



NEWSLETTER – Friday 13th October 2023

This week we have seen more exciting events beyond school. On Monday, Mr Cordeaux took a group of Year 3 and 4 boys to the Norwich City FC Lotus training ground where they took part in a football tournament with other local schools. Well done to all those children who took part, you represented our school extremely well.



On Tuesday Year 3 had some animals visit them in class, this was part of their Science learning. Year 3 have also visited the Bridewell museum as part of their history learning about Norwich and where we live.

Blake class visited Mousehold Heath at the start of the week to support their writing ideas and creativity.

Class talk time began this week and it was fantastic to hear about so many different topics presented; we even had snakes in Year 6!

We look forward to welcoming parents into school next **Friday 20th October** for our second open door event. No doubt, the children will have a lot to show and talk about, as this has been such a busy action packed half term.

Lunchtimes in school have seen an increase in ball and team games as Callum from CSF has joined the lunchtime team to support our children. Callum leads games for Year 3 and 4 every Monday and Wednesday lunchtime and for Year 5 and 6 every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. It is lovely to see the children engage together in different ball games and sports activities.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we have already started enquiring into getting quotes to extend and repair our bike shelter. It is lovely to see so many children walking and riding a bike or scooter to school and there being a need for this area to be extended. We will keep you updated.

A polite reminder to all parents that that we do not permit dogs or the carrying of dogs on the school playground or school site. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Finally, please can I ask for all 'Beyond School Pupil Information Record' forms to be handed into the office as soon as possible. These forms really help us to learn more about your children beyond school.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

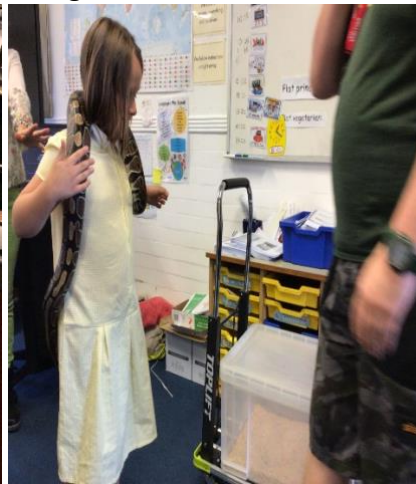
A very exciting experience session kick started the week in Science! We had some visitors in class who helped YR3 to understand more about what different animals eat.

YR3 had a great time learning about Norwich at The Bridewell Museum and they were able to remember what factories existed in Norwich as part of their retrieval task in Geography - good job!

In English they have begun to share write a non-chronological report on Pangolins. In order to do this they have been practising using a dictionary to look up definitions for words such as 'keratin' and 'exoskeleton'.

This week YR3 have started their addition and subtraction unit in Maths. To become confident with this they have been exploring number bonds up to 10.

In PSHE children have been discussing identities and what can and can't be shared online.



YEAR 4

Year 4 are writing a letter to an author this week inviting them to come into school. We are trying to be persuasive and use formal language.

In Maths, we are adding and exchanging ones for 10s as well as using the expanded addition method.

In Science, we examined what goes on in our stomachs and what a digested meal looks like.

In Geography, we have reached the end of Route 66 and have found out about the LA next to the ocean.

In PSHE we showed how we could complement each other and treat each other with respect (one of our school values).

In RE, we are looking at what happiness means for each member of the class.

