

# NEWSLETTER



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## Science Week

It was wonderful to celebrate Science Week once again this year. There was a great range of activities throughout the week to celebrate Science. Each class accessed a virtual science session hosted by professionals within different areas including electricity and habitats. The children all came together to create a giant marble moving a marble from one end of school to another. It was amazing to see children so engaged with all the activities.

## Comic Relief

This year we celebrated by wearing red and having wacky hair. Children were very proud of their fancy hair dos and we had some fantastic conversations around the reasons for raising money.

## Blackman Class Residential

Year 5 and 6 had an amazing (and muddy) time at Manor Adventure last week. We had 3 days full of activities, from bushcraft to rock climbing. The children impressed us so much and the team from the center were so complimentary of their behavior and **attitude throughout the visit despite some very wet weather!**

## International Women's Day

We continue to be committed to ensuring all our children are educated about protected characteristics and continue to give children access to meet and see people who have experienced success in their own right. On International Women's Day we invited an ex-student and current Peterborough United Women's player in to see us. Girls across KS2 were able to ask her questions about herself and how she got into football. It was lovely to see the excitement on the girls' faces and hopefully inspire some of them to get into football.

## Parking

We are currently working with the PCSO to solve some issues surrounding parking. In the meantime, we ask for your support and to think carefully about where you are parking and dropping your children off. It is not safe to drop children off in the road and have them jump out of cars close to the school gate or to park any double yellow or zig zag lines. We are aware that there are some exceptions, for example the arranged taxis but this is taken into account. Thank you for your continued support.

## Gaming

There seems to be an increase in gaming over the last term. Technology is a fantastic thing and should be embraced, however we are noticing children showing signs of tiredness and often it seems to be linked to gaming (or screen time including phones) late at night. Children are also sharing frustrations, disagreements or 'strategy plans' within school linked to gaming the previous night or planned sessions that night. Please do be aware of how long children are playing these games, the stress levels and frustrations they are showing when playing them and the suitability of the content. Youngminds.org.uk has some great information around how we can help young people enjoy gaming and digital technology safely.

## Reading Ambassadors

A word from our Reading Ambassadors.

At school, we read for pleasure and for learning. Here are some of our book recommendations:

- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- The Land of Road by Jenny Mclachlin
- Hatmakers by Tamzin Merchant
- Isadora Moon has a birthday by Harriet Muncaster

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## **Collective Worship Ambassadors**

In collective worship we talk about our values, listen to religious stories and sing songs.

We are looking forward to our Easter Service on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am in Church, you are welcome to attend.

## **Up and Coming Dates**

- 28<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Temple Trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Church Service
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last Day of Term
- 18<sup>th</sup> April – First Day of Term
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – Rogation Walk to Grimsthorpe Castle
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May – Yr5/6 Bikeability
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Kings Coronation Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATS Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Jeffers Class Collective Worship
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photos
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – Last Day of Term

## **Easter Holiday Home learning**

Children have continued to make some fantastic progress over the term but we are often asked about what can be done with children over holidays. You will be receiving a KIRF for your child, these are mathematical facts that someone with their year group should know and there are also some suggested activities to help learn them. It would be hugely beneficial for your child to practice these. As always, reading with your child, to your child and hearing them read will also benefit them greatly.