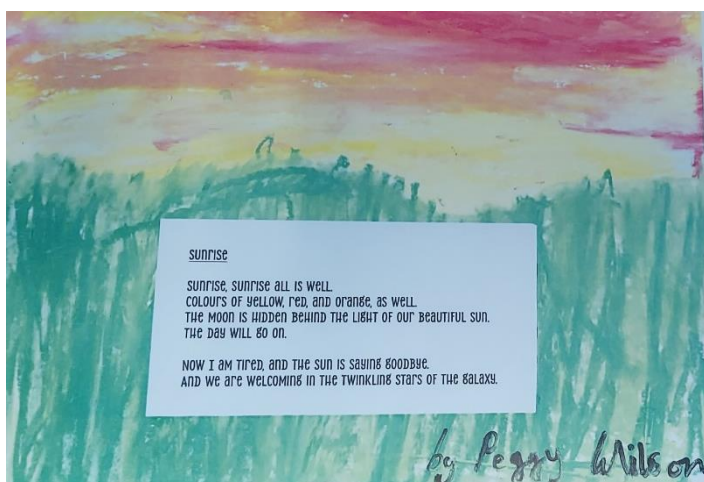




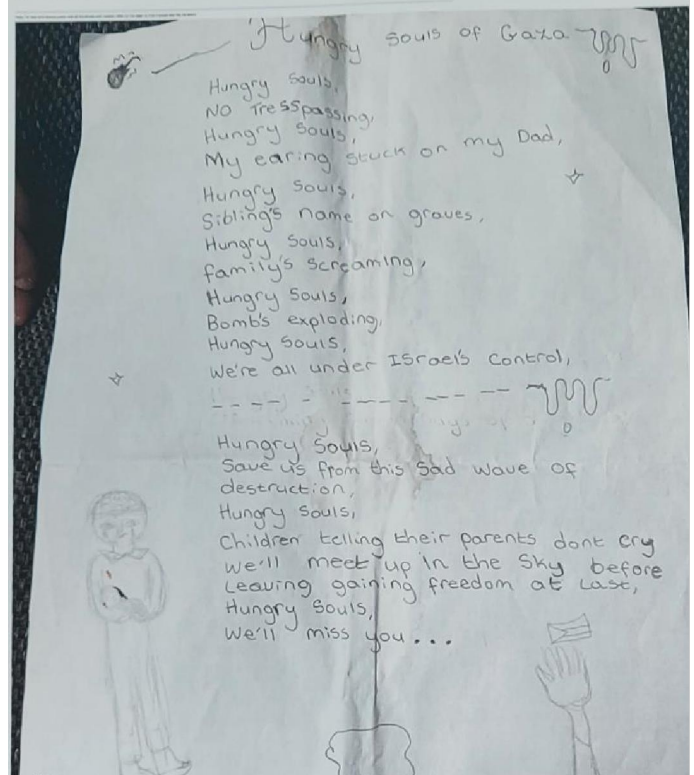
NEWSLETTER – Friday 24th May 2024

This week, Year 6 have been to Crucial Crew. The aim of Crucial Crew is to help children stay safe and learn valuable life skills led by Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service. This is such an important annual trip for our Year 6 children as they begin their transition to high school. This week Year 4 have also been out, where they have spent the day taking part in team building activities at Hautbois. It was lovely to spend the day with Year 4 on Wednesday, watching their confidence increase as the day progressed. Spending time on the water was one of the most popular activities of the day. Thank you Year 4 for such a wonderful and memorable day spent together! Yesterday, we celebrated French Day. It was great to see the children and staff fully immersed in all things French, with food tasting, speaking and fact-finding activities taking place across the school.

This week we are celebrating external awards. Hast and Peggy have won a poetry competition led by TransformELT. Their poems were inspired by two paintings, *The Waiting* by Malak Mattar and *Purple Beam* by Layla Mohammad Ibraheem Al Haj Abed. Both children have been awarded a book token prize. Congratulations, we are all proud of your achievement.



Hello I'm Hast and I wrote a poem with all the details and I spilled coffee on the paper so that it would look like old blood



Mrs Derer and Mrs Burman have both been awarded a Nelsons Journey Badge of Recognition for the bereavement support they provide for pupils at our school. Thank you for the support you continually offer our pupils, parents and staff.



Finally, I am delighted to announce our new bike shed and scooter rack have been ordered. As soon as these arrive in school, Mr Tame, our Trust handyman will be on site to install these.

I hope you and your family have a lovely half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd June as we start the final half term of this academic year.

