Reminders for Parents

Road Safety – Polite Reminder

We have been contacted by a member of the public expressing their concern about the way Western parents cross Cold Bath Road on a school morning. Can we please remind parents to use the pedestrian crossing and not to attempt to cross between stationery vehicles. Not only is this very dangerous but it sets a bad example to the children. Thank you.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please could we remind all parents/carers that if your child suffers from sickness or diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours from the time of their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea. This timescale has been set by North Yorkshire County Council to help prevent the spread of sickness/diarrhoea to other children and staff in school.
This week in KS1 the children have continued their learning about minibeasts.

In Y1 this week, the children were able to have an extra P.E session on Monday afternoon with Mr Doey. The children worked on practising their football skills. They did lots of different skill-based activities and Mr Doey was really impressed with how well the children were able to control the footballs. In the session they learnt a rhyme to help them stop the ball with the correct part of the foot. Everyone enjoyed practising their skills and having a P.E lesson outside in the sunshine!
On Monday, Y2 went on a trip to Harlow Carr Gardens. They went on a walk around the gardens to look for signs of spring. The children also identified many different flowers, plants and trees and discussed the different types of nests for the different types of birds. They also took part in a workshop; this involved creating a clay model to symbolise spring. We all had a fantastic time on the trip and their models looked lovely. Please remember that Y1 are at Harlow Carr this Monday (9th March 2020).
This week, Y3/4 took part in a very exciting but messy science lesson!

We were learning about the digestive system. We used a toothpaste tube to represent the oesophagus and the squeezing action showed how the muscles move the food along our food pipe. The toothpaste represented the food and, as it came out of the end of the tube, it went into a bag (this was the stomach). Inside the bag, the toothpaste mixed with Coca Cola and this represented the digestive juices. This mixture was then squeezed into and along a pair of tights which represented the intestines. The watery mixture passed through the holes in the tights and this demonstrated how water and nutrients pass through the wall of the intestines. It was good fun and we learned a great deal about the digestive process!
This week we have been creating replicas of volcanoes from around the world. We used a plastic bottle and card to make the model. We painted the volcanoes to add colour and texture in order to make them look as authentic as possible. We then used bicarbonate of soda, fairy liquid, food colouring and vinegar to make our volcanoes erupt! We look forward to showing (and telling) you more about this during our parent showcase on 26th March.
Lunch Time News

By Mrs Vardy (Lunchtime Leader)

Do not be alarmed, this is definitely the Lunchtime News and not the Science page folks! However, we have had a cracker of a week with Mrs Barton organising our monthly pop up club, the Science Club.

Mrs Barton then led two days of Science Club for KS2 and Miss Quinn and Miss Arkley did the same for KS1 so that everyone had the opportunity to go. The experiment was to cut a single piece of A4 paper in a way that you can walk through it!!! (answers on how to do it later)

Mrs Barton tells me that we had some great science going on. Some people cut a thin edge off all around the piece of paper and managed to get through it. She tells me, “They experimented, tried to copy the template onto their paper or simply cut a template and we had lots of great loops. They persevered and were resilient if they tore the paper, choosing to either start again or mend with tape! We even had a few who rose to the challenge of doing more or fewer cuts; I think it was Rosie R who told me that more cuts would make a bigger loop. Look how many people we managed to fit in a hole made with just one piece of A4 paper! Here are the pictures from the sessions. Well done everyone!

Alfie H also deserves a mention as he was incredibly dedicated and tried a great many ways before he got the correct answer. Well done Alfie!
Here is the experiment so that you can enjoy it at home too.

**Walk through a piece of paper**

Can you cut a piece of paper so that you can step through it?

Don’t forget you can fold the paper if you think that will help.

Using this template, you cut the paper so that it makes a big loop of paper.

By making all these cuts, you have changed the shape of the paper and increased the perimeter. The area of the paper has stayed the same.
PTA News

Mother’s Ruin – Gin Night

Now gals. Working or lady of leisure, either way it’s not easy being a mother. Sometimes a girl’s gotta loosen up and let her hair down a little. Get that diary of yours out now and set the night of Friday 5th June 2020 to one side. There’s a place I know – it’s got one of those speciality gin bars, does mean cocktails. Everyone who’s anyone is going. I’ll tell you where soon, I’ve just gotta keep it a little hush hush if you know what I mean. Oh, and don’t think of not coming... it’s by order of the Western Parent Teacher Association.
Key Dates:

**Easter Holidays:**
- School Closes: Friday 3rd April 2020 at **2.30pm**
- School Reopens: Monday 20th April 2020

**School Holiday Dates 2019/20** - Please click [here](#).

**School Holiday Dates 2020/21** – Please click [here](#).

**Year 2 Swimming Dates** – Please click [here](#).

**Year 3/4 Swimming Dates** – Please click [here](#).

**Spring Term Curriculum Letters**
Spring Term Curriculum Letters have been emailed to all parents.
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