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Hello everyone,

It's been another busy week here! The weather hasn't been great, but that hasn't dampened our spirits at all. Despite the dreary skies, the energy in the classroom has been fantastic. I've personally loved spending a bit more time with each class, really getting stuck in with the learning. It's been wonderful to see the children's engagement grow, and I feel like I'm finally getting to know quite a few of them by name, which is so lovely. Building those connections makes all the difference, doesn't it? Here's to another week of fun and discovery ahead!

It was lovely to welcome both new and current parents to our stay and play session this week, all in preparation for our new intake in 2025! We had a fantastic turnout, and it's always heartwarming to see families engaging with one another and our school community. If you happen to know anyone with little ones who will be starting school in September 2025, we'd really appreciate your encouragement in inviting them to come and have a look around our lovely school. They can either arrange an appointment through the office or join us for our upcoming open evening on 30th October. It's a great opportunity to meet teachers, explore the school facilities, and ask any questions you might have. We can't wait to welcome more families into our community and make sure they feel right at home!

A massive thank you to everyone who came along to our Grandparents Cake and Coffee event! It was such a pleasure to see so many happy faces enjoying the delightful treats we had on offer. There's something truly special about sharing time together, especially when it involves cake and a good cuppa. It was heartwarming to witness those special moments, and it reminded us of the importance of these intergenerational relationships. Your enthusiasm and participation made the event a resounding success, and we couldn't be more grateful. We hope you all had as much fun as we did, and we look forward to hosting more events in the future

We're delighted to remind you about our upcoming Parents' Evening scheduled for the next two Wednesdays! This year, we're offering a blend of face-to-face meetings at school and an online option to make attendance more flexible for everyone. We genuinely believe this format will help accommodate your busy schedules. We understand that many of you juggle numerous commitments, and our hope is that the online booking option will allow you to participate without the stress of coordinating travel or time constraints.

We recognise that not everyone may prefer the online format, and we appreciate your understanding as we strive to meet the diverse needs of all our families. Your input is invaluable, and these evenings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress, address any concerns, and celebrate their achievements. We want to ensure you feel engaged and informed about your child's development and the various opportunities we offer at our school. We are looking forward to seeing all of you, whether in person or online. If you haven't been able to book a face to face appointment and would prefer this option please contact your child's teacher via seesaw and they will accommodate where possible.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education. Together, we can work towards providing them with the best possible learning experience.

Every blessing,

Mrs Joanna Owen

NEWS



PLEASE SIGN UP TO ASDA REWARDS THROUGH THE APP. IT IS FREE TO SIGN UP, AND IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR PERSONAL REWARDS, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT SHOP IN ASDA WE EARN £1 FOR EACH PERSON THAT SIGNS UP.

Asda reward system is in place now until November 30th 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to us! All you have to do is go on the app, select Brinscall St John's CE & Methodist Primary School and we will start to earn rewards.

You will be able to view in the app how much money school is earning throughout the scheme. Any money we can earn, will be used to support our school family.

We have currently raised £175, Let's keep it going!

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

This year we are taking part in World Mental Health Day on **Thursday 10th October**. We will be encouraging the children to wear something yellow to show their support for young people's mental health.

We want to emphasise that there is no need to purchase anything new for this occasion! Instead, we encourage you to be creative with what you already have at home. On this day, students may choose to come in their school uniform accented with a hint of yellow—be it a yellow tie, socks, or hair accessory. Alternatively, students are welcome to wear no uniform and come dressed entirely in yellow if that is preferable. It is entirely up to you and your child to decide what works best for your circumstances.

More information in the attached letter, if you have any questions please contact the school office.

Would you like to take your family to a pantomime and sit with other families from our school? If so, please let Mrs Pullin know by via email with the number of tickets you require. Tickets will cost £9.50 each. We will add you to Parent Pay when you reply.

There are **70** places and this is always a popular event so don't miss out and reply as soon as you can!

Families will need to find their own way to the pantomime. There is plenty of parking nearby.



YEAR 3 HARVEST – Friday 18th October

Our year 3 children are busy preparing their wonderful Harvest worship. We would love our Y3 families to join us at 9am.

ROCKSTAR DAY – Tuesday 29th October

Advanced notice – We have bought into the 'times table rockstars' math challenge. This is an app that can be loaded on phones/laptops/ipads to support children with learning there times tables at speed. We are launching this in school after half term starting with a Rockstar day. Children can come to school dressed as a Rockstar. More information will be included in next week's newsletter.

THANK YOU

Our coffee morning last week raised a huge **£234.70**

This will be split between both of our amazing causes. Thank you to all of our families.

