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## Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

It has been a very short, but incredibly busy half term, as you will see when you read it. The children have been able to take part in so many different activities, from gardening, doing sport with Stockport County, our annual Inter-Faith Week, and much more.

We have also welcomed many of you in this half term, to join us for your child's class sharing assembly. These are really popular with parents, and if you haven't been in yet, watch out for the next invitations on ParentApp after half term.

Please don't forget that we return on Tuesday, 20th February, as we have an Inset Day on Monday, 19th.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope that you enjoy the half term break.

Jo Harrington

## Start of the Day

We sent home a letter this week informing our families that we will be introducing a new start to our school day for Years 1 to 6. When we return after the half term holiday on Tuesday, 20th February, the following timetable will commence.



- 08.35am - the top gate will be opened
- 08.50am - the school bell will sound and children must be ready to be taken into their classroom by their class teacher
- 08.58am - the hand bell will ring giving you a **two minute warning** that the school gates and classroom doors will be locked
- 09.00 am - the school gate will be locked

Any child arriving after 9.00am will have to sign in via the school main entrance giving a reason as to why your child is late.

## Nursery Place - September 2024

Any parents whose child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can apply for a Nursery School place.

Our Nursery is a happy, safe and fun environment for your child/ren to learn through creative play.

All applications have to be made on-line. Closing date for your application is **31st March 2024**



## We Need You!

Would you like to contribute to the life and work of our school?

Are you willing to give some of your time to attend meetings and visit school?

If so, download a nomination form [here](#) and return your completed form to the school office on Tuesday, 20th February 2024.

## Science Event

# MAKE STUFF

On Saturday 10th February and Saturday 9th March there is a fantastic Science event taking place in Stockport Central Library.

The event is called "Make Stuff's Family Day" and involves lots of activities, experiments and have-a-go experiences.

Check out the details on [www.makestuff.org.uk](http://www.makestuff.org.uk)

Keep up to date with everything going on in school by following our Facebook page. Give us a like and share with your friends.



## Benedetti Foundation Music Workshop

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, St Paul's hosted a Benedetti Foundation workshop for years 4, 5 and 6 in the school hall. The session was fabulous and the children showed off their very obvious musical abilities as well as their skills in body percussion and rhythm/pulse activities.

The children were amazed and listened attentively to a stunning performance by one of the musicians on a Vibraphone. What a treat, and a very enriching and wonderful experience for our children.

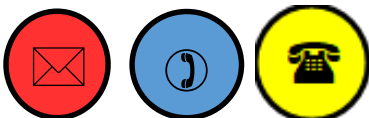


## Contact Details

Are your contact details up to date on our system?

If you think your mobile number, home number and or email address has changed within the last 3 months, please let the school office know as soon as possible so we can update our records.

We also need a minimum on **THREE** contacts on your child's record just in case, for any reason, we can't get hold of you. Please pass these details to the school office staff as soon as possible.



## WOW Walk To School



Thank you to everyone for getting involved in our Walk to School Initiative which is proving to be a big success and popular with the children from Year 1 to Year 6!

Lots of children are earning their badges by either walking to school more, riding bikes/scooters or getting the bus as well as those who have to get the car by not parking right outside of school.

Not only is this a great health benefit to the children with extra exercise and their mental health, but helps reduce congestion and pollution outside of our school.

A new month and new badge has started to be earned and won at the end of February, and we look forward to giving out even more badges over the coming months.

## Weekly Attendance Winners Treat

Congratulations to Mr. Fowler's class (5DF) who had the best attendance last week of 97.5%

The children were asked what treat they would like, and they decided on a 'movie and ice-cream' afternoon. Today they have enjoyed watching 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' whilst eating delicious ice-cream.



## It's Cool to be in School



This half term winners of The Awesome Attendance Trophy is 5DF

CLASS	8 Jan - 9 Feb '24
Nursery	82.77%
RNH	89.22%
RNL	82.19%
1JB	87.57%
1HS	91.62%
2GB	88.16%
2MH	89.27%
3SK	91.61%
3ME	92.52%
4PE.KM	91.81%
4MH	89.93%
5CS	93.46%
<b>5DF</b>	<b>94.07%</b>
6LB	89.46%
6LM	91.01%

Every Day Counts

## Sharing Assembly

2GB were delighted to welcome lots of their families to our Class Sharing Assembly this term. We had learnt lots of facts about the Great Fire of London which is an important historical event which happened in 1666.

