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Friday 10 March 2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope our new and improved newsletter finds you and your family well.

I would like to start this newsletter by conveying our heartfelt condolences following the death of Kayla who attended The Gateway Academy - our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time. If you are in a position to, and would like to support with the funeral costs for Kayla, please follow this link to donate: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/anita-singh?utm_term=e5GEKyMpP

We would like to thank the William Palmer Trust for donating £2,341.78 to Lansdowne Primary Academy to provide pupils and families experiencing hardship with essential school items, such as school uniform.

In order for staff and parents/carers to work in partnership, it is essential that there is effective communication. Class Dojo is our main form of communication, so please check this daily to avoid missing out on essential information. There are numerous opportunities for you to play an active role in your child's education - please check the key dates included within this newsletter.



ClassDojo

Year 6 pupils have recently found out the secondary school they will be joining in September 2023 and we are delighted that 70% of pupils will be attending The Gateway Academy. Regardless of the secondary school pupils will be attending, we will do everything we can to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils.

COMING SOON

In the summer term, we will be offering a weekly 'stay and play' for 2 year olds who will be joining our nursery when they turn 3. This will be a play-based session from 1.30-2.50pm on Thursdays and parents/carers will be required to attend also. More information about this exciting opportunity will be coming soon.

We are here to support you and your family in any way we can, so as ever, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing our support email address: Support4u-LPA@theglc.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Dan George

Head of School





IMPORTANT DATES

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- **Green:** Parents/Carers are invited to attend
- **Blue:** Pupils only [Parents/Carers are not required to attend]
- **Highlighted in red - Revised/Additional date**

Date	Year Group	Event Information	
Monday 13th March 2023	Year 5	Reading parent workshop	3:00 -3:30
Monday 13th March 2023	Year 2	Parents maths information session	2.30 - 2.55
Tuesday 14th March 2023	Year 4	Family learning session	1.55 - 2.55
Wednesday 15th March 2023	Year 1/ Selected Year 2 by invite	RWI Family Workshop	2.15 - 3.00
Thursday 16th March 2023	All	Acorns Family Learning Session	1.45 - .55
Thursday 16th March 2023 -	Year 5/6	GLC Football Round 1 GPFS	3.30 - .00
Friday 17th March 2023	Reception	Meet the SENDCo (rainbow street)	3.00 - 3.30
Friday 17th March 2023	Year 6	Science in schools	KS1 10.00 - 11.00
Friday 17th March 2023	Year 6	Science in schools	KS2 13.30 - 14.30
Friday 17th March 2023	Year 6	Science in school Parents invited	3.30 - 4.30
Monday 20th March 2023	Year 2	RNLI - Water Safety visit to school	1.30
Tuesday 21st March 2023	Year 5	End of day reading	2:45 - 300
Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Year 6	Family learning session	2.00 - 3.00
Thursday 23rd March 2023	Year 5/6	GLC Football Round 2 GPFS	3.30 - 5.00
Thursday 23rd March 2023		Poetry Competition Final - Ellis Theatre	6.30 pm
Thursday 23rd March 2023	Nursery	Information Session: Supporting your child's Early Maths 2.15	
Friday 24th March 2023	Nursery	Meet the SENDCo - Nursery	3.15 - 3.30
Friday 24th March 2023	Year 3	Family Learning Session	2.15 - 2.55
Friday 24th March 2023	Year 3&4	Year 3 /4 Sportshall Athletics Basildon Sporting Village	9.00 - 2.00
Monday 27th March 2023	KS2 [by invite only]	Reading Eggs Workshop	3.00 - 3.45
Monday 27th March 2023	Year 2	Parent reading information session	2.30 - 2.55
Tuesday 28th March 2023	KS1 [by invite only]	Reading Eggs Workshop	3.00 - 3.45
Tuesday 28th March 2023	Year 2	Family Learning session	2.15 - 2.55
Tuesday 28th March 2023	Year 5	Trip to Rainham Marshes	
Thursday 30th March 2023	Year 1	Family Learning session	2.15 - 2.55
Thursday 30th March 2023	Year 5/6	GLC Football Round 3 GPFS	15.30 - 17.00
Friday 31st March 2023	Year 6	Meet the SENDCo - 6G	3.15 - 3.45



