



NEWSLETTER

26th April 2024

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

On Monday, we celebrated Earth Day across the school. During our whole school assembly, we discussed the importance of looking after our planet and the simple activities and changes we can do to protect Earth.

We are very grateful for those who came forward with information regarding the recent vandalism to our Early Years secure garden. Please be reminded that under no circumstances should children be accessing school property outside of school hours. We thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school.
- Polite reminder: We are unable to read or answer messages which are sent through Class Dojo. If you need to contact teachers, please telephone or make an appointment at the office.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Useful Online Safety Links

- [NSPCC](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childline](#)

BE SMART ONLINE

S SAFE Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is not a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](#)

A ACCEPTING Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](#)

BE SMART WITH A HEART
Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or report by anything that happens online.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

~THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE~

Reception	95.2%
Year 1+2	90.2%
Year 3+4	97.7%
Year 5+6	93.1%



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What have we been up to?



EYFS – Mrs Willington, Miss Niven, Mrs Dobson and Miss Spenceley

Nursery's story of the week has been, 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit'. Nursery have absolutely loved this story; they have prepared vegetables from Mr McGregor's garden to make vegetable soup, compared weight using vegetables, and completed some fantastic story retells.

Nursery have been very lucky as we have had our very own Peter Rabbit in our garden; Nursery have been keeping a careful eye on him and have even put out some fruit and vegetables, for him and his family to nibble on.

This week, Reception celebrated Earth Day on Monday by creating posters to remind us how to look after our special earth and all the things we can do to make to make a difference. We have also continued our safari journey by making parrots and a landscape safari in a box, where we discussed which animals we would see, what the land and the weather would be like.

Before Easter, we were learning about the life cycle of caterpillars. Over the last few weeks, the children have been observing the life cycle of a caterpillar by having our very own in class. This week, after much anticipation, our little caterpillars became beautiful butterflies and were released into the wild. Well done for taking such good care of our little friends!





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Y1/2 – Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Aislabie

This week, we have been busy writing up our own short narrative based on the film clip, 'Bubbles'. We created a descriptive setting of our own, explaining where the girl could go to next.

In maths, Year 1 have been focusing on word problems and looking at the key words to help them recognise if the problem is an addition or subtraction calculation. In Year 2, we have continued to learn about money and add notes and coins together.

During our science lesson, we looked at what plants need to grow. We then planted our own sunflower seed, which we will continue to observe until it has fully grown.

Our PSHE lessons this term are focused around relationships. This week, during circle time, we talked about the qualities of a good friend. We then looked at a range of statements and decided if they were qualities of a good friend or not.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Skilbeck

This week, in English, the children have been getting creative in Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory and creating their own recipe for a new fantastic Wonka creation, making sure they are using imperative verbs, expanded noun phrases and time adverbs in their writing.

The children started their new RE topic this week and were introduced to the Vesak festival in Buddhism. They made and decorated lanterns and flags to begin celebrating this festival.

In maths, the Year 3's have been learning to add and subtract money, while the Year 4's have been getting to grips with using and comparing decimals.

It was Earth Day on Monday and this year the children wrote pledges on what they can do to make sure that they are helping our planet; they came up with ideas like picking up litter and buying second hand clothes from places such as 'Vinted', to try and reduce our waste.





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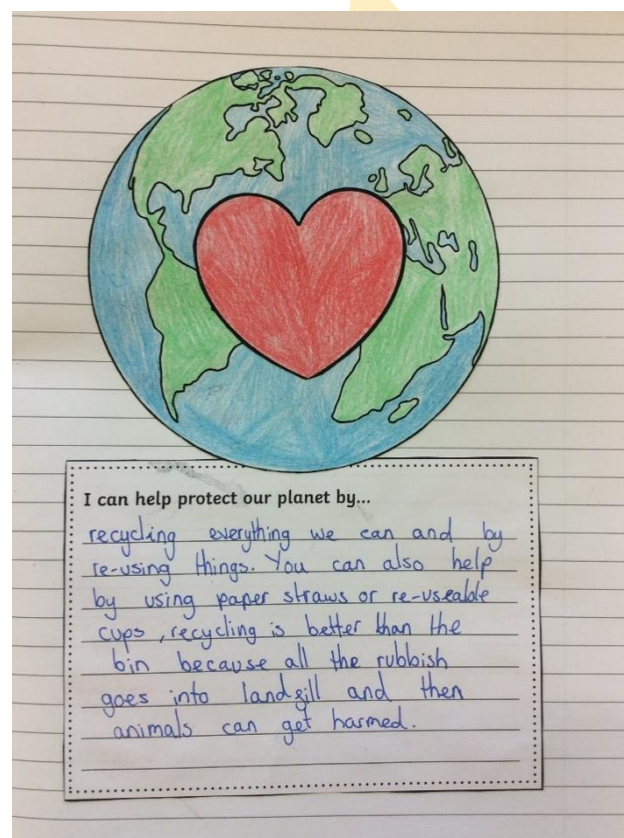
What have we been up to?

Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

On Monday, we celebrated Earth Day, recognising the importance of sustainability and how plastic impacts the environment. To acknowledge this, we all wrote ways in which we can help to protect our planet.

This week, in writing, we have finalised our letter from Michael to Eddie, based on our class novel; Kensuke's Kingdom. We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our letter, explaining to Eddie all of the sightings and emotions Michael will have felt on his voyage around the world. All children have been hooked by the book and are excited to continue the story next week. If your child is struggling to find something enjoyable to read, why not try some of Michael Morpurgo's other books including: War Horse, Farm Boy, Born to Run and Running Wild.

We have begun our new DT topic: Sow, Grow and Farm. Gratefully, due to the surroundings of Middleton-in-Teesdale, all children have an array of knowledge of seasonal fruit and vegetables, and abundance of fruit and veg growing in their gardens! This really became beneficial to us during our first lesson where we researched soup recipes that use only seasonal fruit and veg.





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Upcoming
Events:

Date	Event
MAY	National 'Share a Story' Month Local History Month
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
WC 13 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 14 th May	Tri-Golf Festival, Yrs 3-4
Tuesday 21 st May	Phototronics – Class Group Photos and Yr6 Friendship Groups
Thursday 23 rd May	Yr 6 SAT's Reward Outing
Thursday 23 rd May	School closes for Half Term Holiday
Friday 24 th May	PD Day – School closed to pupils
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens for Summer Term 2
Monday 3 rd June	Rounders Festival, Yrs 5+6
Tuesday 4 th June	Yrs 5+6 Trip to Beamish
Thursday 6 th June	D-Day
Thursday 6 th June	KS2 Netball League (plus 13 th + 20 th June)
Friday 7 th June	KS2 Athletics Competition
W/C 17 th June	Healthy Week
Monday 17 th June	EYFS Father's Day 'Stay & Play', 2:00 – 2:45pm
Friday 21 st June	KS2 Football Competition
W/C 24 th June	Careers Week
Mon 1 st -Fri 5 th July	Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Wed 10 th July	NELT Summer Concert at The Glasshouse
Thurs 11 th + Fri 12 th July	Year 6 Transitions to Teesdale School