

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Thoughtfulness

Cooking and Calculating with Reception

The Reception children have been exploring mass in maths this week. They started by comparing objects to find the heaviest and lightest then moved on to working with a balance. They practised their new skills to make cakes using a balance. Delicious maths! See more photos on our website, [here](#).

Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

If you didn't make the mess, you don't have to help tidy up. Do you agree or disagree?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Parent Consultations
Thurs 12th February

PTA Cake Sale
13th February

Last Day of Term
13th February

Half Term
16th-20th February

First Day of Term
23rd February

World Book Day & Big Read (AM)
5th March



Return of School Socks, Tights & Jogging Bottoms

The medical room is experiencing an extreme shortage of socks, tights and jogging bottoms due to the colder (and wetter!) weather.

If you have borrowed any items, please clean and return them as soon as possible.

If you have any clean spares at home, we would be extremely grateful for the donation. Please bring in any donations into the school office. Thank you.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st** Giraffe & Starfish 98%
- 2nd** Jaguar, Turtle & Penguin 97%
- 3rd** Koala & Panda 96%

Well done everyone!

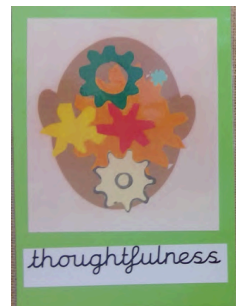


As we reach the half term point, our Attendance Officer, Mrs Panayi, will be writing to families whose child's punctuality/attendance is falling below expected levels for this academic year. Please note, this a routine process which we are required to carry out by the Local Authority in line with the attendance strategy, and we are required to notify parents regardless of the reasons why the attendance has fallen below this threshold e.g. childhood illnesses. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Panayi to discuss.

New Value- Thoughtfulness

For the month of February we are going to be focusing on the value 'thoughtfulness'.

We will be encouraging the children to foster kindness, to have an awareness of others feelings and show empathy towards others. We will be reminding the children about sharing and cooperating with each other to continue to build a caring, positive and nurturing school community. Can you show thoughtfulness at home too?



Year 1 Geography Walk

As part of our Geography curriculum, Year 1 went on a short walk to explore the area and identify human and physical geographical features. The children enjoyed observing these features in our local community and found many human features as we live in a city.

Why not talk together about what human and physical features you can see when you are out and about with your family?



Cake Sale Volunteers

Next Friday is the PTA Valentines cake sale (see poster attached and [Newsletter 19](#) for details).

Please donate cakes starting from next Monday and remember, volunteers are needed to help with the smooth running of the sale!

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact the PTA via their email address: pta.churchfields@gmail.com.



Contributions for Visits and Activities

We value the children taking part in a wide range of special activities to broaden and enhance their understanding and knowledge of the learning that takes place in school. Our leaders plan a full programme of events, trips, visitors and experiences that enrich our curriculum and the personal development of our children. Like other schools, for these to go ahead we rely on our families to contribute towards the cost.

Rather than ask families for a contribution per activity, we ask for a voluntary contribution for the whole academic year to cover the costs. This enables us to plan for the year as many things get booked quickly. Also, it costs a lot of money to organise these experiences, including travel by train or coach, entrance fees and additional staff for safety.

We understand that not everyone is able to pay the full amount asked, which is why there is no 'minimum' contribution, please pay anything you can. Similarly, there is no 'maximum' amount, for those who are able to pay more. We are thankful for all donations, as they are what enable the children to have these exciting opportunities. Without further contributions, we may need to scale back on the trips and experiences we are able to take the children on.

Over the years, we have been able to take the children on some wonderful adventures:

Visiting the animals at London Zoo

Listening to a live orchestra at The Barbican

Exploring Epping Forest with The Hive

Experts, workshops and theatre company visits in school

& many more!



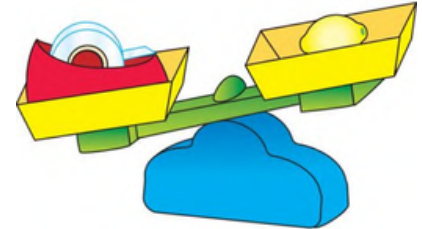
Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

This week in maths, we are exploring mass and weight.

We have been focusing on the terms 'heavier' and 'lighter', comparing the weights of different everyday objects and using balance scales.

Can you find some objects around the house to compare?



Years 1 and 2

Gather two dice, each of them with faces labelled from 1 to 6. When the dice are rolled they can be combined in two different ways to make a 2-digit number.

For example, if I roll a 2 and a 3 I can combine them to make 23 or 32.

Now round each of these numbers to the nearest 10. 23 rounds to 20 and 32 rounds to 30.

Repeat for other rolls of the dice.

Do both of the numbers you make ever round to the same multiple of 10?

There are some interactive dice that you can use for this problem.

<https://rich.maths.org/interactive-environments/dice-and-spinners-interactive>

Rounding to the Nearest 10

Round DOWN					Round UP					
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Safer Internet Day

Next week, it is Safer Internet Day. Although we have explored this in school and shared an e-safety assembly with Miss Williams, the importance of being safe on the internet is threaded through our Computing and RSHE Curriculum. To help to reiterate some of the key messages at home, below is a link to Jessie & Friends. Jessie & Friends is a three-episode animated series which aims to equip 4-7 year olds with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to help them stay safe from risks they may encounter online. <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>



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CHURCHFIELDS PTA

VALENTINE'S CAKE SALE

FRI
13
FEB

We would be incredibly grateful for your donations of homemade or shop-bought cakes for our Valentine's cake sale. Please ensure all donations are nut-free.

These can be left at either school office from Monday 9 February. Please include a list of ingredients with your homemade donations, otherwise they cannot be sold.

INFANT SALE: 3PM

JUNIOR SALE: MORNING BREAK

FOR JUNIORS: PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH 50P OR £1





HALF TERM CAMP

16TH-20TH
FEB
9AM-3PM

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