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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Reception	Margaret H Ricky-Lee B Ollie F Olivia H Sanaaf C	Josiah B Kaylen R Alex B Isla M Ali E	Eric R Marlie K Jake M Lily S
Year 1	Elijah A Maliha A K'Vella F Ekrem E Nick Z Doulciee C	Emily H Jeevai H Elsie M Amayha M Dara O	Jayden B Amaya H Asael T Harrison S Marcel S
Year 2	Eron S Nora V Tommy S Lena S	Oliver H Evelyn C Lottie B Andrew W	
Year 3	Tyreece D Lily - Ann C	Macie S Tega G Emili S	Paula NM Luna N
Year 4	Zac T Sophia P Lexi H Chloe C Oscar P Molly	Viviana B Armaan A Ifeoluwa A Dillan G David Lexie-Rae B	Johnny-Boy B Angel K Alexandru C Ruben H Isla Isabella
Year 5	Bradley D Marley C Pertu R Brody E Alfie S Mumtahina T	Ricky Kai Elizabeth Safa Thomas Muhammad	
Year 6	Archie B Shahriar C Dayana D Scarlett H	Jake A Romany Jack Grace	Bethany-Rose Kevin
Acorns	Zahraa H	Evie-Leigh T	Afifa A





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me, you, us
safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

THE NAMED MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR CHILD PROTECTION AT LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY ARE:



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DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



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DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEAD



MISS SPINDLER
DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL

DEPUTY SAFEGUARDING LEAD

KEY CONTACTS WITHIN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY


The Thurrock Multi-Agency Support Hub [MASH] is available for advice on any Child Protection matter and can be contacted on 01375 652802 [Out of hours 01375 - 372468]



0-6 years

Top tips for teeth

Your kids need help brushing their teeth until they are at least seven years old.



Spit, don't rinse

When we brush, our toothpaste builds a protective layer of fluoride around our teeth. If you rinse your mouth with water, you wash it all away. Spitting will do just fine.



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Twice is nice!

Teeth should be brushed at least twice a day, once before bed and once at any other time that suits your family routine.

Make fluoride your friend



The amount of fluoride in your toothpaste can usually be found on the side of the tube or on the packaging. Toothpaste should have at least 1000ppm fluoride; 1350 to 1500ppm fluoride gives your child the best protection.



STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY PARKING PLEDGE

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At Lansdowne, we operate a "Parking Pledge" with the main aim of keeping our children safe.

We ask that all parents/carers:

- think if their journey could be made in an alternative way to reduce pollution first, such as walking or cycling.

If a car journey is unavoidable we ask that parents/carers:

- avoid parking on Alexandra Road or Dunlop Road - Park a little further away and walk the last few minutes to help our community.
- slow down around our school - 20 mph is safer for all our children.
- park legally and safely away from our entrance gates, zig zag markings, railings and dropped curves.
- keep off the pavements as these are for pedestrians only.
- do not obstruct our neighbours driveways or park in disabled bays.
- keep junctions and crossing points clear.
- behave in a polite and courteous manner with our staff, other parents and the parking patrol officers.

Thank you for your continuous support.





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Welcome to our "Meet the Leadership team" page.

This week we will be meeting the Eco Warriors!



Part of our role as an Eco-Warrior is to make sure every class is using their recycling bins, turning off lights and being as Eco friendly as possible!
We also empty the battery boxes in classes and ensure they are disposed of properly and not put into landfill.

THE BIG WINTER WANDER!!

Taking a step to protect the places we love. ❤️

On the 25th of March at Langdon Nature Reserve SS16 6EB at 10.30
We will be taking part in a small walk in the woods.

This is to raise money for the climate crisis that is threatening the places we love right on our doorsteps, with WWF we can make a difference.

PLEASE MAKE A DONATION OF A £1 AND COME ALONG WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO HAVE SOME FUN IN NATURE

We are promoting this walk around Langdon Hills to raise money for WWF - If we are able to raise £100, we will get a WWF medal & certificate!

People are asked to donate a £1 on the day to help us reach our goal.

Look at our poster for more information.



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SWITCHED-ON TILBURY SCHOOL ENJOYS A VISIT FROM FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD TEVVA ENGINEERS

Engineers of the future at a Tilbury primary school got a first-hand rundown of how Tevva is using zero-emission electric trucks to battle climate change and transport pollution. Year 6 pupils at Lansdowne Primary Academy were wowed by Tevva's 7.5t battery electric vehicle when it stopped by for a visit this week.

