

Dear Families

Dear Families,

This week the year 4 class had an amazing enrichment experience linked to the Ancient Greeks. Past Productions delivered a truly immersive day which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

The drama was really good, fun and exciting. We learnt about myths including Apollo and the lyre. Ben the drama leader was great fun and really knowledgeable. Lucas – Thames

It was funny as we didn't just stick to the original play, we learnt about Medusa in a very different way, making it feel more modern. We got the chance to dress up and there were some very funny wigs. I didn't know about the myths before the start of day, we also learnt about Sparta and Athens. Sarah – Thames

As we continue to develop the curriculum, this week our staff planning meetings have been about our next piece of learning, which will be focused on Science and Design Technology. Everyone's leading question will be, "What Can We Make?" and we have some very exciting projects for the children to work on.

Plans for the development of the outdoor areas.

We have started to talk about these plans with the school governors and a couple of parents have raised their concerns about the environmental impact of using fake grass/astro turf. We are very mindful of this, and I wanted to reassure any of you who feel the same that we are exploring other alternatives and will include you any next steps.

School Improvement

I cannot believe that we are in Term 5 of 6 already as this academic year has flown by. So much has been achieved and there is undoubtedly much more to accomplish. I would like to hold another Parent's Evening Event to discuss the improvement plan and for you to feedback to the team with your opinions. It is an important part of writing the school self-evaluation, and feeding back into the parents' previous consultations, that we include parent voice. Date to be announced soon.

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The Back on Track model has ensured greater consistency across the school in teaching core subjects and other curriculum areas. We continue to ensure that safeguarding is at the centre of everything that we do, and much work has been accomplished in this area.

Staffing

It is the time of year when we inevitably say goodbye to some of our teaching staff. Firstly, Mr O'Connor will be moving on to pastures new where he will be teaching in another primary school in September. He has worked here for over 9 years, dedicating a lot of time to Forest School and numerous events for the school and it will be sad to see him go. We will make sure we have a great leaving assembly to share our thanks. In addition, two excellent teaching partners who have given so much to this school will also be retiring, Mrs Moisey and Mrs Tennant, again we will share our thanks towards the end of the year.

I am writing this on a Thursday as this Friday I will be travelling to Herefordshire with the EYFS team to look at another school for inspiration. This event is being held with our EYFS consultant – Helen Tate.

Letters to our new Reception parents have been sent out today.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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School News

Naunton Park Primary School is looking for new Governors.

Do you know someone who is interested in supporting our school? Are you interested in bringing your professional experience to the governing board? The role of a school governor is strategic rather than operational, which means that Governors do not get involved with the day to day running of the school. Instead they support and challenge the school's leadership team to drive school improvement and ensure compliance with statutory regulations. We are particularly keen to talk to people with experience and skills in finance and accounting, and management of premises, facilities and construction projects. Fostering and strengthening community links is an essential part of the running of any school, so if you are involved in a local business then we'd love to hear from you. This isn't a parent governor role so you don't need to have a child at the school and associate membership is an option for those that cannot commit to a full governor role. If you're interested, or know someone how might be, please contact:

clerk@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk

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

As summer approaches, the PTA committee is excitedly planning several fundraisers:

- Jumble Trail - Sunday 11th June, 2-4pm
- Drinks & sweets sale @ Sir Geoff Hurst Football Tournament - Fri 23 June
- Summer Fair, 2023 - Saturday 1st July, stalls 3-5pm (bar open until 6pm!)
- Bag2School - Tuesday 4th July

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Jumble Trail: Sunday 11 June 2-4pm

Please support our new initiative, the first Naunton Park PTA Jumble Trail. Get involved by hosting your own car-boot/garage sale style stall at your house and/or by taking a walk out to browse the stalls around the local community.

If you would like to join the trail as a stall-holder you can register [here](#) and will be added to the Live Jumble Map. Registration costs £10 per household. Please follow the link for more information (no obligation to take part if you click on the above link!)

Browsers are invited to make a donation (of any value, minimum £1), and in doing so will receive a link to the live map. Donations are to be made [here](#) and the map link will be included in the thank you note.

This is a great way to clear out, make (or spend!) a few quid, and let someone else make use of your unwanted goodies. Please tell your neighbours and friends, all are welcome to join.

Summer Fair

Full details of this event, donations and more volunteer opportunities out shortly. To get us started...

Save the date - Sat 1st July, 3pm-5pm (Bar open until 6pm!)