School Car Park

Please can we ask all parents and carers who drop their child off for Early morning club to use the steps at the side of school by the office. The school car park can become quite busy in the morning and to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff, using the steps rather than walking through the car park is the safest option, thank you.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

In English we have begun our independent letter writing. We have focussed on the characters' points of view and the events that took place. We are making sure to use effective adjectives, adverbs and superlatives.

In Maths we have worked very hard on calculating change. We know that we can do this by counting on to find the difference or by subtracting.

In Science we are finding out about seed dispersal. We have experimented with the different ways that plants make sure their seeds travel.

We have finished our clay animals in Art and have really enjoyed painting them. They are clearly inspired by Quentin Blake.

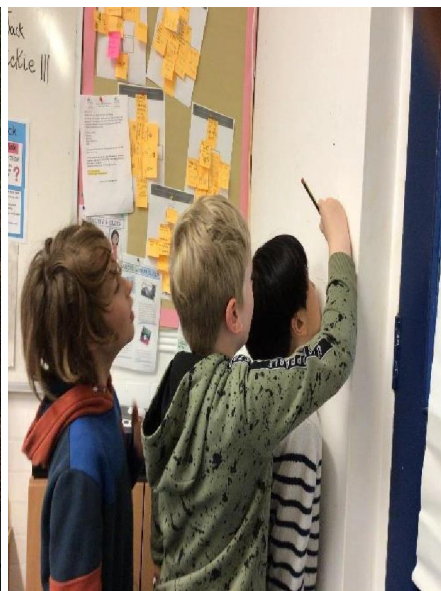
Best of all was French day! We travelled to Paris, went to a cafe and made the Eiffel Tower. Later we travelled South and found out about Paul Cezanne, creating art work in his style. Une journee fabuleuse!



YEAR 4

This week, Yr 4 embedded their learning of ordering and comparing decimals by measuring objects in giant and pixie feet. They then thought about smaller measurements such as fairy feet - a fun practical investigation!

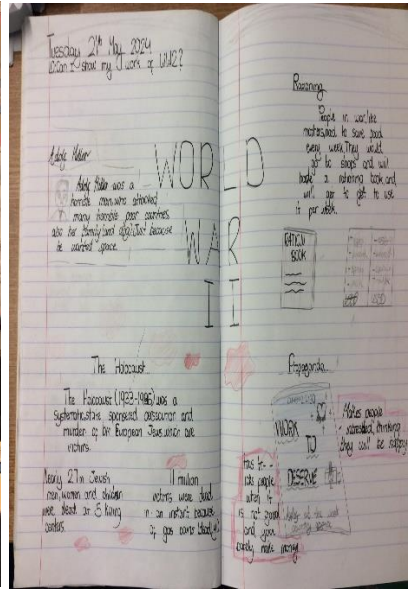
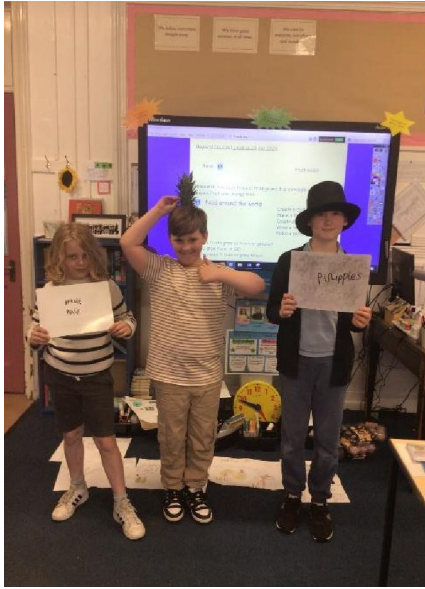
In Geography, children worked collaboratively to explore how to make a building which would be able to withstand an earthquake. They did this using jelly, cocktail sticks and marshmallows. It was great to hear their logical explanations and using key knowledge to explain their reasoning. French day was Thursday and involved researching all about Quebec and Canada. Children learnt where maple syrup comes from and had a little tasting session - to assist with their research! The highlight of the week was our trip to Hautbois House where children had the opportunity to do climbing, canoeing, an obstacle course or low ropes. An adventurous day to be had for all! We were so proud of how the children cooperated, showed resilience and faced their fears. The pride and happiness shone on their faces. Have a wonderful weekend.



YEAR 5

This week has been an assessment week for Y5 and we are very proud of their efforts. All the children have worked fantastically well and should be proud of their efforts.