The enthusiastic kids, in their final year of primary school, were also told about big issues including sustainability, hydrogen range extension, battery power v dirty diesel, looking after the environment and how becoming an EV engineer can make a difference.

Pupils also enjoyed a closer look by climbing into the truck driving seat – and were able to ask engineers about their work in Tilbury. Team Tevva's visit coincided with the first-ever Engineers Week in the UK, which ends Friday. It celebrates, among other things, how engineers make a positive difference in the world.

Brazil-born Engineering Project Manager Barbara Garcia said: "It was a fantastic day and a great chance for us to get out there and meet kids and teachers who live and work in our area. "The kids were switched on, they asked so many questions and knew quite a lot about the importance of taking care of the environment. It was a great reminder that the future's in safe hands."

Year 6 School Science Teacher, Mrs. Vicky Binns: "The pupils really enjoyed the chance to learn about STEM opportunities which were right on their doorstep. Having a chance to meet and talk to professionals, men or women of different ethnicities, working in an engineering line of work was extremely rewarding and





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Our Science Vision and Principles

At Lansdowne Primary Academy we believe that science should develop curious thinkers who question the world around them.

Principles for Science (children)

1. We are hands on - using a range of equipment.
2. We explore inside and outside of the classroom.
3. We have the opportunity to ask and answer questions through our own enquiry.
4. We learn about scientists who have made an impact in our world.
5. We aspire to be scientists in future.



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Science

Staff and children have worked hard to come up with a vision for all our science lessons along with a set of principles. We are trying to raise the profile of science at LPA and encourage children to consider careers in science based jobs when they are older. Please take a moment to read these with your child and ask them which of the 5 principles they covered in their lesson this week.

We shall be celebrating Science Week next week so look out for science challenges on class dojo.



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The Brilliant Club Graduation Ceremony



On Tuesday 21st March children from year 5 and 6 who have participated in the Brilliant Club attended a graduation event at Oxford University.



The children had a very early start - departing at 6.55am from Gateway Academy. They were then welcomed into Oxford University, where they prepared to graduate.

The children graduated alongside fellow Brilliant Club graduates from Herringham Primary Academy, Gateway Primary Free School and Tilbury Pioneer Academy.

The children have been working towards their final assignment with the Brilliant Club since the Autumn term, their final essay was titled 'Democracy? Power to the People. The graduates were able to work closely with a PhD student who was a specialist in the area. Each week the children attended seminars and completed tasks related to their final essay.





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The final graduation ceremony was one that the children were really looking forward to and Mr Burnett and Miss Loin noted how mature and polite the children were. During the day children were able to shake hands with an Oxford fellow and Hrisi and Kai gave a speech in front of their fellow graduates.



We are very proud of all of our Brilliant Club graduates, they have received some excellent grades and have demonstrated their skills of resilience and critical thinking throughout the course of the programme.





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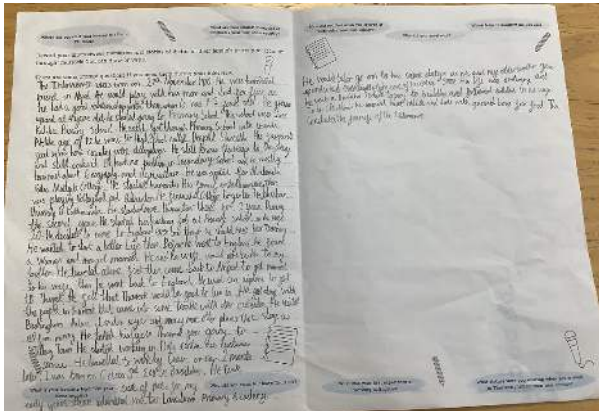
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Sharing Our Lives Project

We are delighted that a group of our pupils are having opportunity to take part in the 'Sharing Our Lives Project'. The Sharing Our Lives involves local people alongside others from across the UK and around the globe in a shared exploration of Essex's migration history. Children at Lansdowne alongside the other schools in the GLC have been part of this historic opportunity.



The children have been attending regular workshops with Together Productions and have been interviewing people from the local community.



They recently completed their fifth workshop and had the pleasure of working with a composer, a writer and story curation .

