for the school by members of the Methodist Church.

The timetable for these visits is as follows:

Thursday morning:	Reception / Year 1 and 2
Thursday afternoon:	Year 3
Friday morning:	Year 4 and Year 5
Friday afternoon:	Year 6



As your child/ren will be walking to and from the Methodist Church, please ensure they have sensible outerwear in school that day in case the weather is wet.

The Link will support different aspects of the National Curriculum, Religious Education and this term's assembly themes of **Thankfulness** and **Compassion**. The children will hear elements of the Easter Story and take part in activities which allow them to respond to the story in a thoughtful way. These activities will be suitable for all children, whatever their beliefs, as they will encourage them to think and reflect on their own lives and wider world in a creative and interactive way.

## Great Egg Race

We were very proud of our Egg Race technology team who represented the school earlier this week in this Cluster event. They had to design a glider, which would carry an egg safely, and then test it to see how far it would glide. The team worked well together, tackling problems and making adjustments to create the most aerodynamic glider they could, within the time limit. They finished in joint second place; Fleggburgh were the eventual winners. Well done to our team: Finlay Lewis McDonald, Kiera Sharpe, Beth Sales and Seth Aldous.

Please note the change of date for the KS1 Sportshall Athletics to the 26th April (the Recreation Centre was unavailable on the 19<sup>th</sup>)

### Year 3/4 French food tasting session

Next Friday afternoon the year 3 and 4's will be taking part in a French food tasting session in the afternoon.

A letter is being sent home with your child today detailing the activity, as the children are being asked to bring in a small food item.

## Owl Club changes

We established our Owl Club, providing after school care for working parents, last year, and it continues to thrive. However, numbers of pupils requiring care for the final hour, until 6 pm, have reduced over the last few months. As a result, following discussion at governor level, it has been decided that Owl club will run until 5pm (rather than 6 pm) each night from May half term onwards. Notice of these changes has already been shared with our regular Owl Club users, so that any parent who requires the longer child care arrangements can make alternative provision from that time.



If, in the future, the demand is there (and if it is financially viable), we may be able to return to the 6pm finish time.

The club will continue to run as it does now, with the same pricing structure and staff members running it, for the foreseeable future. We are very grateful to all the hardworking members of staff who make the Owl Club such a success and look forward to providing continued excellent after school care for your children.

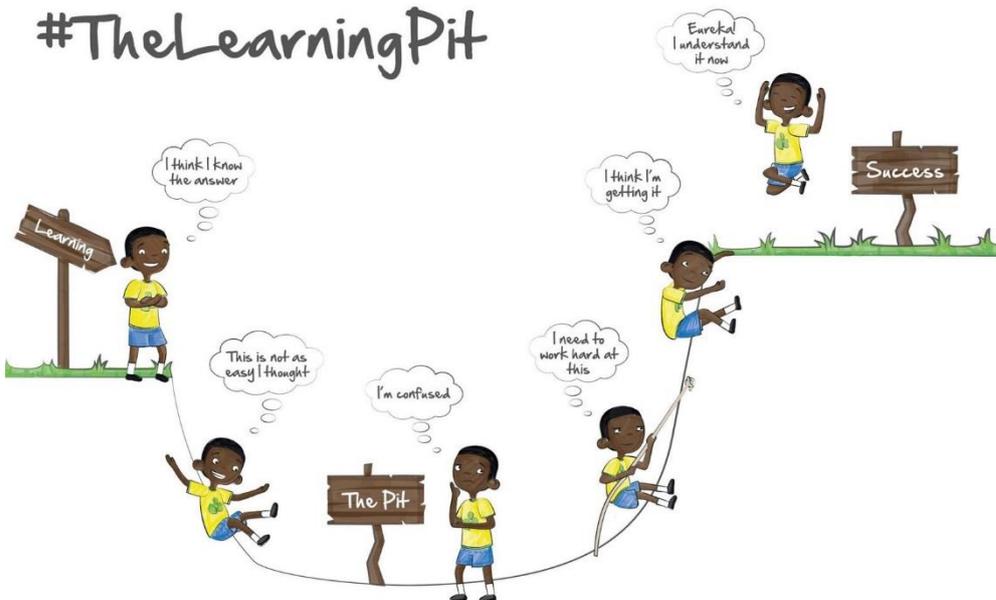
## Important - payments to the end of term

Our school's end of financial year is 31 March, **however we need certain payments to be received by the 22 March** to allow Norfolk County Council time to collate all schools financial information correctly.

**Cash/cheques** - Please can you ensure all cash/cheque payments for lunches, Breakfast/Owl Clubs and trips etc owed up to and including 31 March are paid **by the morning of Thursday 22 March**, this will enable us to bank the money in the correct financial year.

**Online payments only** – **The last date for online payments is Thursday 22 March** – Please do not make any online payments between the 23 and 31 of March. Online payments can resume and be paid as normal from 1 April 2018.  
Many thanks for your help, *Mrs Bruce*.

## #TheLearningPit



This represents the experience we all face when learning something new.

The Learning Challenge  
by James Nottingham

Imagine if you were learning to fly a plane. At first it would be very scary. Lots of things you don't understand. There would be moments of self-doubt, and fear. You may even tell yourself that you can't do it. (That is where we tell children 'You can't do it – YET!'). At this point you are in the pit! You need strength of character to help you – determination, resilience, positivity – to name but a few, and you need to be prepared to work hard, learn what all the dials do. Train your brain so that it can remember where it stores all the new information. Listen carefully to instructions, ask the right questions. Eventually, you will get out of the pit. Eventually, flying will feel totally normal to you. Our children are going through this every day in school!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March

Mon 19 Year 1/2 Castle trip  
Defenders club  
Tue 20 Yr R Cathedral trip

Thurs 22 Class visits to  
& Fri 23 Methodist Church  
Fri 23 Year 3/4 French  
food tasting session

Mon 26 Cluster KS1 Football  
Challenge

Wed 28 Cluster Film Festival  
showcase at  
Cinema City

*Break up for the Easter  
Holiday, return to school  
Monday 16 April*

Please use the calendar on our  
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