



## NEWSLETTER – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

This week we have seen more exciting learning and personal development opportunities beyond the school curriculum. Year 3 visited the forum library, Year 3 and 4 had a visit from some puppies, Year 5 had a Greek day, a small group of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament at the Nest and a small group of Year 5 and 6 boys had a career mentoring session led by one of our parents Mr Nicholls.

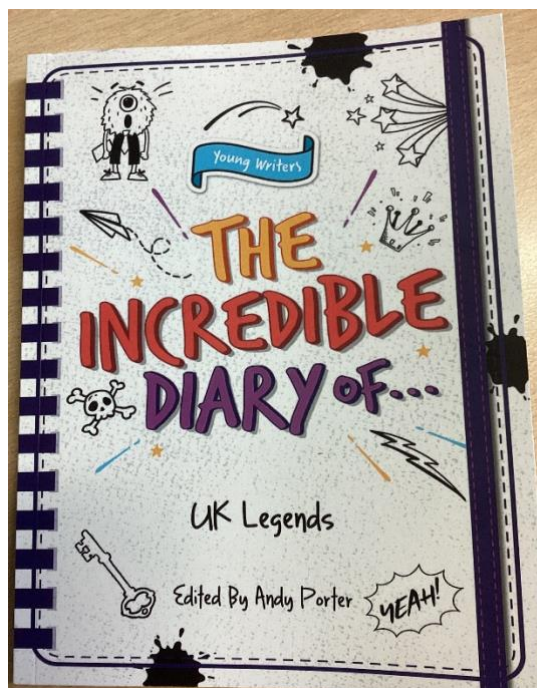
We look forward to welcoming parents into school from 3:20pm this afternoon for our second open classroom this half term.

After half term, we welcome back Miss Whing from maternity leave. Miss Whing will be teaching 6 Ness every Friday and she will be supporting with teaching and learning across the school every Wednesday and Thursday. Welcome back Miss Whing!

We wish you a happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

In support of dwarfism month, today we are proud to be wearing something green to raise money for the charity Little People UK. Today we have raised £145.75 thank you to everyone who has donated and supported.

We are extremely proud to see so many of our children's writing published in '*The Incredible Diary of*' book. How wonderful to have our very own published authors.





## OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

### YEAR 3

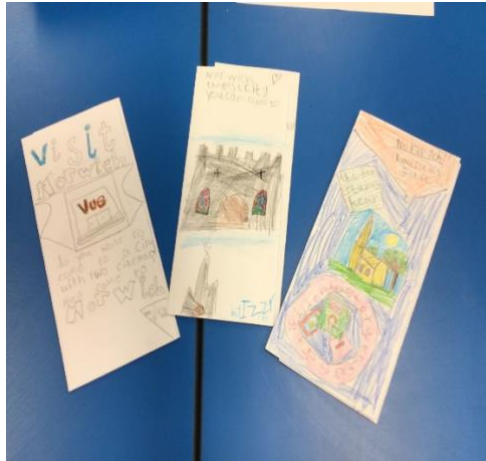
This week YR3 had the opportunity for another trip...to the Millennium library! They all did the school proud and asked Adam and Emily some thoughtful questions. After having a discussion about the library, and how to join if not already a member, children then had a story and were free to explore. They were also shown how to borrow them.

In Maths, YR3 have gone practical using ourselves as concrete resources to support with addition and subtraction! There has been a real positive buzz and some great learning produced.

In English we have continued to prepare for writing a non-chronological report after half-term. YR3 have consolidated their learning about Norwich by producing some lovely information leaflets in Geography.

In RE we have been discussing the Sikh religion and have learnt all about the 5Ks in a creative way.

We all hope you have a wonderful and relaxing half-term break!



### YEAR 4

Year 4 are writing their final letter to an author this week inviting them to come into school. We are being persuasive and using formal language.

In Maths, we are subtracting and practising exchanging.