During the workshop, they spoke about how they found the story collecting process, curatorial process and viewed the stories as a group. They went through the writing and composition process then explored different tempos, beats and styles of music, taking into consideration the mood of the story that they'll be writing about. They will be continuing their fantastic work and we look forward to the pupils sharing their outcomes.



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Reading **e**ggs



Some of our pupils have been using this reading programme for a while to support their reading skills but we are now rolling it out to more of our pupils from year 1-6 over the next few weeks. If your child has been selected they will access reading eggs twice a week in school and twice a week as part of their reading homework. Feedback from pupils so far is really positive and we hope using this programme will develop a range of reading skills targeted at pupils' level as well as increasing reading for enjoyment. You will shortly receive a DOJO with more information and an invitation to a parent workshop if your child has been selected.

SEND dance and Movement Sessions

A dance company called JTD arts have been leading body and movement sessions across the GLC. At Lansdowne pupils in Acorns and KS1 have been attending and they have loved it! The pupils learn to express themselves through movement, learn to move their bodies in different ways and follow simple instructions.





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We are now in Week 3 of the “Supporting your child in Maths” course for Year 1 parents.

****Reminder for Year 2 parents****
“Supporting your child in Maths” Course starts on 27.03.23 So please contact TACC or myself for details on how to enrol.

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Next Friday, 17th March is Red Nose Day.

Lansdowne will be raising money by encouraging pupils to wear a red accessory (t-shirt, headband, scarf etc.)

During the day, the Inclusion Team will be dropping into classes to paint children’s noses with red face paint for a voluntary donation.

Buckets will also be on the gate for donations!



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School Attendance Leader Board 5th September - 2 March

6H	95.3
2W	95.2
6B	94.8
2L	94.4
3M	94.4
1B	94.3
3G	94.1
4C	93.9
5H	93.4
2A	93.2
6G	93.2
3KG	92.8
4H	92.8
4JC	92.7
5A	92
5K	90.7
1S	90.5
RA	90.2
1T	88.8
RK	88.1

Attendance Target

Our school target is 96%- but unfortunately we are a long way off reaching our target. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance and punctuality.

Our current attendance is 93.1%. We need your help to improve attendance by coming to school every day and on time.

As an added incentive for coming to school we have the Spring Attendance Challenge .

Come to school every day from 20 February - 31 March for your chance to win a fantastic prize. One pupil who has achieved 100% attendance will win a £25 Amazon Voucher and there will be 7 Runner up prizes.





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Multi-Sports

On Friday 3rd March, the selected children below had the opportunity to attend the Thurrock School Sport Multi-Sports event. The children participated in a variety of different activities, including the use of the parachute, bowling, volleyball, golf and hockey.

Throughout the event, the children showed great enthusiasm and some fantastic teamwork, followed with plenty of smiles and lots of laughter. Our core values were evident all throughout - Well done to all those who took part, you represented our school brilliantly!



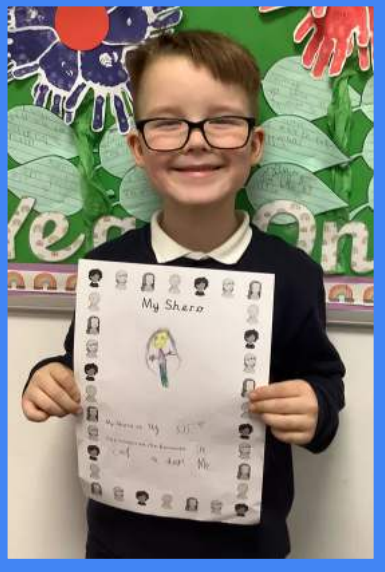


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On Wednesday, 8th March 2023, the children celebrated **"International Women's Day"**. International Women's Day is an annual event that celebrates all the amazing things women have achieved through the years. It is a way to show how women have and continue to influence the world. As well as celebrating brilliant women, it's also used as a day to highlight and raise awareness about issues that women have faced in the past and still face today.

All the children participated in assembly that focused on celebrating the lives of a selection of remarkable women from Emmeline Pankhurst to Rosa Parks to Malala Yousafzai and Frida Kahlo. Children in the lower years also thought about important women in their lives and the jobs that need more women in.



Children from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 also had the opportunity to take part in the Performance Poetry Heats on Thursday, 9th March 2023. We are so proud of the way the children performed. Every single child did a marvellous job and represented the school proudly.

