

It has been another brilliant half term and the staff and children have been working hard. I was extremely proud of the Y1 and Y 2 children who raised such a fantastic amount of money for Marie Curie-a huge thank you to all the parents who sponsored them too!

Well done to the lucky winners of the class reading challenges who all got to visit the book vending machine today to claim their prize! The Year 1 and reception winners will be announced after half term. Have a look on the website or our school Twitter page soon for photos!

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, please look out for your email which will be sent next week so you can claim your £15 voucher.

I wish you all a relaxing half term and fingers crossed that the sun shines for all of next week!



## May Newsletter 2021 Early Years and Key stage 1 News

### Dates to remember.

**School closes: Friday 28/05/21**

**School re-opens: Wednesday  
09/06/2021**

## Year 1

May started on a high in Key Stage 1, with our 'Just Giving' page topping £1200 pledged to support the Marie Curie charity. We continued learning about the amazing scientist and wrote poems and riddles to share with families during our first ever virtual assembly.

In the second week of May, we had the privilege of being invited (by Ebb and Flo Books Shop) to a virtual meeting with Floella Benjamin, established TV personality and children's author.

She was launching her new picture book title 'Coming to England'. The children found her to be such a fascinating character as she spoke to us all about her experiences on Windrush and her important message to 'always work hard' and 'never give up'.

We have had a great May and look forward to what June has in store for us!

JET – Jigsaw Employment Team are offering virtual Workshops every Thursday from 10am. Workshops will support with employability and skills training, such as CV writing, interview techniques and practice, confidence building towards work and job searching and writing applications.

We can also sign post to other providers if we are unable to meet the needs of the employability. The criteria for this workshop is for anyone looking for work or those who have been out of work for a long time. We offer a bespoke action plan to support their next steps within their role or towards training and work.

Contact via email-  
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## EYFS

May has been another busy month for reception. We have continued our theme on animals and have been busy sharing information about caring for pets. We have been learning about the different types of animals found on a farm and where milk, eggs and wool etc. come from. We particularly enjoyed making our own butter and eating it with a slice of bread! For the past two weeks we have looked at African animals and the different habitats where they live. In preparation for this week's assembly, we have been learning some African songs and made instruments and masks and are very much looking forward to sharing our learning with parents on Friday.

## Year 2

In Year 2, we have continued our Marie Curie topic, learning lots about her life and discoveries, which we have shared in our virtual assembly with parents. This month we also sent the money raised to Marie Curie and spoke to a Marie Curie ambassador called Lucinda, who was very grateful for the £1,238 we raised!

In Maths we have been learning all about fractions - using lots of practical apparatus to help our understanding, we have also started learning about time. In English, we have been reading stories by an author called MP Robertson who writes exciting adventure stories about dragons. In music we created and performed a musical score to accompany an exciting chase scene from one of his books.

Everyone in Year 2 is excited for some better weather so we can end our year with lots outdoor learning and fun!



## May Newsletter 2021 Key Stage 2 News

### Year 3

What a great month Year Three have had in school! We have continued our vehicle topic and will have completed our cars to share in our virtual assembly. The children have designed their cars so that they will move on their own. Whose car will travel the furthest?

We have also taken part in the live stream assembly with Floella Benjamin talking about her new book 'Coming to England'. Our shape topic has been a great success with all the children making progress. We have also started a new book, 'Leo and the Gorgon Curse' which the children have enjoyed, especially as it has many mythical creatures in it.

### Year 5

It has been wonderful getting to know all the children in Year 5 and I think they are such a lovely class of children!

In English we have continued with our Famous Architecture topic and recently produced some impressive persuasive advertisement leaflets for the London Eye. This topic will continue in English with the pupils getting the opportunity to record a television-style advertisement for the London Eye and write a newspaper report about a missing character from our class novel: 'The London Eye Mystery'.

We are working hard in DT to produce our own structure that requires a lift using levers, pulleys and gears and deciding which method is the most effective.

We also have an exciting guest engineer organised through STEM Ambassadors who will deliver a lesson on construction and how to create a building.

### Year 4

In Year 4, we have started our electricity topic in science and we have been learning about what components are needed in a circuit in order for it to work. The children have also investigated what materials are conductors and will allow electricity to flow through.

Based on our science electricity topic, we have been looking at electronic games as part of our DT unit. We have then planned our own electronic game which will have a circuit attached to enable a buzzer to sound. The children are then going to create their own buzzer game. The children have really enjoyed looking at different games and designing their own!

### YEAR 6

We have had a fantastic month in Year 6! We have had the amazing opportunity to virtually meet Sam Hurst from Kier Construction, who talked to us about his role as a civil engineer and we spoke about the fantastic opportunities that there are in the field of engineering including mining on Mars and holidays on the Moon! Then we had a little class competition to build a bridge over a 30cm gap using only five sheets of paper and ten straw. It was tricky but four groups passed the weight test!

Year 6 also had Bikeability in for 2 days, which we really enjoyed. We have learned how to fit our helmets correctly and check our bikes to make sure they are road worthy. Then we got the opportunity to go out on to local quiet roads to practise our signalling, turning and road sense.