



Thursday 2nd February 2017

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come along to the Parents Evenings last week, if you were unable to attend please speak to your child's teacher to arrange an alternative date.

NSPCC Speak out, Stay safe programme

This term we worked with the NSPCC and we hope that they now feel empowered and understand the importance of speaking out and staying safe.

We have also received the thanks of the NSPCC for our fundraising donation of £508.40 - this valuable contribution goes towards helping even more children who desperately need help.



On Monday 16th January, Google came to visit our school. Using specially designed Virtual Reality headsets, our children explored a variety of different locations and topics from around the world. Year 2 explored Edinburgh Castle, Year 3 had a look round Venice, and Year 6 took a tour of the human digestive system (yuck!). We are intending to purchase a class set of these headsets and to make the best use of them we need your help. If

you have an old smartphone you don't need any more please donate it to our school. Any smartphone will do. iPhones 5 or 6, Samsung S3, S4, S5, S6, or any similar sized and powered smartphone would do. We will wipe them and use them to run the virtual reality apps on our headsets. We are looking for 30 or more recycled smartphones to use so we can give our children the experience of exploring places in the world we would never normally visit. Please hand in your donated smartphone to the front office. We hope you can help us! If you want to find out more about Google Expeditions, check out

<https://www.google.co.uk/edu/expeditions/#about>



Foundation 1

Class 1 have all been super stars! The children are so happy, settled and eager to learn. We have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Jack the Beanstalk and the children have loved re-telling these stories.



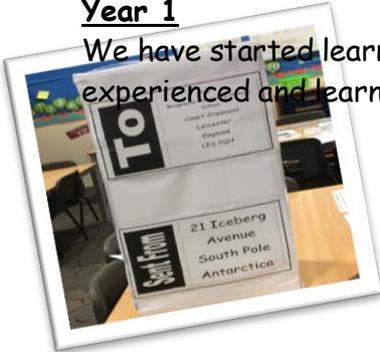
We are getting really good at recognising numbers and matching numeral and quantity. You can help your child by getting them to count objects at home. A big thank you to all parent/carers for helping their child at home to complete their weekly homework and doing lots of reading too! We have had so many reading score cards back which is great!

Foundation 2

Class 2 and 3 have been retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood this week as part of our Fairy Tales topic. We have been writing lists of things Little Red Riding Hood could take in her picnic basket when she visits Grandma - perhaps your child could help you to write your shopping list next time you go to the supermarket!

Year 1

We have started learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. We started the topic with a WOW day and experienced and learned about the Polar Regions. We also got a special delivery from the Antarctic!



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about the history of castles. We have identified the names of the parts of castles, what jobs people did in medieval castles and how invaders attacked castles. Children have really engaged with this topic and have loved learning about the weapons knights used in battle. To deepen their understanding in their topic we visited Tamworth Castle. The children were blown away by the experience! Ask them about what they can remember from their trip.



Year 3

Last week Year 3 went to Coventry Transport Museum, we had an amazing day! We learnt about how transport has changed over time and listened to a talk about Victorian bikes! We all went into the simulator and got to experience what it was like to travel faster than the speed of sound! We are using our knowledge of transport to write our exciting adventure narratives.



Year 4

BBC Terrific Scientific

This Tuesday Year 4 had the amazing opportunity to take part in the first BBC Terrific Scientific Live Lesson. These lessons are designed to engage children in science. Our first live lesson was entitled, 'Are you a Supertaster?' Supertasters experience bitter tastes more strongly than other people because they have a higher number of taste receptors within their fungiform papillae - the big pink bumps on your tongue which contain your taste buds. Year 4 really enjoyed taking part and were featured on the Live Lesson Programme which can be found at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/D11WHF8nc7QYqJ3RRG39dz/terrific-scientific-live-lesson>



Year 5

Everyone in Year 5 would like to say a big thank you to the parents who were able to attend Class 12 and Class 13's assemblies. The children really enjoyed putting together their assemblies and sharing their learning with you. Also, we would like to thank those parents who attended the parent consultation meetings.

After completing our topic on the kingdom of Benin, we have now moved on to looking at the book 'The Viewer', which the children have been very interested in.

