



# Newsletter

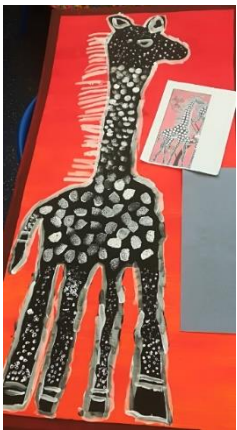
## 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023



### **Message from Mrs Bradbury...**

*Our readers have really been putting in the effort at home as well as at school. Just before we broke up, we had our best ever few weeks! Nearly every single child has been reading three times or more at home. This is having a tremendous effect on the children's progress. Let's keep this momentum going as we are determined that we will have a week where every single person has read. Whole school reading before we broke up was at 91%.*

*On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> February, we held our 'creative day' where the children have been painting some large scale pieces inspired by one of the artists that they study in each year group. Once these are varnished, we will have them up in the playground and school. We can't wait to show you what they have been up to.*



*Throughout the half term, our learners have been busy as usual. Children in Redscope Early Years have been exploring stories and vocabulary to do with penguins. They have been decorating biscuits and enjoying the slightly warmer weather playing outside. Clever kittens have been learning all about the similarities and differences between the Arctic and Antarctic. Classes 1 and 2 compared their heights of different African animals using helium balloons. They have been looking at the vocabulary of height including 'taller' and 'shorter'.*

*Classes 3 and 4 have wowed me with their suspense writing! They created some wonderful stories and definitely knew how to give the reader the chills. Classes 5 and 6 have been learning more about the Great Fire of London and have created some brilliant self-portraits.*

*Classes 7 and 8 have enjoyed developing their clay skills and have been making Bronze Age pots. In Year 4, Classes 9 and 10 have been working hard preparing for the Multiplication Screening Check. They have introduced a new special weekly challenge. The first two winners have been Harry and Oscar!*

*Lots of classes have been learning outdoors. Classes 11 and 12 enjoyed getting out and about in the woods as inspiration for their poetry writing. Children from Classes 13 and 14 were lucky enough to go to the Motorpoint Arena to be part of the Young Voices choir. They had a wonderful time and were SO near the stage. The pupils all behaved impeccably and were a credit to their families.*

## Date for the diary

**Summer Fair- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023** (Please contact [RSP-enterprise@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:RSP-enterprise@nclt.ac.uk) if you are interested in having a stall.)

### Teacher Strikes

As you may have heard, the NEU union plan to hold further strike action on 28<sup>th</sup> February. This does affect some of our staff, possibly more than last time. Once we have a clear picture about which classes may be affected, we will let you know so that you can plan accordingly. As soon as we possibly can, we will let you know as we appreciate that you may need to make alternative arrangements for your children should more staff strike on this occasion.

### Spanish Day

Huge thanks to Mrs Pye (our Spanish Leader) for organising Spanish day. A real highlight was the flamenco lessons that each class participated in. We have some future 'Strictly' stars in the school and the children impressed with their resilience and willingness to have a go.



The children rehearsed Spanish phrases, learned Spanish songs and read stories in Spanish.

### Eco Warriors Competition

Before we broke up RUFC came into assembly to talk about a special competition. Our eco warriors have been working with RUFC to organise their own competition. Children need to design their own poster to do with ANYTHING to do with saving the planet and helping the environment. The poster could be A4 or A3 and needs to be colourful.

Designs might be to do with:

- Renewable energy/ saving energy
- Conservation
- Recycling
- Animal protection
- Stopping or reducing carbon emissions e.g. using a scooter, walk or use bike.

**Entries must be given back by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Hand in to the Eco monitors/ Miss Jordan in Year 4.**

**The prizes are tickets to see a RUFC match or a signed football.**

## Key Dates (new or changed items are in a colour)

Date	Event
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Parents' Meeting about residential 2023
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day Celebration – Wear pyjamas
6 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET Day – Children not in school
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter – Non-Uniform Day
	Easter Break
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Back to school after Easter
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Bacon Butty Morning
1 <sup>st</sup> May	May day – School closed
8 <sup>th</sup> May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Spring Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bacon Butty Morning
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports day
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leaving Assembly – parents/carers of Y6 pupils invited to watch
3- 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 residential (over 3 different days in two classes)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 children begin Winterhill/ Wingfield

### Lates

Please ensure that your child is in school on time. We have seen an increase in the number of children who are late. The first lesson of the day begins almost immediately as the children arrive. Children are falling behind because they are missing the maths input at the start of the day and this is affecting their progress.

If your child is on time each day all week, they receive 2 bonus house points.