Volunteers needed asap:

Raffle helpers - To run our awesomely prized raffle (one of our biggest fundraisers!), we desperately need:

- A volunteer or a couple of volunteers to distribute letters to local businesses - largely on Bath Road and the Suffolks - and to collect subsequent prize donations. This is best done as soon as possible.
- A volunteer to contact businesses further afield (list of who to contact given). This is also best done as soon as possible.

If anyone is able to donate a prize, please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk We will spotlight any businesses that provide donations on our Facebook page.

Bake-off judges - We are looking for two Bake-off judges. Perhaps you, or someone you know, is a member of the royal family, a celebrity, a baker, a patissier or, perhaps you simply love cake...this could be for you!

Bar team - We will need a bar team for this event. No experience necessary. Would be fun for a group of friends to take on together or for an individual wanting to get involved. The bar truly adds to the atmosphere of the event so you'd be contributing massively to the success of the day.

Sweets lead - We are looking for a volunteer to lead on the sweets stall - involves checking current stock levels, restocking (full instructions given) and setting up the stall on the day.

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Sir Geoff Hurst Football Tournament - Friday 23rd June

We will be running a cold drinks and sweet stall from 1300 (set-up from 1230) in Naunton Park. If you could help run the stall during the afternoon, please get in touch by emailing pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk. Many thanks in advance!

Bag2School - Tues 4th July

We are holding a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 4th July. Opportunity for a good ol' declutter before the holidays! Bring your donations to the school playground at drop off on morning of Tuesday 4th July.

Remember "If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot"

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Class News

After our trip down to Bath Road earlier this week, we received back several of the questionnaires that we gave to the business owners. We will put this information on our posters to show the most recent stage of Bath Road's history.



Thames experienced a wonderful Forest School session last week with Mr O'Connor. They worked in groups to make little fires in the school ground using cotton wool, twigs, larger logs and fire steels. The children were so safe, responsible and joyous when they had success in lighting a fire but also keeping it going - the trickiest part! We also climbed, whittled and worked cooperatively and kindly.



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Here are some recent photos of your children enjoying OPAL at lunchtimes. The sand pit is a huge hit! Daisy (Midday supervisor and OPAL lead) has been setting up some great new activities and the children have loved exploring fabric, weaving and making ribbon wands. Please respond to the Doodle poll sent in my earlier email this week, if you would like to be involved in our next OPAL build day. Mrs Martin.



On Monday, Year 1 had a very exciting trip to the Holst museum. Stepping back in time, inside a Victorian house, we were greeted by a Victorian gentleman and a maid of all work.

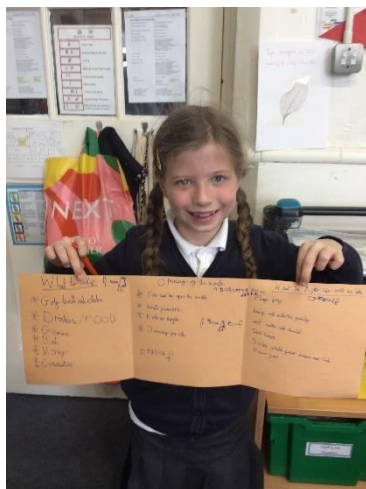
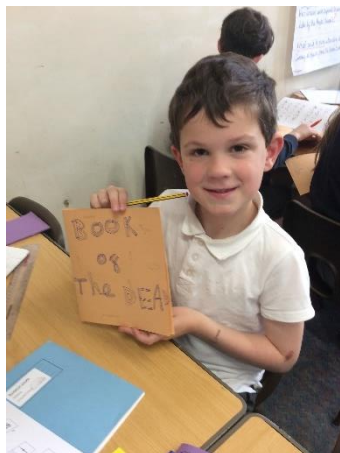
We were able to see and touch amazing artefacts from the era and learnt lots of new words and interesting information.

Thank you to the parent helpers who came with us.



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In Cherwell this week the children learned about The Book of the Dead that helped Ancient Egyptians make the difficult journey into the Afterlife. Here are Eva, Benjamin and River writing a Book of the Dead imagining that they are an Ancient Egyptian.



Monday 15th May 2023 - Blue Class

We have been learning about how different explorers have shaped our understanding of the world. This week, we learned about Neil Armstrong and his magnificent achievements. We learned lots of interesting facts about him and then used our knowledge to help us with our exciting task.

As part of our lesson, we pretended to be television presenters and we wrote questions for our special guest 'Neil Armstrong'.

We then performed our interviews to the class, it was a lot of fun!

