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Attendance

Here are this week's percentages:

Class	Attendance
Nightingale	96.55%
Kingfisher	93.74%
Goldcrest	95.25%
Magpie	96%
Dove	93.88%
Jay	91.74%
Kittiwake	97.45%
Woodpecker	95.28%
Swift	96.89%
Siskin	96.65%
Robin	96.89%
Puffin	90.37%

Unfortunately no class this week managed 97%+ which is our target.

Happy Easter

May we take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant break and hope that you manage to spend some quality time with loved ones. Hopefully the weather will improve too... We look forward to seeing everyone safely return on Monday 15th April.

Science Week

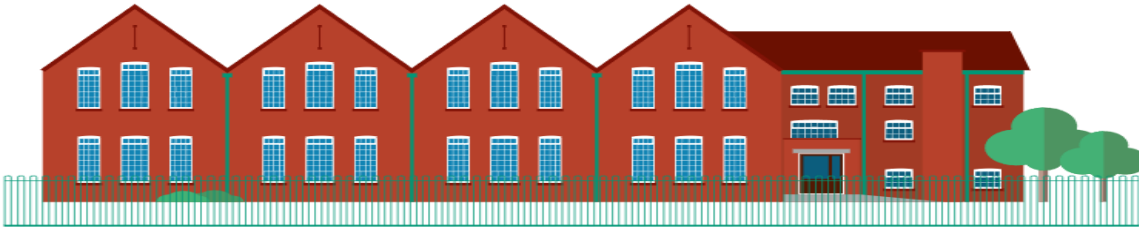
We enjoyed a whole week of exciting Science based activities and learning last week as part of British Science Week. Here's what the classes wanted to share...

Reception have participated in lots of different activities. We have observed our cress grow all week and made and tasted a cress sandwich. We have

joined in with indoor and outdoor learning based on exploring and making shadows. We also visited White Post Farm where we got to see lots of animals and their offspring. We also had the opportunity to hold, stroke, and feed lots of animals.



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KS1 dived into Science Week, with a visit from a STEM ambassador as part of our science topic. We have been exploring the role of crafty engineers and experimenting with different materials to determine the most suitable ones for building a bridge that could withstand the weight of a train. Additionally, we have delved into the science of time in relation to our materials topic and examined the recycling process to prevent waste from ending up in landfills. Lily in Swift said "I enjoyed building the bridges because everybody worked together" and Brooklyn in Woodpecker class said "I found a box with the recycling symbol on when I went home and made sure it was recycled".

In LKS2 we investigated how dinosaurs became extinct 66 million years ago by doing some research. Most of us agreed that it was an asteroid, but scientists still argue about this today. We learnt about the ingredients needed to make bread (strong flour, yeast and water at body temperature). We found out about how yeast makes the bread rise, and we made our own bread rolls into different shapes. We really enjoyed it, and they were delicious! A visitor also came to Magpie class and brought in different types of rocks and fossils for us to investigate. We found out how volcanoes and earthquakes are made (by two plates pulling apart, or pushing together).

Finally, we made our own water clocks using bottles, which were like the clocks they used in Ancient Egyptian times.



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For science week, Y5 enjoyed a visit from Pete Webb, who is a retired Geologist. He showed us natural disasters such as volcanoes, tsunamis, dust storms and flash floods. We handled fossils and did exciting experiments, for example making an “erupting volcano”. At the end of the session we considered three key questions: “What causes natural disasters?”, “What are the dangers?” and “How can they be stopped?”. Goldcrest also did an experiment on refraction. We had a torch and a triangular prism and when we shined the torch into the prism we saw the different colours in the spectrum. The different colours in light have different wavelengths - red has the longest wavelength and violet has the shortest wavelength. When light travels from a gas to a transparent solid or any liquid, it refracts which means the different colours turn at different speeds (the smaller the wavelength the quicker the turn). Unfortunately, because we used an L.E.D torch it didn't refract. We also learnt about shadows and how an opaque object blocks light; translucent objects also block light but not as well

because they let a little bit of light through.

Building Works

Just a reminder that upon our return after Easter, the reception foyer will be looking a little different and work will still be in progress. We appreciate your anticipated patience during these works as space in our reception foyer will be limited.

Easter Bonnet Competition

We were ‘wowed’ by the entries for the Easter bonnet competition and so impressed by the efforts the



children had gone. It was a very tough decision and judging wasn't easy and we thank everyone for their entries. The winners were as follows:
 EYFS – Albie Beswick (Wren)
 KS1 – Paisley Cox (Siskin)
 LKS2 – Isabelle Etches (Magpie)
 UKS2 – Bobbie Alvey (Nightingale)

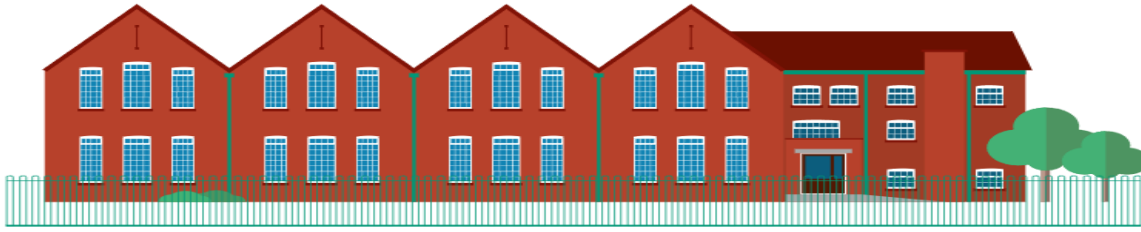
Sports Arena

We need to make parents and carers aware that when we return to school after the break, the children will not have access to the sports arena before school. This mainly affects LKS2 children and we ask that they remain with their adult prior to the doors being opened for the start of the day.

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NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH



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Diary Dates		
29.03.24	Easter holidays	
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12.04.24		
15.04.24	Return to school	

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