



NEWSLETTER – Friday 8th March 2024

What a busy week we have all had! On Tuesday, Millie and Claire from HSBC Bank visited the school. The day started with a whole school assembly followed by class workshops on money management and identifying fraud.

We are delighted that we have been awarded an HSBC UK Smart Money Award for the support of financial education for young people.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. There was such a buzz around school around reading. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Eaglen our English subject leader for organising such an engagement, exciting and successful day for the children and their teachers.



A just reminder, if you have not yet signed up for parent's evenings bookings are now live on Weduc.

I am delighted to announce on Wednesday 27th March all pupils and staff are invited to wear something yellow to school in support of the charity Marie Curie This will be a non-school uniform day. We ask for pupils to bring in a monetary donation of £1 for this worthy cause.

We will also be holding cake sale at the end of the day on the 27th March. This will be run by our student council on the school playground. All money will also go to Marie Curie. We are asking for donations of cakes, biscuits and bags of popcorn to sell. Please can these be brought into school from Monday 25th March. We are a nut free school please can any items brought in not contain nuts. If you are baking something at home, please can a list of the ingredients used to be put with the item made. Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend.

GWJS SEND NEWS



Family Information Service

What is FIS?

The Norfolk Family Information Service (FIS) is an information and signposting service for parents, carers, young people, and professionals. They offer free, confidential, and impartial information about local services and support for children aged 0-19 years (or up to 25 for children with disabilities). These include funded early education and childcare, home learning and related services in Norfolk.

More information found linked [SEND Local Offer - Norfolk County Council](#)



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

World Book Day was very exciting! So many pyjamas and marvelous costumes... We talked about all the stories we know, read in tents with torches and designed covers for our VIPERS book 'Hortense and the Shadow'.

In Maths we have been learning about the numerators of non-unit fractions and understanding the whole. We are beginning to compare and order non-unit fractions.

In English, the suspense is building in our stories. The wolves have come crashing, bursting and leaping out of the walls and are currently terrifying the family. We have had many conversations about real vs imaginary and fact vs fiction!

In Geography we have been finding out about climate zones and noticing where these are. We have created climate zone maps with keys. We had a great time in Science when the sun briefly came out finding out about how shadows are formed.



YEAR 4

We had a visit from HSBC bank who taught us about managing money through a really informative workshop. We were impressed with the retrieval of prior learning, showing how much they had remembered from their PSHE budgeting lessons at the start of spring.

In English, we have been creating more exciting sentences for our amazing picture book, 'Journey'. The focus has been alliteration, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Our maths learning has involved creating fraction walls to use to help us understand and compare fractions with the same and different denominators, which will lead into learning about equivalent fractions next week.

In history, YR4 looked at pictures before and after the Industrial Revolution and debated the pros and cons of this dramatic change. There was some really interesting discussion around what was good and bad about it, as well as discussion of how significant the revolution was.

RSHE this week was all about the importance of sleep, especially for children as their bodies grow and change as they become older.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of YR4 for celebrating world book day as a book character or in pyjamas - you all looked great. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying reading in a tent with their friends and torches.

Have a wonderful weekend - with lots of sleep!



YEAR 5

Last Friday we started making bridges out of wood and other materials like lolly sticks and dowelling. We used hot glue guns, but luckily no-one got burned. On Monday, 2 year 5 classes in the afternoon and in English we made our own sentences based on 'The Highwayman' poem by Alfred Noyce.

On Tuesday we had an HSBC workshop talking to us about money and budgeting. In geography we compared the cities of Norwich and Istanbul.

On Wednesday, we had our usual French, PE and music lessons in the afternoon, doing numbers in French, yoga in PE and Ukulele in music.

On Thursday it was world book day, so most of us wore PJ's or Costumes!

Written by Etta, Meriam and Lotte



YEAR 6

It has been another wonderful week here in Year 6! In English, we have planned and written our horror narratives and then edited them. In math's, we began to look at co-ordinates, reflection and translation of shapes. In science, we created our own classification keys for different animals. On Tuesday, we had HSBC come into school and carry out workshops with the children regarding money and keeping it safe. Wednesday afternoon was full of wonderful art! The children created their protest posters on A3 paper which looked great. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day - please see the photos to see some fun costumes and pj's! In addition, we redesigned the book cover for the book we have been reading in VIPERS. In the afternoon, we got to read our books in the tents that were set up in the hall. We also had a PSHE lesson about managing challenges and change. Finally, to finish up the week. We played some basketball in PE and we learnt about the Maya Gods and worship in History. We hope everyone has a fabulous weekend!

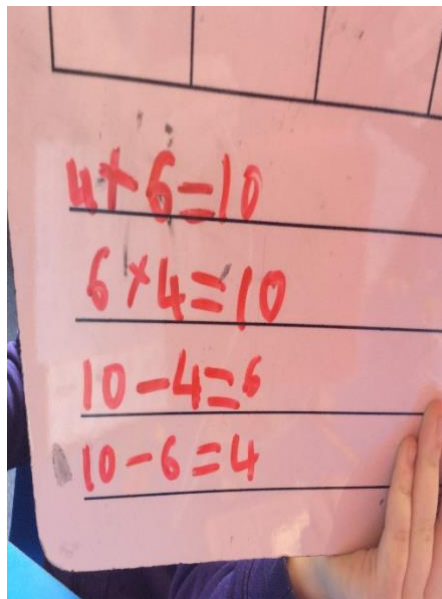
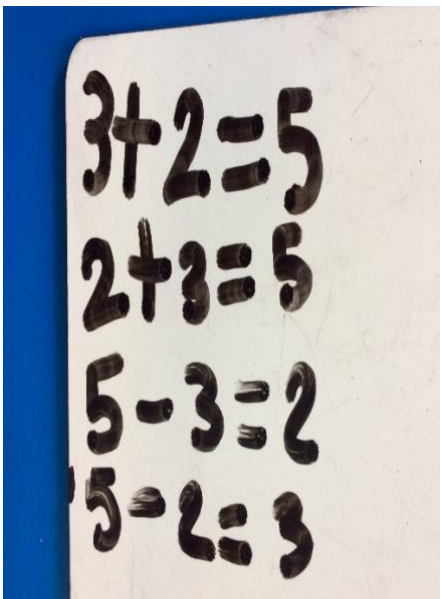


Blake Class

In Blake class have been continuing our unit on poetry. We have been performing poems about school and children. Our favourite so far has been 'The Adventures of Isabel' by Ogden Nash. Children came up with some great ideas for actions to help us to remember the words.

In maths, we have been looking at fact families. We used cubes to show inverse operations and then recorded these on whiteboards. We then moved on to larger numbers and checked each addition and subtraction to ensure it was correct.

We have had great fun today celebrating World Book Day. Children dressed either as a favourite book character or in their pyjamas so they would be cosy and comfortable for a day of reading.



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **5 Almond with 96%. Well done!**

Attendance Matters

