

Hello / Kamusta Na

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot believe that the past 6 weeks have flown so quickly by. There has been such a lot to do! I hope that this half term's **Learning Leaflets** helped you know how to support your children at home. Our next set will be sent after half term.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Walk to School** event organised by **Mrs Anna Haupt** our **Sustainability Lead**, I am sure after half term we will know which class had the best involvement for this event.

On that note a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who is not using Mayfield Crescent to park, drop off or travel through at drop off and pick up times. There has been a reduction in the number of times I have had to have that awkward conversation about noticing a car driver not obeying the Highway Code.

After half term the **Infant School** children will be walking to the library in town for their annual visit. Please look at the dates to see when your child will be visiting town. How exiting!

Year 1 and **Year 2** visited places of worship this week as part of our **RE** learning across **both** schools. **Year 2** went to see the renowned Mosque in Cambridge to see the amazing architecture and find out about Islamic life.

It gives me great pleasure to officially announce the exciting news that **Mrs Ellie Shaw** in **Pine Class** in the **Junior School** is expecting her first child. We are so happy for her and know that the children will look after her in her final few weeks before maternity so that she has fond memories of her pregnancy.

Thank you for the **Tombola jars** for our **Summer Fete** – we haven't surpassed last year's amount [300 jars] so please keep them coming in after half term. We have seen some really interesting contents from sweets, to teddy bears and crafting materials.

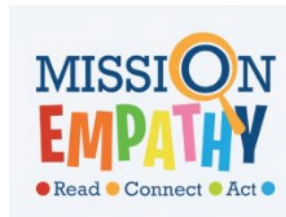
Mrs Vicky McGregor and **Miss Charlotte Deaves** are excited to announce they have organised an **coffee morning** to talk about **SEN provision**. This is open to parents who have a child with additional needs in either school and for those parents who would like to know more. Please pop in for a cuppa on **Thursday 6th June** in the **Infant School** Hall from **9.00am**. Please see the flier overleaf for more details.

We are excited to announce that on **Tuesday 4th June** we are taking a team of **Year 5 and 6 children** to an **interschool Athletics Meeting** in St. Ives so there will be no Athletics Club that afternoon after school. We apologise for any inconvenience but wish our team members all the best.

In the **Junior School** we have been talking a lot about **empathy** in assemblies and class. We want the children to be able 'to put themselves in other's shoes' and notice how others can feel when unkind words and deeds are expressed towards one another or how to use this skill to develop patience and resilience when problem solving in teams. Many of the children have shown that they readily display this skill and others we believe still need support. Therefore **Mr Christopher Squires** and **Ms Sarah Everett** have organised a full day of events centred around some bespoke texts to support the children to fully understand why empathy is an essential skill in life. We will be celebrating **Empathy Day** in the **Junior School** on **Thursday 6th June**. Sometimes we **all** deserve some empathy.

Hoping that you will have a wonderful half term and the weather brightens up for us all.

Best wishes / Pinakamahusay na mga kagustuhan Rae Lee [Headteacher]



Preschool

This week **preschool** planted beans into bags so that we could observe when the shoot started to grow, so many children remembered the new vocabulary 'I see the roots'. We explored magnets and quickly learnt which materials would attract and which would not, we again explored new vocabulary for the materials e.g. 'wood', 'plastic' and 'metal'. We enjoyed some music and movement with familiar songs, 'the freeze dance' and 'stand up sit down' a firm favourite of ours! **After half term**, we will continue our junk modelling so any donations of boxes/pots etc would be warmly welcomed! We will think about growth and change looking at how we have changed since starting Preschool in September, we will also programme the bee bots and think about directional language 'up', 'down', 'forwards', 'backwards' etc. Our transition activities will also begin for our September school starters.

Reception

This week **Class 1** and **2** have enjoyed making music in our enquiry sessions, thinking about making long and short sounds with our voices and even got musical in our Forest School sessions, improvising with sticks, trees and tree stumps! We have been recalling doubles to 6 by heart as well as adding and subtracting within 5 without using our fingers or manipulatives! **After half term**, we will be sharing our new book 'The Three Little Pigs' and retelling it using props and puppets.

Year 1

This week **Class 3** and **Class 4** have read our tourist information leaflets about Antarctica and we edited and improved our writing. In music we played some tuned instruments and produced long/short and high/low sounds to accompany a song. We enjoyed our visit to All Saints Church as part of our RE lessons. **After half term**, we will be visiting the library as part of our Sparky Start on **Tuesday 4th June**.

Year 2

This week **Class 5** and **6** completed their non-chronological reports about Antarctica. How proud they were to share this information with you at the work sharing event! In maths they enjoyed learning about pictograms and bar charts and how to construct a tally. **After half term** in English, we will be looking at a new text 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain' and will be making predictions and writing expanded noun phrases based on this. In maths we will investigate grams and kilograms.

Year 3

This week **Beech** and **Chestnut** Classes wrote newspaper reports based on our class novel the 'Nothing to see Here Hotel'. In maths, we compared the size of fractions, exploring with manipulatives and using the symbols greater than, less than and equal to. During our RE days, we looked at ways we can make the world a better place. We discussed who our role-models are, who inspires us and how charities make a positive impact on the world. We want to say a big well done to the children for their efforts with swimming this term. Unfortunately, we weren't able to go on the last day, but we are so proud of how hard they worked and all of the progress they made.

