

FRIDAY FOCUS

Friday 15th March 2019

STAR OF THE WEEK

The following Reception children received this week's 'Star of the Week' Award on **Tuesday 12th March 2019**

RDK	Jimmy AA	For fabulous Reading
RLJ	Callum C	For amazing Maths
RSP	Ellayia W	For fabulous Phonics
RSP	Harriet M	For trying really hard in lessons
RSP	Aaliyah M	For brilliant contributions in Maths



HEAD TEACHERS AWARD

3KB	Jai S	For always being kind, considerate and caring and being an excellent role model at all times.
3HG	Emily S	For a huge improvement in her attitude towards her learning with a super non-chronological report produced.
4KP	Lucia J	For her amazing diary publication and always being a superstar in everything she does.
4MW	Brooke R	For fabulous application of Division methods in Maths
5PP	Harveen S	For having a superb working attitude towards everything that she does - well done!
5AS	Alfie P	For his hard work and persistence in his Maths work
6GM	Heidi M	For showing her true potential in Maths and Reading with her resilience and 'can do' attitude towards learning.
6HAB	Kelsey P	For outstanding attitude to all areas of school life and always doing everything with a smile on her face!



The children and staff looked wonderful today in their Red Nose Day outfits. Once again everyone has had a great time and helped raise lots of money for a fantastic cause. We will let you know the total in next week's Focus.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Letters were sent home last Friday regarding parent consultation evenings on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th March. If you would like an appointment but have not yet booked one, please see your child's class teacher to check availability.

Parents of children with SEN, will be offered a parent consultation meeting week beginning 25th March, class teachers will sent home your appointment time.

PARENT BEHAVIOUR

Can we remind parents not to approach other children or parents on school site about incidents in school. Please speak to school staff if there is a problem and we will do all we can to resolve it. Anyone deemed to be aggressive or threatening to a child would receive an immediate ban from school site, as it is never appropriate for another adult to threaten a child, particularly a child that is only 11 or under. Parents deemed to be aggressive to each other on school site, particularly in front of children, may also be banned. Thank you in advance for your operation on this matter.

COVENTRY CHILDREN'S MILE ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday 17th March between 8.30- 8:40am you will need to drop your child off at our meeting point, which is highlighted below for you. There will be a Coundon Primary banner, so please look out for it. On arrival, all children **MUST** register with their designated adult – they will be notified who this is prior to the event. **Please can you confirm your emergency contact number we have for your child.** Then, their race number will be given and attached ready for the event to begin.



Children's Mile Site Plan



At 8.45am, we will make our way to start line where a warm up will take place. -

please note that parents will not be allowed on the start/finish lines, but there will plenty of areas to spectate close by.

After the run, we will escort all our runners back to the highlighted area below. To avoid congestion, please do not come to the start/finish line. To ensure everyone gets home safely, all children must be passed over to parents by their designated adult.

Important information:

- All runners must wear their event T-shirts, and dress appropriately according to the weather.
- All our runners will be told to go to 'Children's Mile' staff if they become separated from us
- There will be no allocated areas to leave belongings, all children must arrive ready for the race.

YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 will be taking part in 'Forest School's' activities next week. Could we ask that children in **1VG** bring in wellies and a waterproof coat on Tuesday 19th March. **1MT** and **1DD** will need them on Thursday 21st March.



SPELLING PROJECT

Letters were sent home this week regarding a Year 1 Spelling project led by Coventry University. Please can parents return them as soon as possible. This is an excellent project, which the school fully endorse as we have evidence it helps with children's phonics test.

CHILDRENS AUTHOR



On Tuesday the author, Grant Koper, visited Coundon Primary to debut his new book, 'The Day Granny's Knickers Flew Away'. Children from Reception to Year 4 enjoyed listening to the author read his book and talk about what inspired his writing. Lots of books were purchased and signed by the author and certificates were given out.

MAGNA PARK VISIT

On Friday 8th of March 2019, Year 6 went on an exciting trip to the Magna Park in Rotherham.

Each class was introduced to an adult called Stuart, who assisted us in producing a necklace, with a vile that would contain our DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid). We made this by chewing on the inside of our cheeks to collect the cells. After that, we drank some water and swirled it around our mouths, to then spit it into our



own tube - the cheek cells were now in the tubes since we had collected them in our saliva when we swirled the water in our mouths. Next, we collected 2 ml of lysis in our pipettes, and dispensed them into our tubes; after we had dispensed the liquid we turned our liquid in our tubes 3 times. Thereafter, we placed our tubes into 40 degree Celsius water to separate the cells from the liquid.

Meanwhile, whilst the tubes were resting in the water, we made DNA sequence bracelets of some chosen animals and plants. Some examples of the animals or plants chosen were: a cobra; a sweet orange; a chimpanzee and a human. We noticed that the human and the chimpanzee's sequence were very similar.

Next, we retrieved our tubes from the aqua and distributed 2 drops of isopropyl - we had to be extremely sensible with it because it was poisonous. After that, we inserted the liquid into a vile and observed cotton ball shaped particles floating around in the liquid - which is actually our DNA.

During the afternoon, we had the opportunity to explore the Magna centre. The centre contains 4 pavilions: Air, Fire, Earth and Water. We explored all of these areas, enjoying every one. Each pavilion consisted of a range of 'amazing' information and a wide range of activities.

Liam P quoted 'I liked the fire pavilion since the fire tornado was extremely fun!' Thank you to all the staff that took us to this marvellous place!!!!

Written by Liam P and Izzy J.

YEAR 6 MATHS BOOSTER

The Maths booster class on Tuesday 19th March is cancelled for one week, as it is Parent Consultation Week. Lessons will be back to normal from Tuesday 26th March.



BIG BANG

On Wednesday some children from year 4, 5 and 6 went to the NEC to visit the Big Bang Fair. The Big Bang Fair is a fair that explore everything to do with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We talked to scientists and engineers and found out lots about jobs that we could in the future. We went on the X1 bus - catching it from the bus stop on the Holyhead Road. When we got the NEC we went to explore all the different activities.

We split into groups of 4 or 5 so we saw lots of different things. Some of us went in an 'immersive dome' to look at Space, we took part in a dance session linked to Science, we made radio tags with Kent University, we watched shows about the invisible world and robot cooks, we made slime, some of us even got to sit in a Red Arrow. There was so much that we couldn't list everything! It was a great day - although there was a lot of walking! We would also like to thank Mr Bailey and Mrs Bassett who supported us on the visit. (Mr Scott)



CLASS ASSEMBLY

A big well done to class 2AD for their wonderful class assembly on "The Great Fire of London" on Thursday 14th March.

YEAR 2 WOW DAY! The Great Fire of London

As part of Year 2 Creative Curriculum topic this term, on Wednesday 3rd April, they will be enjoying a Great Fire of London 'WOW! Day'. The children will be encouraged to dress up as a child from the 17th Century (examples for ideas may include: long dresses, aprons, bonnets, flat caps, white shirts, grey trousers, waistcoats etc...) The children will take part in a fun-filled, active day of learning, involving Drama, Writing and a visit from the Fire Brigade to talk about Fire Safety. We will also be re-enacting the Great Fire of London outside, with our own model of Pudding Lane and real fire! (Weather dependent).



BOARD GAME DONATIONS

May we ask parents for donations of complete board games/ jenga / twister for use in Nurture and the Hub. We only have a few games so would very much appreciate anything that people might be getting rid of.

LOST & FOUND

A 'Toy Story' Woody hat was found on the road outside of school after Book Day last week. Please claim from the school office if it belongs to your child.