We are delighted that our Year 3 group made it to the finals and we look forward to sharing the results of the next round with you.

All the staff at the school would like to say a huge well done to all the children that participated.



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In Nursery we have made an excellent start to our topic 'Food Glorious Food'. Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed making gingerbread and fruit kebabs whilst learning about the importance of washing our hands and also being safe with a knife.



This week we also had our family learning sessions in school and enjoyed tasting different fruit from our story Handa's Surprise! We tasted watermelon, pineapple and mango. We described the fruit and then each decided which one we liked best!



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Reception had a fun time celebrating world book day last week. We dressed up as our favourite book characters and enjoyed engaging with plenty of reading related activities!



Reception have also had fun creating headbands for our 'Lion hunt' story. We then recorded it using the green screen. We shall be sharing it with you all soon!



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In year 1 we have been thinking like historians to learn all about the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We created a family tree for the Royal family and sequenced the main events in the life of Queen Elizabeth II in chronological order.



The Year 1 pupils had a fantastic time at the lego workshop, they used their knowledge about famous London landmarks to recreate a model of London using lego. The pupils showed great resilience and determination.



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The ducks have arrived in Year 2! The pupils have been very excited to see the eggs hatch and the ducklings come out. This has really helped them with their science work this half term where they have been learning all about classifying animals, matching adults to their offspring and writing about animal life cycles. The ducklings are so cute!!



Year 2 have also been busy learning the song, head, heart and hands for their music performance that will be shared on each class dojo. As part of their Religious Education, year 2 pupils enjoyed a special talk from Mrs Begum, she explained Ramadan and Eid to the pupils. Thank you Mrs Begum!



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In year 3, we have been learning about a range of exciting lessons in Geography about earthquakes and volcanoes and how they occur. We also have been learning about Henri Matisse, his style of artwork and how we can use complementary colours.



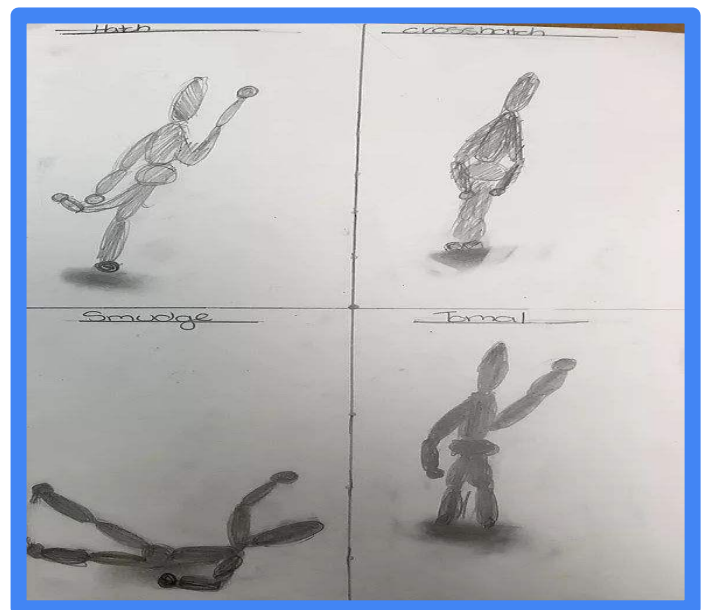
Last week, it was great to see so many pupils dressed up for World Book Day. Seeing a range of book characters across the classes was very exciting and a chance for us all to share our favourite books and characters.