"One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind..."



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Safeguarding

Please refer to the previous Safeguarding Update in Park Life on 31st March for previous correspondence and additional information about safeguarding at Naunton Park.

Safeguarding responsibilities

I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Farrow, Mr Bloys and Miss Walter (for Kids' Club) are now trained in higher level Child Protection (CPIA Level 3) to further support pupils, staff and parents with safeguarding concerns. Concerns, in the first instance, should still be directed to the class teacher, the adult that knows your child best in school, Miss Hudson, Mrs Turner, Mrs Gray or Mrs Fletcher where possible.



Miss Lara Hudson
Deputy Head
DSL



Mrs Katie Turner
Inclusion Lead
DSL



Mrs Sue Gray
Pastoral Lead
DSL



Mrs Gayle Fletcher
Headteacher
DSL



Mrs Nicky Farrow
EYFS Lead
DDSL



Mr Justin Bloys
KS1 Lead
DDSL



Miss Sarah Walter
Kids' Club Manager
DDSL

Safe Adults

All adults that enter our school site are safe to be here thanks to our rigorous checks. The children in school know what our different coloured lanyards mean and are encouraged to check the lanyard of any adult asking to work with them, both in and out of the classroom. Please discuss this with your child to reinforce our messages in school. The coloured lanyards are explained below:



Safe to be unsupervised in school with children due to confirmation of Enhanced DBS Check:

Green – visitors

Blue – staff/volunteers

Orange – governors

Safe to be supervised in school:

Red – visitors

The ticks and crosses above are used to show children who they can/cannot be alone with in school.

Safeguarding curriculum

Our Safeguarding Curriculum map is now available to view on the school's website here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Safeguarding in the curriculum](#) Please note that we are constantly reviewing our safeguarding curriculum inline with national and local authority guidance and in response to pupils' changing needs. We are still also in the process of planning and introducing the Challenge Curriculum, so plans may change and/or be added to.

Medicines in school

If your child requires medication, we ask (where possible) that this is administered before/after school by a parent/carer. If medication must be administered during the school day, parents must bring the medicine to the school office and complete a form. All medication is kept securely in the school office. If your child attends Kids' Club, the medication and form are passed directly between the office and Kids' Club staff then returned to the parent upon pick up from Kids' Club.

Next time...

Information about first aid in school, recruitment of staff and school policy information will be shared.

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Dates

Friday 26 th May	Year 5 swimming
Friday 26 th May	Year 4 Forest School
Friday 26 th May	End of Term 5
Monday 29 th May-Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Start of Term 6
Monday 5 th June-Tuesday 13 th June	RE Week
Monday 5 th June	Start of Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 3 Science Festival trip
Wednesday 7 th June	New YR (for Sept '23) parents meeting, 6-7pm
Thursday 8 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Science Festival trips
Friday 9 th June	Year 6 Forest School (each Friday of Term 6)
Friday 9 th June	Year 4 Science Festival trip
Friday 9 th June	Year 5 swimming
Sunday 11 th June	PTA Jumble Trail, 2-4pm
Monday 12 th June	Phonic Screening Check week for Y1 (and some Y2)
Friday 16 th June	Year 5 swimming
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Friday 23 rd June	Year 5 swimming
Friday 23 rd June	Sir Geoff Hurst football tournament
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 School Beat workshops
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 swimming
Friday 30 th June	Prince of Wales Athletics competition
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fair, 3-5pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Bags2School
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th July	Year 6 residential to PGL
Friday 21 st July	Last day of academic year
Monday 24 th July	School closed (INSET)
Tuesday 25 th July	School closed (INSET)

Term dates and events in the diary can be found here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Calendar](#)

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Something to Celebrate

Whole School Annual Attendance: 95%

Recognition Certificates

Well Done!	School Rules	Attitudes to learning
R	Finn McCallum George Noori	Flo Morgan Lubabah Ahmed
Y1	Thea Webb-Peploe Arthur Baker	Celine Vidler-Gazeley Alfie Averis
Y2	Katie Langeveldt Leo Forey	Joel Mokrzan Dot Keylock
Y3	Jessie Chambers Reuben Smith	Harrison Jones Frankie McCarthy
Y4	Troy Preece-Smith Lucas Schrier	Sophia Elliot-Allan Zeke Jabbar
Y5	Raffy Betts Rowyn Price	Jack Truscott Isabella Satchwell
Y6	Esme Berndt Haadi Kashif	George Bamber Isaac Jabbar

We 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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