"Reading 'The Viewer' has taken me back in time because there are a lot of images from the past. I have enjoyed having go with year 5's viewer and looking at lots of different images." - Sidney



Year 6

In Year 6 we have been focussing our learning on World War II. We have just finished the novel *Goodnight Mr Tom*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring what life was like for children in the war. They were amazed to discover that children were taken from their homes to the countryside for safety. We are currently writing

letters as an evacuee and hope to publish a great example in the next newsletter. We have also given the children a 'Reflective Log', the children must enter facts and information about what they have learnt in their lessons then reflect on the learning in the evening. We expect the logs to be returned to school every day!

Sports News

Under 11's, West City Basketball Competition

Our Year 5/6 Basketball team competed in the Leicester Primary School Basketball finals on Tuesday 31st January.

The team played extremely well and narrowly missed out by 1 point to Dovelands Primary.

Leicester City Primary Schools Football Association

As you will see from the results table below we have had an excellent start to the Spring term, we look forward to seeing how our team progresses over the following weeks.

Division 2 - Results, Tables and Dates for the Spring Term 2017

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
Braunstone CPS	4	2	2	0	3	0	12
Forest Lodge	4	2	2	0	3	1	12
Dovelands	3	2	1	0	4	1	10
Parks	4	1	3	0	2	0	10
Inglehurst	5	1	2	2	5	4	10
St Mary's	4	1	2	1	8	4	9
Fosse A	4	0	4	0	3	3	8
Fosse B	5	1	0	4	1	13	8
Heatherbrook	3	0	0	3	0	3	3

Remaining dates - Wednesday 8th February, Wednesday 8th March, and Wednesday 22nd March 2017. The winners and runners up in the spring term Divisions 1 and 2 will go through to 'Finals Day' at LCFC.

Family Support

Hello all, I am now available on a Monday, Wednesday afternoon and Friday. I am able to offer advice on many things that may impact on you and your family i.e. behaviour support at home, setting up routines, school attendance, money/debt advice, signposting to relevant agencies and much more. I can be contacted via the school reception or on 07525 313277 or look out for me in the playground on the mornings I am in. Jayne Lister

Diary of Events

Class assemblies - we would like to invite parents/carers to attend their child's class assembly at 2.30pm on:

Monday 6th February, Class 11

Monday 20th February, Class 10

Monday 27th February, Class 9

Monday 3rd March, Class 8

Monday 13th March, Class 7

Monday 20th March, Class 6

Monday 27th March, Class 5

Half term break - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2017

Easter break - Monday 10th April to Friday 21st April 2017

Attendance

We have been made aware on several occasions recently, that some children have not come to school as they have not had clean or dry uniform. This is not an acceptable reason for a child to miss a day of their education. Should you find yourself in this situation please bring your child to school and we will where possible provide uniform items for them to borrow.

We do have a selection of 'good as new' items that have been donated - if you can make use of these please see reception.

Attendance should be 96.4% or above for pupils and as a whole school. Our current attendance year to date is 95.8%.

Our attendance awards for the year so far were won by:

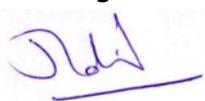
Week ending 13th January: Class 14 came first with an amazing 100%, Class 15 came a very close second with 99% and in joint third place with 98.3% were Classes 2,6 and 10.

Week ending 20th January: In first place for the second week running were Class 14 with 98.6%, in joint second place with 98% were Classes 10 and 12 and in third place were Class 5 with 97.3%.

Week ending 27th January: Class 7 came first with an amazing 100%, Class 12 came a very close 99.3% and in third place were Class 10 with 98%.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Ms Jatinder Mahil
Head Teacher

Competition time

Your community needs you !
Help us create posters to launch our
“2017 Pride in Braunstone Campaign”



Our themes are: Pride in your street
Pride in your property
Pride in your public spaces

All ages are free to enter and prizes will be awarded to the winners! Closing date 19 February 2017.

To submit your entry or for more information contact the Neighbourhood Support team on 0116 2232256 or email ali.gamble@b-inspired.org.uk. Alternatively you can pop into the neighbourhood support base, 45 Wellinger Way.