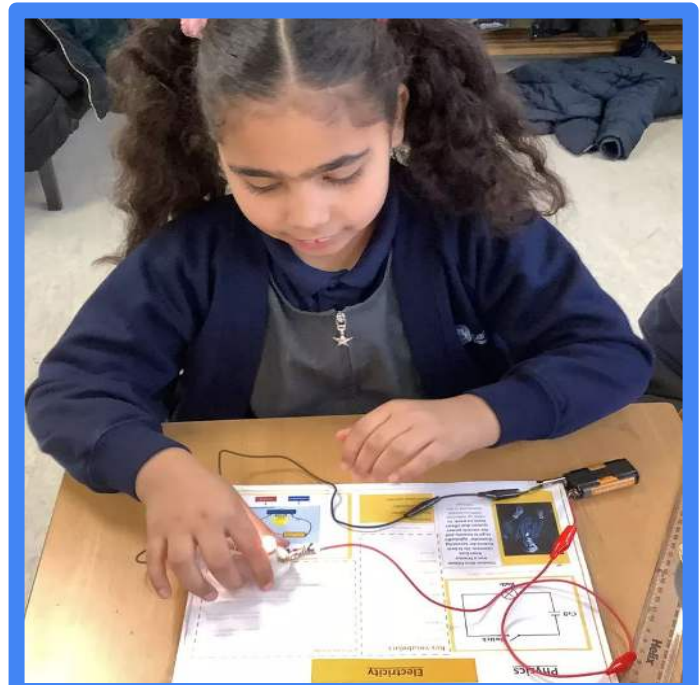
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Year 4 have had an amazing start to the half term! In Art, we were continue to look at the work from the famous Artist Henry Moore. We were exploring his sculptures and using a range of sketching and shading techniques to draw sculptures of our own.



In Science, we started our new topic 'Electricity'. We were learning about static electricity and experimented using a balloon to see static electricity in action!



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Year 5 have had a fantastic start to this term and are eager to learn. In Geography, they have started their new topic on rivers. They are learning how to use geographical resources to locate rivers and understand the journey of the river. They have started their learning with an atlas scavenger hunt!



In Science, the children have started their new topic on forces. They have had fun carrying out experiments on the force of gravity. They were able to use this to explain how the force of gravity was working.

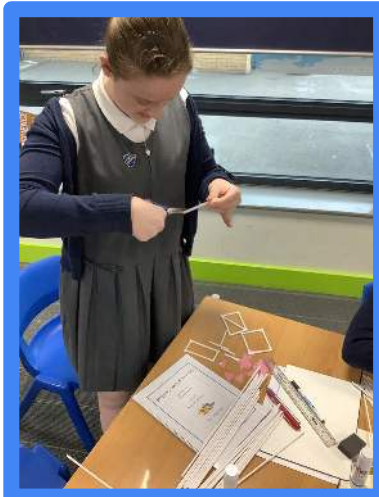
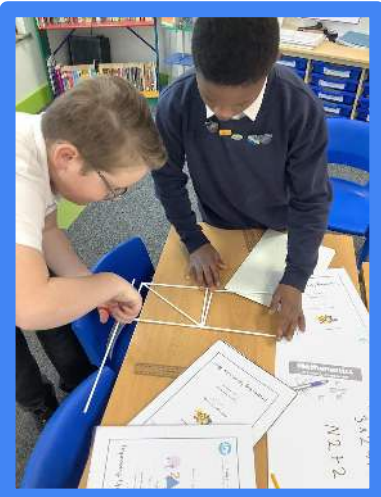


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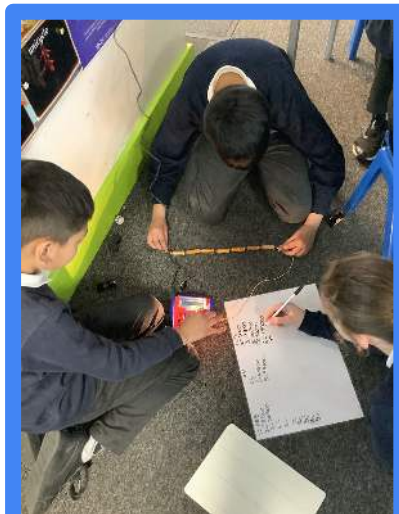
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Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the new term! In History, we have started our new topic of Circuses! We have been exploring the changes of circuses, for example from the Roman era to the modern era today. This links to our DT this term. The children's outcome will be to create their own fairground ride and the children are excited to showcase their outcomes to the school in our art gallery at the end of the term.

We even had the opportunity to have our own circus workshop in which visitors came in the school to show us the skills needed to be included in a circus.



In Science, the children have started their new topic on electricity. They were able to complete a fair test to investigate that if there are more batteries (voltage) in a full circuit, the brightness of the bulb will change. The children found this intriguing, definitely using key equipment to explain whether this was accurate.



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In Acorns, we have been very busy developing our fine motor skills and practising how to clean our teeth. For International Women's Day, we dressed up as some of the jobs we might like to do when we are older. We also celebrated World Book day. Our new story is Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, so we have been making owl pictures.

