

Dear Families

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Another action-packed week at Naunton Park! Children have started their visits to the Literature festival which they are very excited about. It is great to see that more learning is taking place outside the classroom. I am sure photographs of this will be in the following newsletters. As part of strengthening our communications between school and home you will start to see weekly messages from your child's class. As I have previously mentioned we will be moving to a different platform in the future.

Thank you to all parents for your patience in returning to virtual only parents' consultations this week. As ever, with using technology there may have been a few technical issues. Next term we aim to move to a hybrid approach, however this will be dependent of building works.

This week I completed my final talk with parents in the evenings. I will send a recorded message out next week for all families. Consultation papers for years 4/5/6 will follow shortly. It has been such a valuable experience being able to share my vision, the roadmap for the school and most importantly to answer questions posed at these evening sessions. Collating up to 420 consultation papers will take time but I will endeavour to achieve this over the next few weeks.

I have been in post for 25 days now and already so much has been achieved and much more is planned for. As the saying goes "Rome wasn't built in a day" I am acutely aware of the improvements required for the school and we are leading on these with a great sense of purpose. There must be a balance of how much we can achieve in a graduated approach so that new initiatives and changes to practice are embedded and sustained. There is a structured plan for reviewing several aspects of the school, much of which is underway. Communication of these reviews and outcomes will be shared with you as we move through the school year.

This week we welcomed Helen Tate, consultant for early years, to our school. This was an opportunity to celebrate the successes in Reception and our Early curriculum, and to reflect upon how we can further enhance provision and the Early curriculum. There are exciting plans afoot and we look forward to sharing them with you.

On the last Monday of term (18/10/22) we will be collecting all reading records in for the senior leadership team to review. Can you please make sure your children bring them in as they normally do.

Finally, this week saw the start of Black History Month. Through assemblies and tasks for the children to complete at home we will be focusing on celebrating Black British people who have made a significant contribution to our society. As we start to develop our new curriculum this will be embedded throughout the year and highlighted every October. There is a good explanation of what Black History month is and why we celebrate it on Children's Newsround should you wish to share this at home.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Fletcher

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School News

Buildings update

This week we have attending phasing meetings with GCC and the project manager. Now, work on the costings of two ways of moving forward with the whole school renovations are taking place and the results of this should be shared in November. The photos below are of the new floors being installed in two classrooms. As previously mentioned, this phase is on-track to be completed by December.



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PTA

The PTA are an essential part of this school and provide our community with magnificent events which raise money for both the school and charity. Nevermore have we needed extra funds to support children's learning and key experiences.

NPPTA Update

The Great Naunton Park Autumn Quiz, Fri 14th Oct, 7.30pm

Please purchase quiz tickets **by Monday 10th Oct** if at all possible as we need to place the food order in advance. Thank-you and look forward to seeing you there!

<https://buytickets.at/nauntonparkprimaryschoolpta/768586>

NPPTA meet ups, Mon 10th Oct and Thurs 20th Oct

I will be in Naunton Park **3.30pm-4pm this Monday 10th Oct** for a very informal PTA hello and chat should anyone wish to find out more about what we are doing or how to get involved. No big speeches, no door to have to walk through, and no commitment asked for - simply come over and say hi. To be visible, I will wear my favourite yellow bee dungarees!

There will also be an online get together via Zoom on Thursday 20th October. Link to be sent out nearer the time. Everyone welcome.

NPPTA AGM

The annual AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd November, 8.15pm via Zoom. See link below for proposed committee and any vacancies.

Get involved

Please click on the link below for more information about the committee and any vacancies we currently have and how to get in touch:

<https://sway.office.com/yLEFWiNp3ac4UD1K?ref=Link>

We will also publish a volunteers list for this year's winter fair shortly so plenty of opportunity to get involved even if you are not able to attend the meetings.

www.facebook.com/nppta

Harvest Festival

Thursday 20th Oct – Reception, Y1 and Y2 Harvest Festival – This will take place in school, unfortunately we do not have space for parents to attend in the small hall.

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Friday 21st Oct – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Harvest Festival – this was scheduled to take place at Emmanuel Church, however, the Vicar is off sick and we are awaiting news if there will be a replacement and if parents can attend. We will keep you updated.

Food should be brought in on the relevant days, as above, and this will be distributed via our local foodbank. No perishables please.

Parents of children with and additional need or disability,
This may be of interest to you.....

A new service that has been set up for parent carers with at least one child that has an additional need or disability. We offer 12 weeks of online or telephone Counselling for free (or low cost) to those that meet this criteria. We are strictly not for profit covering Worcestershire and surrounding Counties.

Nurture Hub Therapy Service C.I.C
Telephone or Text: 07957 425775

They currently only have a small waiting list and this is a great opportunity for a little extra support and a listening ear.