Year 4

This week **Holly** and **Willow** Classes have been developing their descriptive writing by using expanded noun phrases and DADWAVERS to improve their descriptions of Lizard Street in English. In maths, we have been expanding our understanding of fractions as we learnt how to subtract fractions, particularly subtracting a proper fraction from a whole number or a mixed number. Art was our favourite as we used clay to create our sculptures this week - you can see them on SeeSaw where you will be impressed by our creativity! **We look forward to the upcoming half term and wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.**

Year 5

This week **Oak** and **Ash** Classes have deepened their understanding of adverbials, relative clauses and parenthesis, as well as reading more of 'Who Let the Gods Out'. In maths, we have learnt about translation, co-ordinates and symmetry. In RE, we have been researching how different religions show their faith. The children have been so engaged and have worked brilliantly! **After half term**, we will start learning how to play cricket and practising athletics, continue to read our class novel, and begin a recap on decimals.

Year 6

This week **Pine** and **Sycamore** classes have created their own sculpture based on Alexander Calder, they really enjoyed creating these and gave great feedback on the tools they used and what could be improved. We had fun learning the songs for our Year 6 play, there is still lots of work to do! In maths we have been using our mathematical thinking, trying to outsmart each other and find different solutions to the same problem. **After half term**, our play practise will continue, we will be continuing to learn about the Amazon in geography and produce an extended piece of writing which creates suspense.

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Dates for the Diary/Mga Petsa para sa Diary

Half Term	All Schools	Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June	A week and 1 day for half term
Library Trips	Infant School	Wk beg Tuesday 4th June	Infant children walk into Town to visit Huntingdon Library for their Sparky Start on geography Class 1 [Mrs Eagle]: Tuesday 11th June 10am-11am & Class 2 [Miss Adams]: Thursday 13th June 10am-11am Class 3 [Mrs Shaw]: Tuesday 4th June 9.30am-10.30am & Class 4 [Mrs Turner]: Tuesday 4th June 10.45am-11.45am Class 5 [Mrs Smith]: Thursday 6th June 9.30am-10.30am & Class 6 [Mrs Beecher]: Thursday 6th June 10.45am-11.45am
St Peter's School Visit	Year 6	Tuesday 4th June	Beginning of Y7 transition programme with a whole day visit to the school
Y6 Swimming begins	Year 6	Wednesday 5th June	Year 6 top up swimming lessons
Empathy Day	Junior School	Thursday 6th June	A chance to celebrate and support children's ability to empathise with others.
Phonics Screening	Year 1 & Year 2	Wk beg: Monday 10th June	Year 1 and some Year 2 children will participate in the DfE Phonic Screening Check
Multiplication Tables Check	Year 4	Wk beg: Tuesday 4th June	Our Year 4 children will be completing the DfE Multiplication Tables Check within school
Stay & Play [1]	Preschool children	Friday 14th June	All preschool children starting Reception in September 2024 are invited to Stay and Play on our front playground to meet their new teachers and make friends.
New Reception Parents Meeting	Preschool children	Monday 17th June	An opportunity to find out which Class your child will be in from September and more information to support them in their transition to school from 6.00pm. This is an adult only event.
New to Year 1 Parents Meeting	Preschool children	Thursday 20th June	Parents are invited to pop into the Year 1 classes with their Reception child
Stay & Play [2]	Preschool children	Friday 21st June	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
New to Year 3 Parents Meeting	Y2 parents	Tuesday 25th June	Current Year 2 Parents are invited to pop into the Junior School at 6.00pm to find out more about KS2 life
Stay & Play [3]	Preschool children	Friday 28th June	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Summer Fete	All schools	Friday 28th June	Summer Fete from 2.00pm on the school field and playgrounds [weather permitting]
Change Over Day	All schools	Wednesday 3rd July	All year groups 'jump up' to their new classes and we welcome new 2024 Reception Starters for a taster in Classes 1 and 2.
Stay & Play [4]	Preschool children	Friday 5th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground.
Gulliver's Trip	Year 6	Friday 5th July	Year 6 Annual trip to Gulliver's in Milton Keynes
Y6 Performance	Year 6	Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	Two Year 6 performances [9th] at 6.00pm and an afternoon [10th] at 1.45pm to come and see [2 tickets per family only]
Y2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2	Thursday 11th July	Our Annual Leavers Assembly , parents and carers of Year 2 children are invited to this assembly from 9.00am
Stay & Play [5]	Preschool children	Friday 12th July	For Reception New Starters 2024 on our front playground
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Year 6	Friday 12th July	Our annual Leavers Assembly , parents and carers of Year 6 children are invited to this assembly from 9.30am
Healthy Week	All Schools	Wk beg 15th July	A week of activities to support our minds and body including Sports Day on Wednesday 17th am for Infant and pm for Junior
Last day of Term	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Last day of Term
Treehouse Club	All Schools	Friday 19th July	Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training.

