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Attendance

We do realise that with all of the media attention at the moment towards attendance and holiday leave, this could be a confusing time for parents. As a school we will continue with our current policy. Whatever any outcomes may be, we will still be expected to aim for excellent attendance levels. Please do refer to our Attendance Matters information that is on the website under the parents information tab. If you have any queries, then do pop and see me.

Cycling Project

Our activities linked to the cycling event in Stockton in June are now well under way. The children in years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fun day of activities with some of our parents, Mr & Mrs Eyeington and Miss Escritt. The children had a wonderful time and we would like to thank the parents for giving up a day to support the children. Some of the children in years 5 and 6 are enjoying cycling sessions with the local authority and on Thursday 23rd June we will be taking some to experience a velodrome and to watch some stunts. This is followed by the men's elite time trials. We will also be welcoming an artist in residence into school after half term as we will be involved in creating some bikes and figures to help decorate the race route. We currently believe that our work will be displayed in Thorpe Leazes! We will be asking you to help to source some recycled goods to help with the project.

For more information on this exciting event and information surrounding it (including road closures on Queen Elizabeth Way) do look on the website in the Latest News Post.

Working Sculpture

Some of our Key Stage Two children will be involved in a workshop linked to making a working sculpture to support the launch of a new sculpture in Stockton High Street in June. Watch this space for more news!

Handwriting and Times Tables

We have been doing a great deal of work with the children throughout school on handwriting. This is having a significant impact on the quality of work they are producing. They have responded to the new way of working so well and should feel very proud of themselves. Please do look out for the letter on handwriting mantras to help your child improve their handwriting even further.

The children in Years 1 - 6 have begun working on the times tables challenges. We do hope that they work hard to learn them as best they can. The new assessments put a great deal more emphasis on quick mental recall, so knowing their tables well, we hope, will make the whole process of assessments far less stressful for them.

There will be some additional guidance going on the website after half term to help parents and carers support the children at home.

Sports Competitions

The year 6 children attended the Stockton hockey finals and came second. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were, as ever, fabulous ambassadors for Myton Park. There are several more competitions between now and the end of the year for pupils to look forward to.

Gardening

Our gardening project continues to be a huge success with our wonderful volunteers continuing to make such a difference. Many thanks for their continued support. If you fancy getting involved then please contact me. The more the merrier!

PTA

Many thanks for your support of the Afternoon Tea. With your generous contributions and some support from Tesco, we raised £377. Watch out for our forthcoming events - the film night, end of term disco, the Dog Show and the Summer Fair! More details under the PTA tab on the website.

Class News

Nursery

This half term we have been learning about animals. We talked about our pets at home and how we look after them. We enjoyed our visit from the Farmyard Bus and have been looking after our eggs in the incubator and keeping our fingers crossed that they hatch into chicks. We have looked at the art work of Mackenzie Thorpe and created our own representations in the same style. We are enjoying the new resources in our outdoor area and are becoming much more independent.

If anyone has any old wellies (sizes between 6 and 13) that Nursery and Reception could use for their mud kitchen, and any spare underwear and socks we could use we would be very grateful.

Reception

This term Reception are learning about lots of different things including chicks, caterpillars and butterflies, frogs and humans. They are learning about how living things change as they grow and about life cycles. They thoroughly enjoyed their time with the farm bus and were interested to see some farm animals including new born lambs and the chicks which hatched last year in our school. In literacy the children are continuing to learn about all letters and sounds and are being encouraged to use the sounds they can hear when they write. Please encourage them to do this in any writing they choose to do at home. We are so impressed with the children's cursive writing. They wow us every day with their joining strokes and how their letter formation is improving. In maths reception are further developing their understanding of number including one more and one less, number bonds and calculations. This term the teachers are looking for children's developing confidence and self-awareness. We are teaching the children to be confident when speaking to teachers and their friends about their own needs, wants and interests.

Year 1

We have had another good half term and we are really enjoying our new topic "At the Beach". We have found out about seaside holidays in the past and compared them with holidays now. We have written some wonderful poems and stories about the beach and have particularly enjoyed our work in Art when we have painted seascapes. We are continuing to prepare for our big Phonics Check by practising reading and writing different words and sounds. This has also helped us to get even better at spelling. We are working hard in Maths and have been counting in 2's, 5's, and 10's. We are proud to be learning our 2 times table and can't wait to start learning the 5 time table after half term. We love doing PE outside and have been practising our throwing, catching and running skills.

Please could you ensure that your child has a full school PE kit every week. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2

We have working especially hard this half term to get ready for our "test week". Our visit to the library was very useful as it helped us to learn more about seaside holidays. We will start practising for our class assembly soon and are beginning to work on the 3,4,6 and 8 times tables.

Year 3

This term the children have been studying Ingleby Barwick versus Whitby. They have enjoyed finding out about the history of Ingleby Barwick and how it has developed overtime. The children discussed the impact of change on the area and decided to undertake a traffic survey, where they discovered the traffic in the area is above the norm compared to similar areas.

In English, the children have been reading and watching "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" and have been creating their own versions of stories with an imaginary setting. We have had some fantastic ideas, so please ask your child to tell you their story,

We have also been enjoying our final bout of swimming lessons, where we have seen so much improvement in the children's' ability and confidence. The children have been an asset to the school, showing hard work and dedication.

Year 4

We have been learning about our local area, comparing and contrasting Ingleby Barwick and Whitby. We have studied the history of both areas, as well as examining famous landmarks. We are really looking forward to visiting Whitby next half term.

In Maths, we have continued to learn about fractions, equivalent fractions, decimals and are beginning to study percentages. We have also begun our times tables challenge, which the children are enjoying.

In English, we have studied a number of non-fiction genres including writing to persuade, instructions and explanations. We have also focused and enjoyed learning about different types of poetry.

We really enjoyed taking part in the cycling activities, testing our skills against numerous obstacle courses.

Year 5

We have had a great half term in Year 5. Our topic has been Ancient Greece and we have been finding out about the different times and places of the Ancient Greek civilisation. They lived a long time ago and were quite different to us. We enjoyed learning about their pottery designs and decorated pots in this style.

In English we read some narrative poems about hot news topics a long time ago. We did some excellent investigative skills to solve the grisly murder of Charlotte Dymond! We then wrote our own narrative poems about modern day celebrities. They were very funny!!

We have been lucky to have a cricket coach with us once a week. He has shown us ways to improve our catching and throwing, as well as teaching us the rules of Kwik Cricket.

Year 6

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 children - they have tried their best in a challenging week. They have demonstrated an amazing attitude and effort with some of the children commenting "I really enjoyed that!!!" They have risen to the challenge whilst remembering that they have an array of skills. Many thanks to all parents for your support.

They are enjoying their cricket, cycling and art activities. We have lots of exciting projects to look forward to including a whole school science fayre.



Future Dates

Friday 27th May

Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June

Wednesday 8 June

Tuesday 14 June

Thursday 16 June

Thursday 23 June

Wednesday 29 June

Thursday 30 June

Wednesday 6 July

Wednesday 13 July

Tuesday 19 July

Wednesday 20 July

PD Day

Half term holiday

Children return after half term holiday

PTA Meeting @ 5.00pm

Y3/Y4 trip to Whitby

Y3 family assembly @ 2.45pm

Y1 family assembly @ 2.45pm

Grandparents afternoon @ 1.30pm (rec to Y6)

Reception family assembly @ 2.45pm

Family picnic followed by sports day

Nursery sports day @ 10.30am and 2.30pm

Y6 leavers' assembly @ 10.00am

Last day of school