Dates for your Diary

The link to all of our calendar dates is [Naunton Park Primary School - School Calendar](#)

Monday 10th Oct – Y6 Literature Festival visit
Tuesday 11th Oct – Y4 Literature Festival visit
Wednesday 12th Oct – Y2 and Y3 Literature Festival visits
Thursday 13th Oct – Y5 Forest School
Friday 14th Oct – Reception, Y1 and Y2 Literature Festival visits
Friday 14th Oct – Y2 Forest School TBC due to Literature Festival
Thursday 20th Oct – Y6 Oxford Castle trip
Thursday 20th Oct – Reception, Y1 and Y2 Harvest Festival
Friday 21st Oct – Y3 Forest School
Friday 21st Oct – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Harvest Festival
Monday 24th – Friday 28th Oct – Half Term
Monday 31st Oct – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
w/c Tuesday 1st Nov – Y6 Bikeability – see letter sent earlier this week

Please see the school website for secondary school open days here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Virtual Book Bag](#)

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Class News

In Blue Class, we have been generating our own version of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

We are currently in the 'innovation' stage of our 'Talk for Writing' phase and we have been really creative with our ideas! We now have stories called: The Three Tired Deer, The Three Flying Chickens, The Three Cute Unicorns and many, many more.

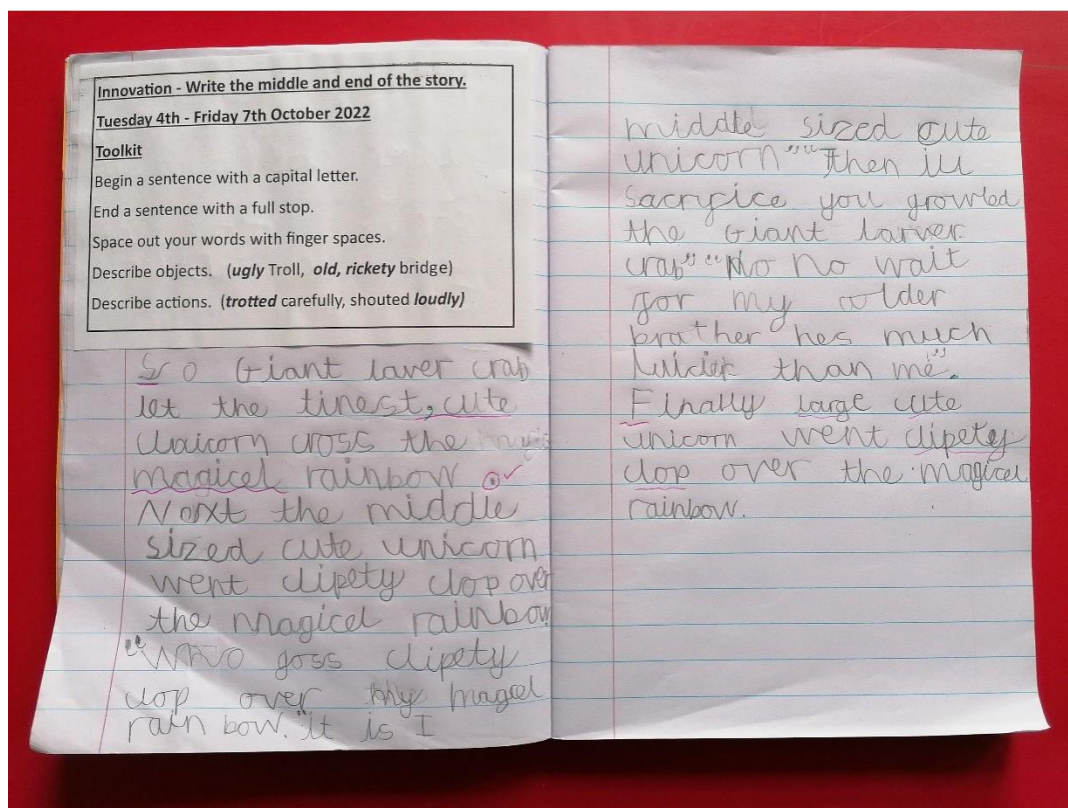
We have even replaced the Troll with other equally mean characters like bears, dragons and evil squirrels!

The children's work has been a joy to read and, through learning the story with Pie Corbett's actions, they have been able to create their own versions with some super detail.

They have been working hard on their punctuation and have been describing objects with adjectives and describing actions with adverbs!



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Green class children have had a fun week learning about all things Gruffalo. We watched the story, listened to the story and even saw the song being performed by Julia Donaldson.

We have enjoyed retelling the story using puppets, painting and collaging images of the Gruffalo too.