In Science, we had a fun activity being the teeth stomach and intestine and getting messy with juice, bread and biscuits.

In Geography, we are putting all our learning together about Route 66.

In RSHE we will be looking at our emotions.

In RE, we are looking at the story of the Buddha and how he found true happiness.

In PE we are playing competitive basketball games.

We are looking forward to seeing Tilly's puppies on Thursday!



## YEAR 5

An incredible week in year 5. Greek day was an amazing success. Lots of children looked phenomenal in their fantastic outfits and we even had quite a few ancient Greek Gods join us! We spent the day writing myths, solving Greek problems in maths and in the afternoon, we had Greek food and then took part in philosophical discussions about life, the gods and many other things.

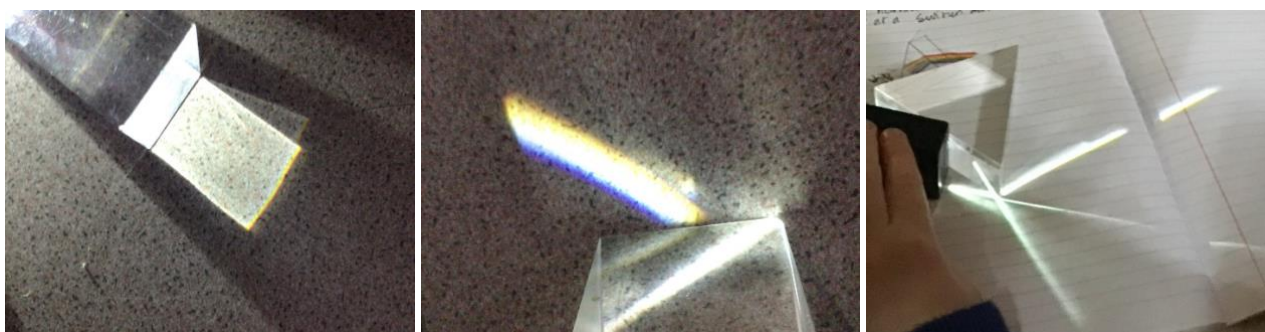
We also had our first RSE session this week where we learnt all about the 'emotional rollercoaster' that can happen during puberty.

In English, we have finished writing persuasive pitches and in science we have created fact files about everything we have learnt to do with forces this half term. Finally, in our maths lessons, we have finished our unit on addition and subtraction.



## YEAR 6

Wow! What a busy week it has been in the run-up to half-term! This week, we have planned, written up, and edited our persuasive speeches all about saving the Amazon rainforest. Maths was focused on multiplying up to 4-digit numbers by up to 2-digit numbers using column multiplication methods. In science, we carried out investigations to see what colours made up white light! We used torches and prisms to identify the different colours within white light - check out our photos to see! 6 Morpurgo and 6 Palacio enlarged images using the grid method in art whilst 6 Ness learnt all about brute force hacking in computing! Year 6 had their final fitness lesson in PE this week, as well as continuing their learning about French sports and the Olympics in French and Samba in music. In RE, we began to investigate the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God. In RSHE we learnt all about gender stereotyping and body image. Finally, we finished our week with a mini hockey tournament. We hope the children have a brilliant and relaxing half-term!



## Blake Class

In Blake Class this week, we have been thinking about how we can help ourselves to focus on our work. We use a lot of learning aids in the SRB and find that sometimes, it is easier to remember a spelling if we have seen it and made it ourselves. These phonics cubes are great for blending and we can then bring them to our desks to help us with our writing. We talked about our school value of respect for others and how fidgeting can be distracting for those around us. We came up with some ideas for things we could use to fidget with which don't make noise. Our favourite is a shoelace as we can move it through our fingers and we like the texture of the material. Some of us also use bands on the legs of our chairs to stop us from kicking our legs too close to others. All these things help us to focus and lead to better work!



## **Our school attendance target is 95%**

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **3 Lewis** With **97% Well done!**

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All the best