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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

We survived! After a week with no tech - no emails/phones or access to computers we are finally beginning to iron out the few further niggles with the systems so that we can all benefit from a more up to date and faster service. It has definitely made us realise how much we depend on IT in our daily and working lives! On the subject of technology, please keep checking our website for updates on photos of trips and activities as well as following us on Twitter for up-to-the-minute information on Academy life.

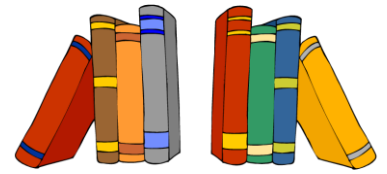
Liz Latham

Get Gardening!

Spring is nearly on us so we've started to think about developing green spaces around school. We're hoping to replant the raised beds (that some of you kindly volunteered to clear last year!) as well as looking for other ways to go green /link to our Healthy Eating focus. We've been contacted by a Loughborough University PHD student who is researching gardening in schools. Please follow the link below to complete a survey giving opinions and thoughts about the importance of gardening in schools.

<http://bit.ly/caregiver-gardens>

500 words winners!



Greenwood Academies Trust – our sponsor Trust recently held a '500 words' competition for pupils in Year 3,4,5. They were asked to write a story in just 500 words (harder than you think!). We were delighted when Zara Thomas (Year 5) and Lucy Jeffery (Year 3) won 1st and 2nd place from over 1000 entries across the 32 Academies in the Trust! Huge well done to both girls who travelled to Peterborough for the Award Ceremony where they were presented with prizes including a huge bag of books. The Radio 2 500 word competition has just opened- why not encourage your child to have a go? Follow this link for more information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/28zgDX98FnDYbN9j1jbk4HS/500-words-2019>

Comedy at Queensmead - are you invited?

As part of the Leicester City Comedy Festival we are hosting a live comedy show on Wednesday 13th February with a well-known comedian. This event is by invitation only! Look out for the flyer to find out how to get invited and follow this link for more information:

<http://comedy-festival.co.uk/event/games-with-james/>

Animals on the school grounds

Please be reminded that animals are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds- this includes animals which are being carried. Thanks for your understanding with this Health and Safety issue.

Chinese Dancing

Several year groups experienced the far East this week with a visitor to school who taught children about China and gave them the opportunity to learn some Chinese dancing. The children had a great time learning a variety of steps and movements and are looking forward to putting this into practice during the Chinese New Year celebrations next week!

<https://chinesenewyear.net/>

Advance Notice! World Book Day is approaching!

We'd like to give you plenty of notice about World Book Day which is on March 7th this year. We know that lots of you like to get creative and produce amazing costumes for the children to dress up as their favourite book characters so we're letting you know in plenty of time! This year the celebrations will be even bigger and better with lots of fun activities for parents to get involved with too – look out for the flyer giving more details before half term.

Check out some ideas here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Class assembly dates:

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Colin Thompson	13 th February
Valerie Thomas	6 th March
Oliver Jeffers	20 th March
Eric Carle	3 rd April
Mini Grey	8 th May
F2 Joint Assembly	12 th June
Rod Campbell	w/c 24 th June

Attendance

Our target for this year is 96% in line with the Government's recommendation. We are aiming to achieve this every week and encourage you to help us!

Overall, attendance to date is 96.3% Well done everyone let's keep this up.

The class with the highest attendance is Lemony Snicket with 99.4%- Well Done.

The class with the most improved attendance is Colin Thompson with 98.1% up by 4.2%.

Well done everyone, let's see if we can do better next week.

Dates for your diaries:

Yr 5 Bikeability	4 th – 15 th Feb
Girls Football Semi- finals	11 th Feb
Health & Well being Fest @ New College	12 th Feb
Space to Read @ Space Centre	14 th Feb
Spring Half Term	18 th - 22 nd Feb

Is your child missing out?

Recently there have been many more children being dropped off late to school. Did you know that:

- 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year
- 10 minutes adds up to 6 days lost each year
- 15 minutes adds up to 10 days lost each year
- 20 minutes adds up to 13 days lost each year
- 30 minutes adds up to 19 days lost each year

Being on time means not missing out on valuable learning.