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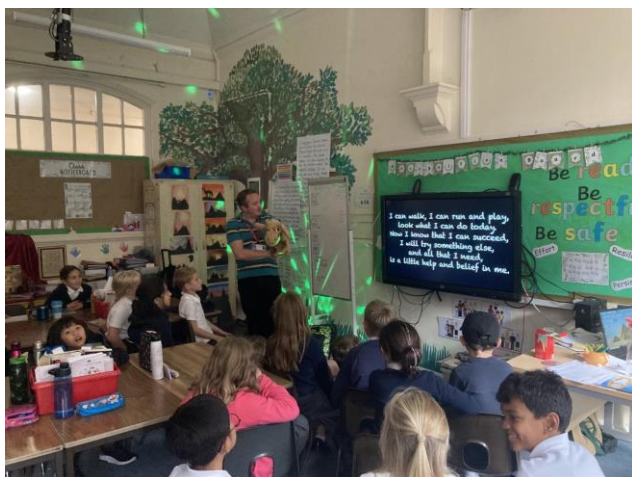


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Thames enjoyed a visit from Alex from the Life Education Service, telling us all about our amazing bodies! We got to peek inside Zeke's body using a brilliant app and saw all of the vital organs that help to keep us alive. He gave us lots of useful advice about our feelings, health and life choices.

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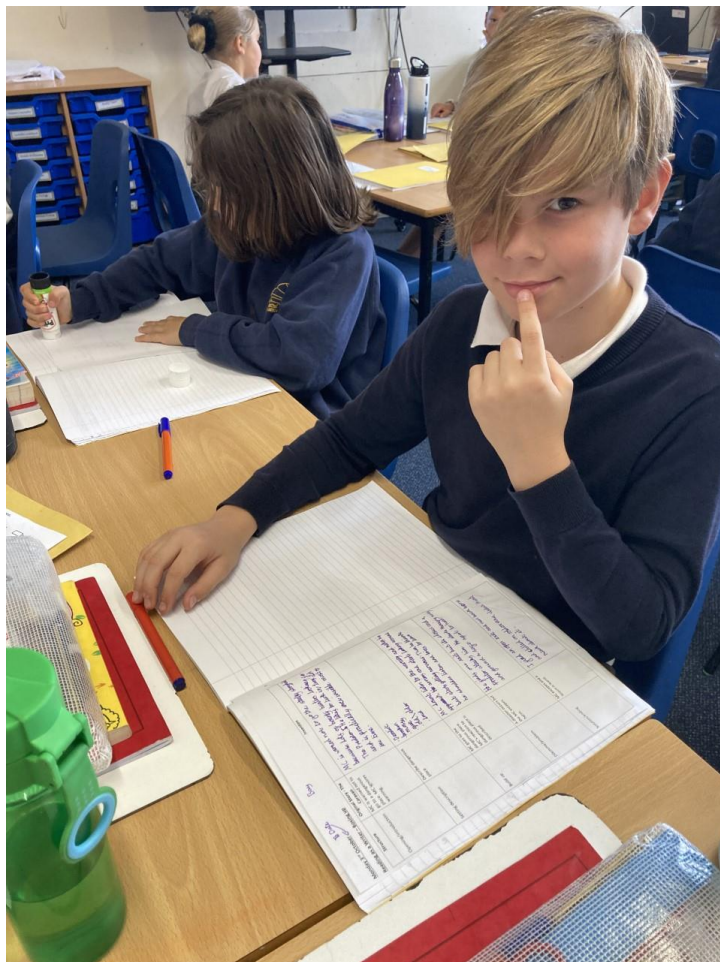


This week, Orange class are really enjoying their new just reading book - Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. We have only read a few chapters but are keen to find out what happens next!



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This week in Year 5, children created and innovated their own warning story. There were wonderful descriptions of woeful places and some very clever story arc ideas on show. We also had the 'Life Bus' park up in Frome this week. Participation was brilliant and the class displayed many very sensible and enlightened thoughts on life skills topics.



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Year 6 Windrush

This term in history we have been learning about crime and punishment through the ages. On Monday we found out that prisons were first introduced during the Victorian times as some of the punishments given out before that time were deemed very severe.

To keep prisoners occupied throughout the day they were given 'hard labour' to do. These included: picking oakum, walking the treadmill, the shot drill and walking in complete silence wearing a hood so only their feet could be seen and they couldn't distract others.

We recreated these punishments in the best way we could to give the year six children a flavour of what it would have been like. This was then used to inspire their writing in English later in the week.

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Whole School Annual Attendance: %

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Barnaby Burnell Darcy Taylor	Edith Cleaver Maria Tulbure
Y1	Ella Guthrie Hallie Pudrycki	India Gore Jude Mortimer-Proietti
Y2	Fred Mason Grace Carroll	Mikey Hanley Ada Threadgold
Y3	Aarush Adarsh Zachary de Keyser Isaac	River Inns Anna Franklyn
Y4	Maggie Galvin Kimiya Dehdashti-Haghighat	Ahad Kashif Izabella Naulls
Y5	Oliver Homes Alex Hall	Isabella Goddard Felix Thorne
Y6	Harry Blackler Jacob Dyer-Bradshaw	Emma Vickers Pippa Stafford

Something to Celebrate

We now have our Friday assemblies in the afternoon before the children go home. It is a lovely way to end the week celebrating and recognising the achievements of our children. Recognition certificates focus on two aspects – demonstrating our new school rules and attitudes to learning. In addition to this we would like for parents to send in any club certificates or medals to school so we can share this in assembly. Children can give them to their class teacher on Friday morning - this is a better way than it being on the newsletter as not all children get to see it.

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