In our science and history lessons we have gathered all of our learning and produced amazing fact files about WW2 and Plant Reproduction. On Thursday we had an exotic French afternoon. We learnt about Benin. We learned about tropical fruits from Benin and we tasted some of them in fruit kebabs. After the delicious taster we found out how these fruits are grown and we presented our findings in a variety of ways – posters, quizzes and adverts.

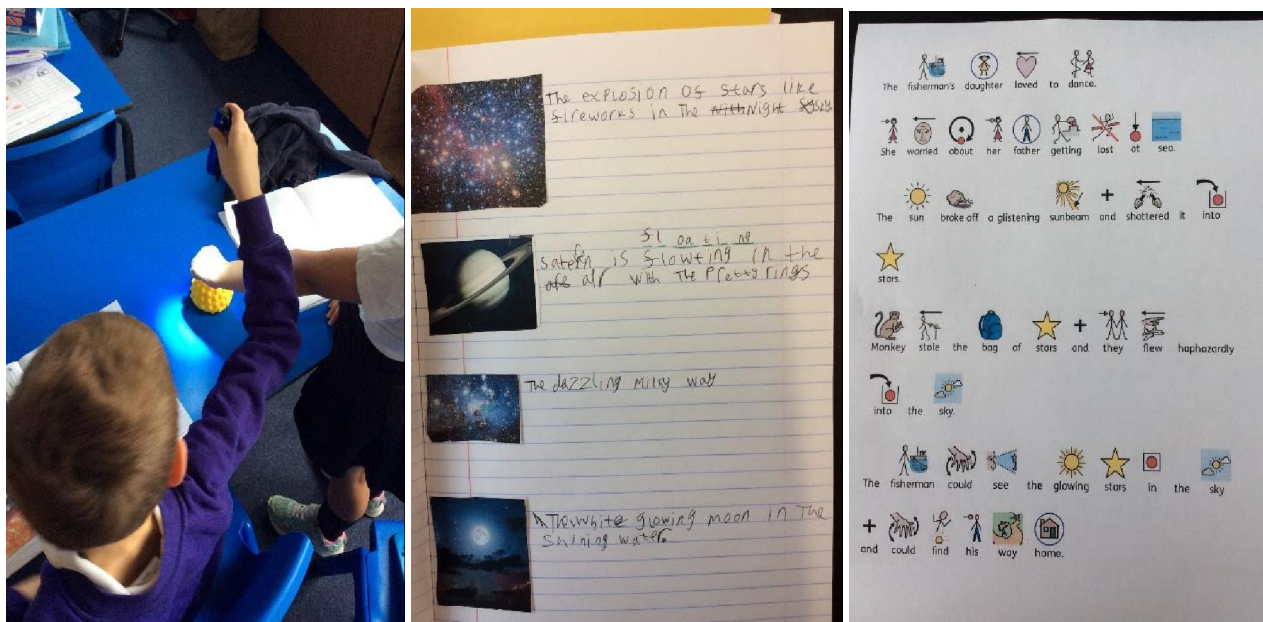


YEAR 6

What a busy week! Year 6 had a trip to The Space for a Crucial Crew event where we learnt about how we can stay safe in different situations. This taught us some very valuable lessons. In English, we have planned, written and edited our postcards from prison. In maths, we focused on 2D and 3D shape as well as angles and lines of symmetry. In science, we finished our unit on electricity. We had a quiz and then we created a double page spread showing all our learning. In geography, we also had an end of unit quiz and we wrote some great speeches about sustainability. In RSHE, we learnt about infections and how we can prevent them from spreading. To end the week, we had French Day! We looked at Tahitian poetry, we created a Tahitian punch, we played French cricket and javelin, and we created some Tahitian inspired art. We hope the children have a fun and relaxing half-term ready for their final 7 weeks here at junior school!



This week in Blake Class, we have been using Widget to help us to remember our 5 sentence story, based on 'How the Stars Came to Be' by Poonam Mistry. We have been rehearsing it aloud and using the symbols to help us to read words. There was no symbol for 'haphazardly' so we made our own by throwing cubes onto a table in a haphazard manner and taking a photo! Children then used some of these words in their descriptive sentences which then formed into poems about space. Also on the space theme, children used torches to investigate phases of the moon, understanding that the moon does not have its own light source and can therefore only be seen when the sun is shining on it. Another brilliant half term of learning, enthusiasm and hard work from Blake Class. Have a lovely half term!



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **6 Palacio with 99 %. Well done!**

Attendance Matters

