

## Message from the Headteacher

### Attendance

Well done to Amber class this week who achieved 100% attendance. Many classes had 99% attendance which was super too. Sapphire all came into school today in non uniform because they have had excellent attendance this term.

We do still get a few children who are kept off school when they have a cold or a cough. Please try and send them into school as they often feel better when distracted by school activities with their friends. If they are really struggling, we will call you and send them home.

### Emergency Contact Information

Please make sure we have at least two different emergency contact phone numbers for your child. Always update the school office immediately if your emergency contact details change and if you wish to change who can collect your child.

### Special Halloween Menu Day

We had a fabulous Indian meal yesterday, the kitchen cooked 500 poppadoms, and the children were so sensible helping themselves to the menu choices. Our next themed day is on Tuesday 5th November. Pupils can order either. Please make sure dinner accounts are topped up over the holidays.

### Coats & Shoes

It is great to see many children wearing wellington boots to school in the rain, please also send in their black school shoes to change into. No patterned coats please, they should be black or burgundy.

### **Key Dates**

Date	Event
21.10.19 - 25.10.19	Half Term - No School
28.10.19	Back to School
28.10.19	Class Photos
28.10.19	Y6 Bikeability
31.10.19	Secondary School Application Deadline
31.10.19	Flu Vaccinations

## Early Years

### Nursery

This week in the nursery we have been sharing the story 'Walking Through the Jungle'. The children have enjoyed acting out and singing the story. We have also been learning the words to the song 'Five cheeky monkeys swinging in a tree...' and using our fingers to show how many monkeys are left.

### Reception

In Reception, the highlight of this week was the sponsored obstacle race on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed participating and have been learning how exercise, food and sleep can help them to stay healthy.



Thank you to all of those parents who have already sent in the money they have raised. Please remember to bring it to school by 30th October. Your support is much appreciated by the staff and we are looking forward to purchasing new equipment for your children.

## Key Stage 1

We are excited that School Clubs will be running an after school pottery club next half term for **Key Stage 1 only**, starting on Tuesday 05/11/19, 3:30-4:30 in Ebony Class. Please follow the link to sign up and pay <https://clubs.school/wellington/> .

## Year 1

Year 1 have been writing letters to Elma the Elephant this week and have been using full stops and capital letters. In maths the children have been clamping numbers using the greater and less than signs.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been investigating materials this week using magnets and testing what materials float and sink. After half term year 2 will be reading Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson.



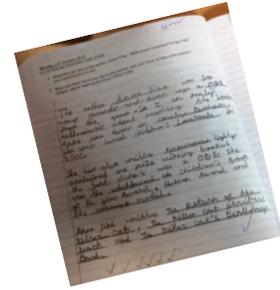
## Key Stage 2

### Year 3



This has been another great week in year 3. We have been making amazing Diwali cards in our Religious Education lessons and they look fantastic, with a picture of a Diva on the front. We have started our new book in English - 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine and we all agree it looks like it will be a very fun read. We have been using the

computer suite to practice our times tables with Times Tables Rockstars and have been working hard to recall our times tables facts as quickly as possible. Topaz class are busy working on their class assembly and are looking forward to presenting it after half term.



### Year 4

Year 4 this week have been busy in all subjects. In English we have been learning to apply all the features of play scripts in our work on the Selfish Giant. We have been challenged with the need to show the emotions and thoughts of the characters using dialogue and stage directions. In mathematics, we have been challenged this week with our times Tables Rock Stars work developing accuracy and speed in recalling our tables, we also worked on developing our understanding of addition when more than one exchange is required.

Well Done to Amber Class for winning the Year 4 Times Table Rockstar Tournament this week.

In science, we posed a scientific line of enquiry within our Animals and Humans topic, we wanted to see what effect different drinks have on the enamel of our teeth. In groups, we set up a fair investigation looking at how different liquids damage egg shells, where the egg shell represents the enamel of our teeth. Our test was fair as the only variable we had to change was the liquid and everything else was kept the same. We were stunned to see that out of cola, milk, orange juice and water - orange juice was the worst. Our observations highlighted that orange

juice can weaken enamel. So don't forget to brush your teeth to save your teeth from decay. In history we imagined that we were reporters watching the arrival of the Anglo Saxons into Britain recording our thoughts in a newspaper report. We have had a fantastic week. Obsidian have enjoyed swimming this half term and are making great progress with their strokes and water confidence, they will continue to swim after half term.



## Year 5

It has been an action-packed half term for year 5 with lots of interesting lessons, educational workshops and fun activities. This week, in history, year 5 have been learning about viking longships and how they are made, they have also made lovely acrostic poems about Bradley Chalkers, the troublesome boy in the book: A Boy In The Girls' Bathroom. Some of them were very funny and quite creative! We have finished learning about life

cycles and how most living animals and people have very different, or similar life cycles. Next half term, year 5 will be learning about earth and space. In Maths we have learnt how to add and subtract whole numbers more than four digits and how to apply the inverse operation to ensure accuracy. The year five team wishes everyone a wonderful, fun and safe half-term.



## Year 6



This week in Year 6 we have been mastering long division in maths. In our English lessons we have explored the sequencing of events in our text *Wonder* as well as looking at the precept 'Fortune favours the bold'. The children worked in pairs to plan a piece of writing from a character's point of view focusing on the above statement. We kept which character we had a secret - children then shared their writing and the rest of the class, who used their character knowledge to identify which character it was about. Something all the children

really enjoyed. Our WW2 topic lesson focused on the events of D day - children wrote from a soldier's perspective. We have had a successful half term and wish you all a nice break. A couple of reminders, please make sure all secondary school applications are completed by the 31st October. When we come back to school on Monday 28th October Bikeability starts - if your child has signed up they must remember their bike.

