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## Right Start-Bright Future Newsletter 10 May 2024

Dear Families

We have waited very patiently for this change to warmer weather! We have reminded the children to keep themselves safe by finding shade, drinking plenty of water, wearing sun hats and your assistance in applying sun cream before school is a necessity. However, a notification of thunderstorms has just popped up on my screen! ?

**Year 6 SATS:** Next week sees the start of the year 6 end of key stage 2 tests in England. Year 6 will be coming into school via the main entrance for pre SATS toast. This cohort missed a great deal of in school learning in years 2 and 3, due to the pandemic. This left some significant gaps in their learning and we have all worked really hard to close these. This is now their time to shine, not to be scared and to be their BEST!

## **GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!**

**School Kitchen Garden:** Please can anybody spend some time helping us with our vegetable allotments? The children really benefit from growing vegetables and seeing their growth over the summer weeks. Please contact the school office if you wish to get your gardening gloves on and join us in growing vegetables and flowers.

**Pantomime Visit Year 2 – 6:** I know it is only May, but best to let you know our plans for Christmas 2024. There was tremendous support for this event to take place and the transport to and from the Floral Pavilion is being funded by our PTA. The children in years 2-6 will be watching the Panto, Peter Pan on Thursday 12 December 1:30pm. We anticipate a later finish to the school day on that date. Will inform you of timings in the autumn term. Children in F2 and year 1 will have a festive experience in school.

School weekly attendance: F2 = 97%, Year 1 = 92.7%, Year 2 = 94%, Year 3 = 99.2%, Year 4 = 94.8%, Year 5 = 93.5%, Year 6 = 91.3%. Overall school attendance = 94.7\%. Well done year 3.

## **REMEMBER #EVERYDAYCOUNTS**

## 'Magic Moments'

**F2** - Have been discovering their green fingers this week! Mr Williams had been carefully looking after our pumpkin seeds since last October and it was finally time to plant them! He took each team over to our school garden to sow them into our raised vegetable beds - we are looking forward to some perfectly plump pumpkins in the Autumn!

Year 1 – This week we have made a giant spider in our art lessons which is currently living in our outdoor area. We have also begun to look at the role Rosa Parks played in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and discussed why it happened.

**Year 2 –** This week in our science lesson we have been investigating plant bulbs and their parts, we looked at some bulbs using magnifying glasses and drew what we could see. We were really surprised how fragile the tunic was on some of our bulbs!

**Year 3** – Year three learnt a new method to divide their numbers this week. They have shown perseverance and some good success with this. We also had a fun time learning about the mummification process (one of us had to pretend to be mummified!). In RE, we learnt about the dedication and works of Mother Teresa and in English we read an alternative version of Cinderella called 'Cinderella of the Nile', comparing similarities and differences between the two.

Year 4 – In science year 4 have been learning about sound. They made their own 'string telephones' and enjoyed testing them out on the school field.

**Year 5** – We have been making the most of the sunshine this week by taking our lessons into our outdoor area! We have written and edited our Survival guide for an explorer in the wilderness, I think their cubs/scouts knowledge has come in useful this week! We are currently working on our geography topic of North and South America and will be collating all our information into a cross-curricular project we have named 'Welcome to the Jungle' journal.

**Year 6** – This week, year 6 continued to engage in their D&T project in which they the children are designing and creating their own soup. In this session, the children worked in groups to reflect on the taste testing and food preparation practise they had completed last week in order to select the ingredients that they may wish to use in a future session to create their own original soup. The class worked well in groups to accomplish this and they are looking forward to sampling their own soups in the future.

**ECO CLUB:** We are now fully into the month of May. As a school we have decided to part in No Mow May on part of our school grounds. We are hoping that this increases biodiversity within these parts. Did you know "We've lost approximately **97%** of flower-rich meadows since the 1930's and with them gone are vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies". This might be something to consider in your garden or even just a part of it at home. Our Eco Club will be going out and planting some wild seed flowers to help further develop our bio-diversity.

Kind regards

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**AND FINALLY.....** Please can I direct families to the school website where you will see our compliance to GDPR and the publication of the School's Privacy Notices.

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