



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

Christian Values

Our Christian Value for this term is forgiveness. Through discussion in collective worship and in class, the children are being encouraged to think about why it is good to ask for forgiveness and the importance of forgiving others.

DIARY DATES

20/05/2019	Year 5&6 Magistrates in the Community
22/05/2019	Church Schools Festival - Y6
22/05/2019	PTA Disco for All Years
23/05/2019	Nurture Group to Wild's Lodge

Attendance

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to Fine Class
who had
100% attendance last week.
FANTASTIC!*

Foundation Stage

Our new topic in Foundation Stage this term is "Minibeasts". This week the children have particularly enjoyed learning about worms; how they look, how they move and where they live. They created their own wormeries in jam jars using soil and sand, and enjoyed watching real live worms moving around "underground".

We have been exploring around the school grounds with our magnifying glasses and clipboards looking for lots of different minibeasts. The children found some different creatures including wood lice, slugs and spiders! Some children were even lucky enough to spot a pretty blue butterfly!

In Maths this week we have been learning about doubling and halving numbers. The children have done some practical activities to demonstrate halving such as sharing out the counters between two partners and working out if it is fair.

It has been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm and excitement for learning this week!

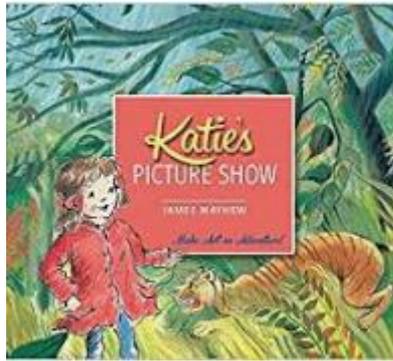
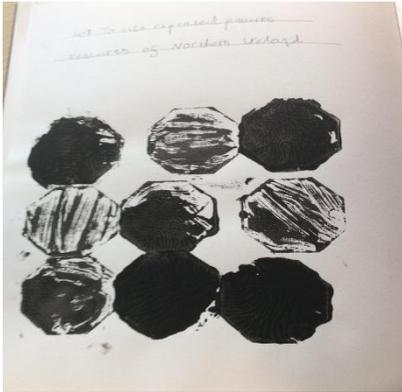


Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 have had a very creative week this week. They were taught what a repeated pattern was and used this skill to paint different locations in Northern Ireland, like Carrick-a-Rede, the Giant's Causeway and Belfast City Hall. The children were very careful and created some beautiful designs which they were very proud of.

This week some of the children have been exploring the book 'Katie's Picture Show'. They have had a magical time diving into the pictures and exploring the descriptive vocabulary used. We gathered our own adjectives, using feely bags to explore and describe different objects from the pictures and travelling in different ways to collect adverbs. The children were very excited to introduce Katie to different pictures and describe the adventures that she had in them.

In Science we were learning to group living things. We discovered that there were three groups, things that were living, things that were not living and things that have never lived. The children enjoyed deciding which group to place things into and used some great scientific vocabulary in the process.



Key Stage 2

Year 3 and 4 have had a busy start to the term! Their new topic, the Ancient Egyptians, has captured the interest and imagination of all of the children and they have enjoyed the first few lessons about hieroglyphs, Ancient Egyptian tombs and the River Nile. The children have been working hard to show us what they have learnt already, taking responsibility for their own learning to create insightful display work to show everyone else around school how excited they are about this wonderful era! The children have particularly enjoyed being creative and looking carefully at the different hieroglyphics they would need to write their name. They all agreed that English is much easier to learn!

In English, alongside our new topic, the children have been writing incredibly descriptive pieces. They first focussed on the story of Rhodopis, the Egyptian Princess: a story that is believed to have inspired the traditional tale, Cinderella. Here is an extract from one of our children's amazing writing:

"Beside the shimmering water of the Nile, in Ancient Egyptian times, a warm-hearted young girl called Rhodopis, lived unhappily. Rhodopis was an overworked slave who was unfairly bullied by the servant girls that she lived with. She had emerald green eyes like the Nile, beautiful golden, curly hair and pink, rosy skin that often got burnt by the boiling, honey coloured sun that warmly looked down over Egypt."

After focussing on character, the children then thought about how they could use verbs to up-level their descriptive writing about Egyptian story settings. They came up with some fantastic verbs like glittered, flowed, trickled, towered and stood to describe the nouns movement or actions in the Egyptian setting images. Have a read of this fantastic description:

"The blistering sun climbs upon my face as the tall, slinky palm trees tower over me. I stagger over the scorching, gritty sand that reaches for miles upon miles. Animals crawl around me, perhaps they are looking for their next prey? I can see the pyramids in the distance, towering over all of the prickly cactus and the staggering landscape."



Key Stage 2

Our new topic in Y5.6 this term is the Mayas. We were very impressed with how much the children already knew! We spent the lesson learning about the Maya Civilisation. We learnt the difference between Maya or Mayans, typical clothing and the calendars they use. The children were so engaged throughout and are very eager to learn more about the new topic!

In English, the Year 5s were set a speech and language task. The children have been busy planning and preparing a PowerPoint presentation on a topic that interests them, ready to be assessed on their performing abilities in the upcoming weeks.

Our Year 5 children have also enjoyed becoming town planners in Maths. The children had to design their own small town, thinking carefully about the buildings they may need, their proportions and positions. The children planned their designs and then had to use their mathematical skills to measure and up-scale their plans. As part of our work on shape, the children look forward to learning about 3D shapes and actually bringing their plans to life by using nets and creating the buildings themselves!

Our Year 6s have been working very hard this week and revising for their upcoming SATs in a few weeks' time. They have enjoyed lots of fun, practical tasks and we are all very impressed with their attitude to work – well done Year 6! We look forward to seeing them all at SATs City breakfasts next week.



SATS City

In an effort to help everyone achieve their full potential, we are once again, going to be hosting SATs City at school, beginning **Tuesday 7th May 2019**. The sessions will run each school day up to and including Friday 17th May, from 8:00am - 8:40am. The doors will open at 7.50am. At the end of each session, the children will go straight into class to begin their school day. This provides all of our Year 6 children with the opportunity to come into school each morning, where staff will be on hand to help them look at some SATs problems in a light-hearted but useful way. As in previous years, there will be breakfast available to help get the day started the right way – toast, bagels and juice!

Children are free to attend as many, or as few, sessions as you and they feel appropriate. We have found that all the children who have attended in previous years have enjoyed the experience and found it useful in their preparation for SATs week.

There will be no Sensory
Circuits during the week
beginning 13th May due to
SATs.

PTA

There will be a second hand uniform sale after school on Friday 10th May & Monday 13th May.
Please bring your donation of uniform to the school office.
Thank you.

Bake Sale

Organised by pupils raising money for the WWF,
this will take place at the end of the day on 24th May. Look out for posters around
school



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