Thanks to Samuel Pepys we know that the fire started in Pudding Lane. Lots of buildings were destroyed because they were made of wood. We enjoyed sharing our artwork and eye-witness accounts in the assembly. We sang a song to help us to remember the event of 1666. It was great fun to ask our families quiz questions to find out what they had learnt from the work that we shared. Thank you for attending our Class Sharing Assembly!

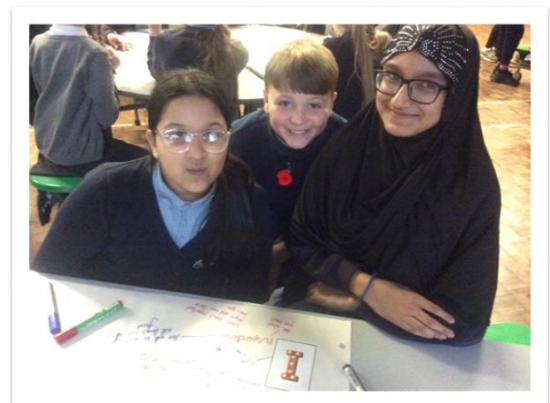


## Ethos Conference

Earlier this week, some of our Ethos group enjoyed an afternoon at a Chester Diocese-led Ethos conference.

We met with seven other schools looking at Inclusion, Invitation and Inspiration in our school worship. The children shared fantastic ideas and picked up many more, which we are looking to try out in our coming Ethos-led assemblies next half term.

They were a credit to our school and I couldn't be more proud of them!



## Interfaith Week

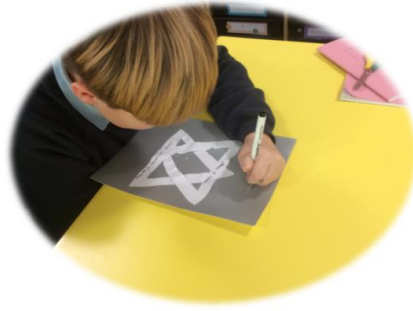
Last week we celebrated diversity and unity during our annual Inter Faith Week activities. The Ethos Group set us off with an assembly on Monday and by Friday, we had accumulated many exciting and varied pieces of artwork and experiences, which we shared in our celebration Assembly. The weeks are always popular and are a fantastic opportunity to try something a little different, whilst celebrating the many faiths that are practised in our community, around our country and throughout the world.



**Year 2** we have enjoyed learning more about the Islamic Faith.



**Year 5** have been studying Judaism. We used origami to create our own Stars of David. We also tasted some Jewish foods which are eaten at special festivals. The children really enjoyed these activities and learning about the Jewish faith.



**Year 6** learnt about Buddhism. We made Buddhist invitation cards that celebrated the life of the Buddha



## Thankfulness

RNL have been looking at our value 'Thankfulness'.

We read the Bible story 'The Thankful Leper' and thought about the things we were thankful for.



## Headlice

Headlice can be a problem in all schools, and whilst not serious or dangerous, unless they go untreated, it isn't a pleasant experience for any child.

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Long hair should always be tied up.

If you are struggling to control headlice, please speak to the school nurse.

## Parent Apps & ParentPay

For help activating your accounts, please call in at the school office and we'll help you to get up and running

## Reception News

The Reception classes have been learning about Polar animals. We discovered that penguins live in the Antarctic and polar bears live in the Arctic. We wrote sentences about our favourite polar animals and painted pictures of them. We loved making our own Emperor Penguins from modelling material. They look fantastic in our polar small world environment!



2MG have enjoyed Outdoor Learning this week, which involved planting and habitat creation. The children were particularly excited carrying out a bug hunt.

## Year 2 News

All children in Year 2 have enjoyed reading the book, 'Big Bad Owl'.

The story tells us about a very grumpy Owl, called Scowl! Even a 'Happy Hat' does not help to cheer him up. So we made our own 'Happy Hats' to try and cheer up Scowl. It was great fun!



## Design and Technology

**Year 5** have been thinking about an appropriate snack to make for children after they finish a PE lesson. We researched different ideas and then decided that muffins would be a good snack as they are easy to eat and give you an energy boost. We made the muffins and then evaluated them. They were delicious!"



**Year 6LM** learnt about rationed ingredients during World War II. At the end of the unit the children made desserts that were possible during the war. We loved the taste of our warm scones!



## Dates for your diary

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February Staff INSET day

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February - Return to School

22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Yr4 Castleton Residential

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May - World Book Day

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March - Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade

Hit the link to apply for Free School Meals - you only need to complete it once!

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CLICK HERE



Half  
Term

We would like to wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.