

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a huge **WELL DONE** to all our Year 6 pupils who have sat their SATs this week. They took it in their stride and dealt with the pressure of knowing that they had gaps in their knowledge due to having to undergo two lockdowns. The papers were tough and were still requiring the children to answer the same standard of questions as if there had been no lockdown. We are astounded by their resilience and proud of all of them as individuals. A big shout out to all the Year 6 staff who have gone over and above throughout this year so far, to ensure that the children were as prepared as they could be and were feeling comfortable. The breakfasts were scrummy too. **THANK YOU ALL.**

Thank you for all your responses to our parental involvement and communications questionnaire. The results were extremely positive.

100 % of parents said that they feel very welcome /welcome coming into school.

4.62 out of 5 parents think that school communication is excellent with the rest saying that it is very good. Sometimes it was felt that there was short notice for some of the events and last half term there were more activities that required donations than usual.

Parents prefer emails and texts home – letter are less popular.

A higher proportion of parents prefer a weekly newsletter over a vlog. (So do !!!!)

Parents prefer to receive messages and news over Seesaw and Facebook, with the newsletter next and the website in 4th place.

There were 22 responses from parents who want to volunteer, 10 who want to help with fundraising and PTA which is great news.

The below table shows the kind of school events that parents would like to attend with parent and child workshops in classes being the most popular. We will reinstate our ‘Bacon Butty’ workshops in classes sometime this term where you will be invited into class to share in some of the activities your child gets up to. **WATCH** this space for what your child’s class is doing and the dates and times.

● Open days for subjects	22
● Parent workshops on how sub...	13
● Coffee mornings / drop ins	20
● Adult learning classes	12
● Parent and child workshops in...	38
● None of the above	10



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Spotlight on Learning

EYFS have been having so much fun with their new topic about pirates. I have seen some great independent writing in speech bubbles where the children are writing about what the pirates would say and there is a cool pirate ship that the children have been using for make-believe play in the courtyard.



Year 1 have been doing some science and learning about the parts of a flowering plant. They have done some lovely pencil crayon drawings of their favourite flower.

Year 2 have been writing their own Tinga Tinga tales whereby they have been making up silly stories of, for example, ‘Why Lion has a Black Tip to his Tail’ I am looking forward to reading these.

Year 3 have been learning all about forces and using a Newton Meter to measure forces. This week they have conducted an experiment to test how much force is needed to pull something on a smooth table as opposed to on the classroom carpet.

Year 4 have been showing their resilience and respect by working hard even when their teacher is poorly.

Year 5 have begun their topic on The Titanic and the pupils that I was talking to were able to discuss facts about the Titanic and the differences between 1st and 3rd class travellers.



[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

Congratulations to this week’s **Star of the Week winners** who are:

Fir Class: Ruby-Jo
Willow Class: Jessica
Maple Class: Austin
Elm Class: Poppy
Rowan Class: April
Beech Class: Tess
Oak Class: Whole class!



UPCOMING EVENTS



24
24th May 2022
Year 2 pond dipping trip

27
27th May 2022
Pug raffle draw

30
30th May 2022
Half term – school closed