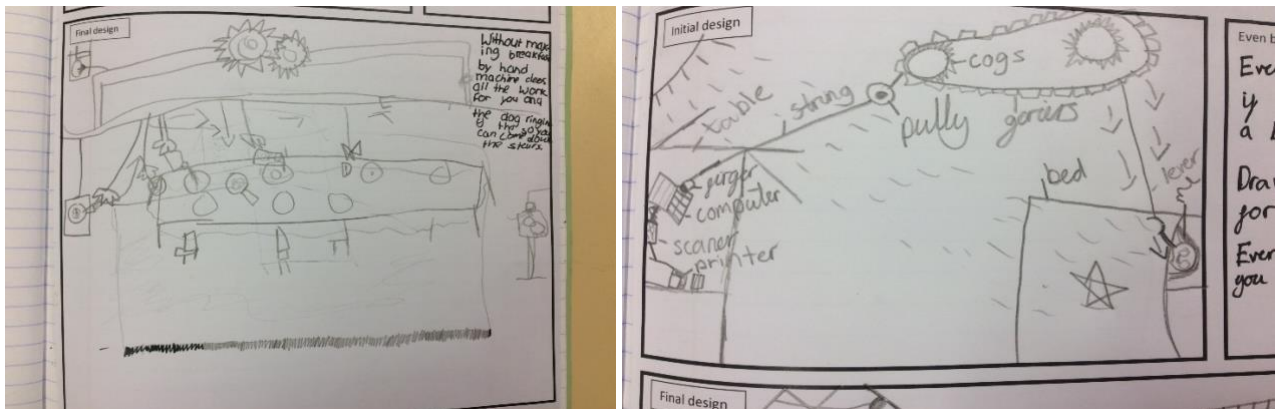
In PE we are playing competitive basketball games.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a week with a lot of hard work. The mornings have been filled with assessments. We are all very proud of how hard the children have worked and they have shown great stamina to get through the tests.

In our history, we have learnt about the ancient Greek Olympics and how they compare to the modern Olympics. Our science was lots of fun this week. We looked at how levers, pulleys and cogs worked. We then used this knowledge to create our own Rube Goldberg machines.



YEAR 6

We have had another busy week this week! In English, we have continued writing persuasive speeches inspired by Greta Thunberg. We even made protest placards during an experience day. In math's we have been focusing on prime, square and cubed numbers. We have used a combination of concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to help with our learning of these tricky concepts. In science, we learnt all about refraction! We created water lenses to see how water can refract light to make the appearance of something change. On Tuesday, it was World Mental Health Day. As well as the children dressing up in yellow, we spent an afternoon looking at building positive mental health. We spent the first half of the afternoon focusing on the positives within ourselves, and for the second part we focused on complimenting others. We created compliment stars which you can see below! On Wednesday, the children continued with their fitness journey in PE and learning about French sports and the Olympics. In Geography, we continued learning about climate change and how it is impacting our world. Finally, we continued learning all about attacking and defending in Hockey!



Blake Class

Blake class have been out and about this week, learning about plants and looking at different settings to inform our writing. On Monday, we visited Mousehold Heath and used magnifying glasses to look closely at plants to spot similarities and differences. We also threw stones into a pond to create ripples. We then used the photos we took on the day to plan some independent writing. We look forward to our independent write next week and showing our learning through this half term.

We planted sunflowers last week and are so excited that they are sprouting already! We know they need light, water and nutrients to be healthy so we put them on the windowsill in pots of soil and water them regularly.

We have given out so many merit tickets this week for effort and are very proud of all the hard work the children have done.



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **3 Kitamura & 3 Lewis** With **100% Well done!**

Attendance Matters



A message from our parent group

To continue to build our parent/school relationship and abilities to support each other, we'd love to hear from you if you have any skills you'd be up for sharing with the school community. For example, school would love some support to improve the outside area and lots of parents would love to make improvements, so win/win.

We may also contact you if you have the skills to support the group or what comes up from discussions with school from time to time, we'll keep email addresses securely, and you can opt out from contact at any time by emailing us.

If you'd like to share a skill, please tell us about it using the attached form, and return it to the school office or to us via email at gwparentgroup@gmail.com. Do also emails us if you'd like to be on our email updates list or to join our Whatsapp group.

All the best

Parent name:	
Email address:	
Child's name and class:	
Do you have any skills you'd like to share with the school community? If so give us some details here (this could be practical like gardening, perhaps you're a practicing artist, skilled in accounts, grant writing, non-English speaking, teaching & learning, DIY)	