Winston's Wish: **£117.35**

St Catherine's Hospice: **£117.35**

PTFA

Our PTFA to a wonderful job supporting our school and raising money that can be used to benefit our children. This year the PTFA will be hosting the following events:

PTFA meeting(all welcome!) Weds 30th October @ 6pm

- PTFA discos- Infants & Juniors - Weds 13th Nov

- PTFA pantomime- Sat 30th November @ 1.30pm

-PTFA chocolate Bingo- Thurs 13th Feb

- Summer fair- Friday 20th June

If you would like to become involved in the PTFA, please contact the school office, Thank you

School lunches – Next week we are on week 2: The menu is available on our website

Reminder:

Playtime snacks should be healthy choice

Celebration worship will be back on next Friday starting at 3pm



JOIN US

**FLUX DANCE ACADEMY ARE RECRUITING
NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 2024/2025
SEASON**

Are you aged 3-50+? Do you want to learn a new skill? Do you want to be part of a competitive dance team? Need a new hobby? Want to spend time with like minded people?

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Class News

EYFS

From reading Handa's Surprise and watching a video clip, YR found out that some people in Africa (and other countries) carry heavy things on their head. We had a go at carrying a book on our head and found out it was rather tricky! We voted for our favourite fruits and made a fruit salad using them where we practised using a knife safely to cut the fruit using the claw grip and bridge grip. We had so much fun in our forest school area of the field with our Y6 buddies. We helped to make an open fire where we cooked marshmallows to eat. They were delicious! We have been learning about simple repeating patterns and became detectives hunting for them and continuing them too. YR had a lovely time when we invited our special adults into our classroom to join us for a stay and play session. We loved showing them how we learn through play at school.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have been busy in Science learning all about the diets of different animals and applying the new vocabulary of carnivore, omnivore and herbivore; relating this to pets and animals we know well. We have found happy breathing really useful as part of 'Our Happy Mind' learning and have used some of our brain breaks to listen to classical music and take our 'fingers' for a walk! Inequality symbols have been a focus in Maths and we are working hard to become experts in knowing which way the lines are drawn. Poetry is our new genre in English and as part of our experience lesson we have watched clips of firework displays around the world and delighted at the colours, shapes and sounds. Our task this week in PE has been to combine a travel, a roll and a jump.

YEAR 2

Year two have started their new English unit of work; exploring a non-fiction text all about pirates and we have looked at the different features of a non-chronological report this week. We have begun our new addition and subtraction unit in maths and have been looking at fact families within 20. We have been practising our ball control in hockey and have tried travelling with the ball into an open space. We have explored the difference between a question mark and an exclamation mark and attempted to write our own questions and exclamation sentences. Year two have continued to focus on our letter formation and initial joins in our independent writing. In our study of Houghton Tower we have looked at what the tower is remembered for and how it has benefitted our local community.

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, the children have been planning and writing their own short story with a romantic theme based on The Blue Umbrella. We have come to the end of our place value unit in maths and were now using this learning as we begin our addition and subtraction unit. We explored the functions of a skeleton in science, looking at how it is used to give us support, help us move, and provide protection. We recapped our learning so far in Spanish and then furthered it as learnt how to ask and reply to the question 'What is your name?' In art, we experimented with a range of media that could be used for a self-portrait to see which we preferred. And they were expert learners in PE as most children managed to perform a hop, step and jump after lots of practice and improving after listening to feedback.

YEAR 4

We have continued to work hard learning our times tables and we are still loving our games and challenges! It is great to see how many children are completing these challenges at home. In art, we are getting ready to create our own brooches next week which meant we have created our designs this week. We have been busy making our own music in our music lessons to accompany the short film Feast that we looked at in English. During our English lessons, we are thinking all things magic as we write a newspaper article based on the book Wizard of Once. We have been continuing our developing our teamwork skills in PE by playing lots of fun team games including building our own Hula Hut this week

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been beaver away, enjoying reading about and discussing the life of David Attenborough. We've looked at his life and his role in the development of not just nature documentaries, but in how television is made and the impact of his work on other naturalists. Inspired by their reading, they are wanting to write to David themselves. They really seem to be quite good at writing letters - as a result of previous letter written asking for support for our school, Y5 have been successful in receiving some resources from B&Q and are hoping to work with D&G builders in the near future. They seem to be a very persuasive bunch - something to be wary of in the run up to Christmas! Year 5 have also enjoyed learning about systems in computing and have started some collaborative work looking at animals.

YEAR 6

In Year 6 we have been writing our own recounts linked to The Letters from the Lighthouse, where we have been writing from the perspective of a Jewish refugee during WWII. We have since moved on to look at 'Moth' by Isabel Thomas, where we will be writing our own narrative poems. In maths we have continued with our work on the four calculations, which has led us to looking at multiplication and division during this week; choosing and applying the most effective methods to solve problems. In History, we have continued looking at The Battle of Britain and considering how it would have felt to witness 'dogfights' taking place overhead in the skies. In computing we have continued looking at spreadsheets and in science we continue looking at living things and their habitats. Elsewhere, we spent an afternoon with our buddies on the field, where we made a campfire and toasted marshmallows over the fire - we may have even sneaked a chocolate biscuit or two as well!

Thank you for your continued support, if you do have any concerns or queries please feel free to contact us via email, we are always happy to talk and support our families. We are all here to create an amazing school for every child. Thank you.

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Attachments this week include:

✓ World Mental Health Day