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Hello everyone

Firstly, I want to share a very important reminder with you. As a large school, we have a significant number of children with allergies. Many of those allergies are related to food. WE took the decision many years ago to declare our school a 'nut-free' school. Therefore, we are asking for everyone's support in making sure that they do not send any food into school that contains nuts. This includes items in lunch boxes for children that bring a packed meal, as well as breaktime snacks and sweets and chocolates shared on special occasions. The severity of some children's reaction to nuts can be life or death situation and we need everyone to work with us to keep all of the children safe. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



It was lovely to welcome **Year 2 from Sladefield Infant** School on Monday morning! The children came to have a look around our school, play on the playground, listen to a story in the library and have a few snacks. We recognised some familiar faces and cannot wait for September when the children join us in Year 3!

Next Monday, Year 5 and Year 6 children will be spending the day at Pingles Stadium as they compete in their annual Sports Day! We are excited to be able to take the children to a professional sport



venue for this day and look forward to hearing about their experiences. Please ensure that the children come appropriately dressed in their PE kit and bring a packed lunch if they usually bring one to school. Children who usually have a school meal will be given a packed lunch to take. I would also encourage you to keep an eye on the weather and send your child with a sunhat, sun cream and extra drinks if the weather looks sunny. All children need to bring a waterproof coat just in case! Thank you.

We were extremely proud of the Year 5 children who gained 3rd place in the **Titan Commonwealth Games** event on Thursday! The children were able to participate in water polo, basketball, football, triathlon and dodgeball.

Your child will be bringing home their annual school report today, Which celebrates their achievements and progress this year. You will be able to

discuss the report with the class teacher on parents evening. If you haven't done so already, please check your email for an invitation to reserve a time for **parents' evening** with your child's class teacher. This term the parents' evening session will be held at school in your child's classroom with their teacher. Thank you everyone who has already booked. There are two dates available to book, **Wednesday 29th June and Wednesday 6th July, between 3.45pm and 6pm**.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone,
Mrs Mazar, Mrs McPherson, Miss Loach
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Year 3

In PSHE this week, Year 3 have been learning about the different groups that make up **our community** and what living in a community means. We discussed and looked at the different communities - city, school, family, neighborhood around us.

Here are some of the 3D diagrams we created in our year group which looks at the different communities we are a part of.



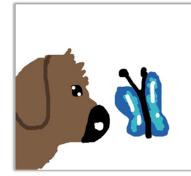


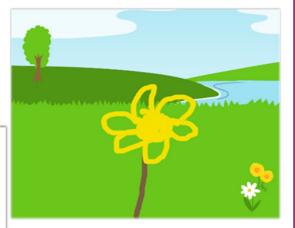


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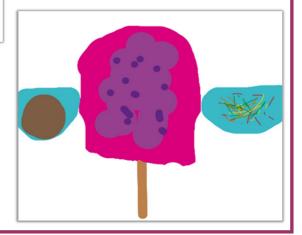
During the last few weeks in Year 4, we have been learning how to create our own **animations**. We have been able to use various tools such as the onion skin tool to explore how to create an effective animation. We have enjoyed drawing our own animations and using

objects to create stop animations. Here is a selection of frames that the children in 4TW have produced:





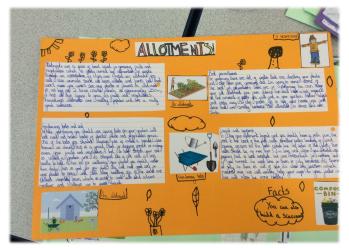


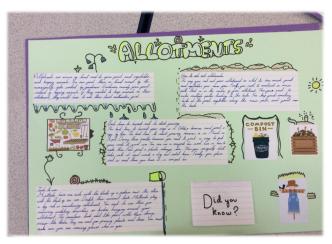


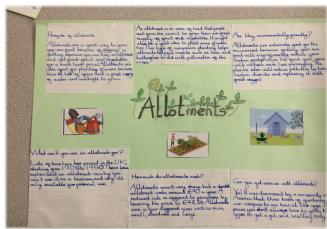
Year 5

This term in Year 5 the children have been learning all about allotments. They have been researching about the topic to produce some fantastic information posters. Children know what grows on allotments, what type of tools are used for planting the fruit and vegetables, the benefits of an allotment and the cost involved in maintaining one.

