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Year 2 Performance

This week Year 2 enthralled us with their colourful and amusing performance of 'Oink', which was a tale about a family of pigs who had to escape the tricks of the naughty Big Bad Wolf. Whilst the Big Bad Wolf tried to change his ways, unfortunately he slipped into some old, bad habits that I'm sure we can all recall from familiar traditional stories. Despite a few necessary role swaps and costume changes, all of the children presented themselves as true professionals; rightly lapping up the limelight and enjoying performing to their audiences. Well done Year 2 children, we are very proud of you.



Unwanted costume donations welcome

We would welcome any donations of unwanted costumes from performances to pass on to Friends for their costume lending library. Please pass on to the school office or to a member of Friends if you would like to donate an item.

Parent Questionnaire

We are keen to find out the views and opinions of the parents who attend our school. **From Monday 24th February at 10.00 am, until Friday 6th March at 10.00 am**, our online and anonymous parent questionnaire will be open for completion. You will be able to access the link for this by following:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1q-VHF1Gr5n9VMsLDTIVev1RltfO_hLWMfSZ0akri7zg/edit

There are only 10 questions for completion, so this shouldn't take too much time. We would appreciate your feedback to help us know what we do well and how we can improve.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Shanaya in Indigo Class—We are so proud of Shanaya's amazing acting talents. This week, during the performances, she has shown that she is a true professional. Well done!

Jenson T in Indigo Class—Jenson has been a real team player in the Year 2 performance by encouraging others and always giving 100% effort himself. He took his role in his stride and produced a first class performance. Great work Jenson!

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you something interesting about the famous astronaut Tim Peake.

Ask your Year 1 child which vegetables they used to make Scotch broth.

Ask your Year 2 child which poem by Michael Rosen they prefer and why? Strict or Chocolate cake?

Ask your Year 3 child about their day at Flag Fen.

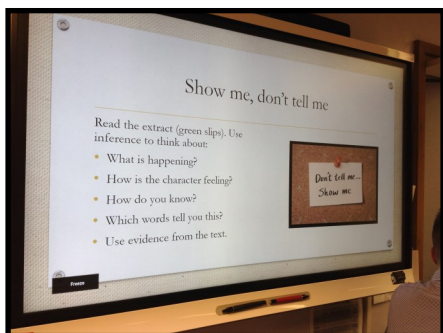
Ask your Year 4 child what they should use to create a safe password.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how we can use imagery in poetry.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain the difference between conductors and insulators.

Key Stage 2 Reading Revealed event

Thank you to parents who joined us for our widely publicised Key Stage 2 Reading Revealed event this week. We are often asked by parents what they can do at home to support children's learning, and this was a golden opportunity to find out. Workshops in each classroom allowed parents to learn about what children are taught in school and how to find fun ways of reinforcing this teaching at home. Children in Year 6 joined their parents in completing various challenges, whilst children in Years 3-5 enjoyed a bedtime story, with hot chocolate, in the Main Hall as their parents did the learning together with staff! Many parents were surprised by the different elements of reading that are covered in school and by the expectations that children now have to reach. We hope that you found this a useful way in which to help your child improve their comprehension and vocabulary.



FORTHCOMING DATES

17TH—21ST FEBRUARY—HALF TERM

5th March—World Book Day—Dress up

6th March—Mid year reports sent home

9th March—Book Week

18th March at 2pm—Year 5 performance

19th March at 6pm—Year 5 performance

20th March at 9am—Blue Class assembly

24th March—Height and weight checks for Reception & Year 6

26th March—Parents' evening

31st March—Parents' evening

1st April—LAST DAY OF TERM

2ND APRIL –16TH APRIL—EASTER HOLIDAY

17TH APRIL—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

20TH APRIL—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Year 3 visit Flag Fen

Year 3 had a fabulous day looking at artefacts from the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages during their trip to Flag Fen. They made clay pots using natural materials which would have been available at the time. They also saw real Stone Age boats which had been excavated and preserved on site for 3,500 years—totally thought provoking. Finally the day was rounded off with a story told inside a round house with a real fire. Many of the children returned to school with tales of how they'd touched a real sword and said how interesting they had found their learning today. Thank to the volunteers who were able to accompany us.



SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2020/2021

2020

<u>Training Days</u>	<u>Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September (school closed to children)</u>
Autumn Term Opens	Monday 7 September
Half Term	26 October – 30 October
Autumn Term Closes	Friday 18 December

2021

<u>Training Day</u>	<u>Monday 4 January (school closed to children)</u>
Spring Term Opens	Tuesday 5 January
Half Term	15 - 19 February
Spring Term Closes	Friday 26 March
Summer Term Opens	Monday 12 April
May Day	Monday 3 May
Half Term	31 May – 4 June
<u>Training Days</u>	<u>Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 June (school closed to children)</u>
Summer Term Closes	Thursday 22 July