Year 5 are eagerly awaiting their visit to the allotments which is coming up soon! They will not only get to see the place but will also have opportunity to plant something.







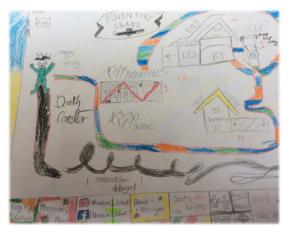
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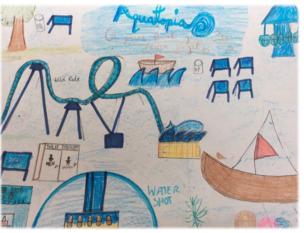
This week pupils in year 6 have continued to work on a new Maths project. Pupils had to create their very own theme park design! Before creating the actual design pupils had to collate their ideas and use the following skills:

- •develop problem-solving and thinking skills.
- •make decisions and choices.
- •strengthen their ability to work collaboratively within a team
- use a range of mathematical and literacy skills
- •and most importantly have fun!

Below are examples of some of the theme park layouts that pupils created. WOW! Well done year 6.







Benjamin Zephaniah thoughts about reading and books.



Benjamin Zephaniah is known for **his poetry as well as novels**, **plays**, **and other works**. Read Benjamin's thoughts about reading and books.

Benjamin doesn't believe that books are going out of fashion any time soon. He explains: "If you look back in time, there have always been people saying that it's the end of the book era whenever something new is invented.

"It happened when the radio was invented and the same with television and now games. But fads have come and gone and people will always read."

"For too long books were an upper -class pursuit but the working classes need to take back their power.

Reading well will stay with you for life."

BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

See if you can borrow one of his latest books from the library.

'WINDRUSH CHILD'

He describes the book as "historical, fiction, but true" and it's about a young boy's journey from Jamaica to England and the struggles he had growing up in Manchester during those times.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Summer Term 2 2022

Term Starts: Monday 6th June

Term Ends: Thursday 21st July

Autumn Term 2022
Teacher Training Day Monday 5th September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th September

Term Ends :Friday 21st October

Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.

Payments

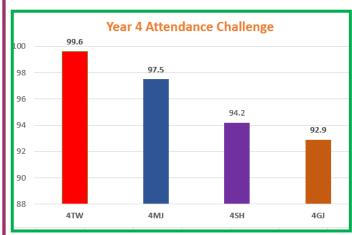


Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.

Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.

Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.

School Attendance



Year 4 Attendance challenge - congratulations to 4TW and 4MJ for winning three golden tickets. Well done to all the children for ensuring they came into school every day and on time for three consecutive weeks.

Overall 3 week Attendance Challenge Leader Board :

 1st
 2nd
 3rd
 4th

 4MJ
 4TW
 4SH
 4GJ

Congratulations to 4SH and 3DR who achieved 100% attendance this week. They had a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were awarded a £25 gift voucher to spend on a VIP experience or classroom resources.



Summer Term Golden Ticket Gold Award

A huge congratulation to all 68 pupils who have qualified for the Golden Ticket Gold Award. Children had a surprised visit from SLT all children received a Golden Ticket and are very excited to go to Twin Lakes Theme Park on Monday 4th July.



Our school attendance last week was 95.4%

Dates to remember

Pingles Athletics Stadium

Year 5&6 - Monday 27th June

Year 3 Urban Pioneer Trip

3AW-Tuesday 28th June

3SQ-Tuesday 28th June

Parents Evening

Wednesday 29th June –3.45 until 5.45

Wednesday 6th July -3.45-5.45

Yr 6 Drayton Manor Park Trip

Friday 1st July

Twinlakes Trip - 100% Attendance Golden Ticket Award

Monday 4th July

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 27th June Year 4

Tuesday 28th June Year 6

Wednesday 29th June Year 3

Thursday 30th June Year 5

Friday 1st July Swimming for classes 5BA &5ST

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