



## Dear Families

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Another super busy week at Naunton Park, Open afternoon, Roman Experience day, introducing Rekinreks into our maths on track sessions, School Council elections and much more. Thank you if attending school this week, I hope you enjoyed meeting your child in class and viewing their work. I appreciate not everyone could attend, including myself, however there will be other opportunities during the year.

For the first time since I started here, Miss Hudson and I, managed to leave the building and travel up to Birmingham to see Sonia Thompsons's great Primary School and to meet the Education legend Ron Berger. It was a truly inspirational afternoon and reignited my thinking about what education is for and what we want for our children. An Ethic of Excellence has been in print for over 20 years now and has inspired a lot of my thinking and work with previous schools, so it was an absolute pleasure to listen to Ron talk about his incredible work. Parents will probably be familiar with "Austin's Butterfly" however an ethic of excellence in action goes much deeper than this. I look forward to sharing this with you at our Headteacher meeting and discussing the next steps for our school's development. We also met another inspirational Headteacher, so a few of us may be heading up to Doncaster in the future!



Next week we begin to celebrate Black History month at school and we have a series of assemblies looking at Brilliant Black British History. Mrs Morrish has created a display and a variety of great books for all our children to read, this has been up for a few weeks already. Our curriculum lessons look at black history related to their leading question such as the first Black Romans soldiers in Britain, The Black Community who served our country in WWII, to the study of Windrush through Floella Benjamin. Throughout this year we will be working on our equality standards and embracing the work of NO OUTSIDERS as a means of being fully inclusive and celebrating the diversity within our community.



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

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# School News



## Year 6 Reporters

Written by Will Hucker and Milo Muncaster

Hi, this is the second weekly news report for Naunton Park School.

This week, we are reporting about the year 5 Roman workshop that occurred on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

According to the two year fives we interviewed, it was an amazing day and they found it really fun. They told us that they acted out unique stories from Roman history with props whilst wearing their fantastic costumes. Apparently, the man who was running it was very helpful and interesting. He also taught them about the story of Romulus and Remus.

As well as that, they also played a few great games which involved Roman laws. One of the games included a quiz which ranked you from a slave to an Emperor. Another thing they did was build aqueducts out of paper (aqueducts were used to transport water in Roman times).

Getting to look at some Roman artifacts was especially intriguing for the children as they were allowed to try on different items of armour.

In conclusion, they had a really good day and learnt lots about the Roman Empire.

We hope you enjoy this school report.

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**TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

**World Mental Health Day this year is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

**We are asking pupils to wear non uniform on this day, if they would like to participate, and to include something either yellow or green or both. In return we ask them to bring in a £1 donation to help us raise money. The money will be split equally between both the school Mental Health Resources and this year for local charity TIC+.**

**TIC+ support young people and parents with a range of face to face counselling or online support or anonymous chat support and advice lines. We have had many pupils access this support and we continue to share their offer to parents.**

**We feel that this year it is important to support a local charity who we know our pupils can benefit directly from.**

**We thank you for your continued support with this as it provides vital funds for us to support our pupils.**

**Many Thanks**

**Pastoral Team**

**PTA**

**NPPTA Update**

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We are very pleased to confirm that the **Great Naunton Park Autumn Quiz** is back on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, in the school hall, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Teams of up to 6 (can be less). The bar will be open and food served at half time. Tickets on sale shortly.

The next **Bag2School** collection will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Donations to be dropped off at school between 0800-0930. Collection point will be set up for those dropping off at breakfast club. A reminder and full details will be sent out nearer the time. We cannot accept donations prior to this. Check out [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for what is and isn't accepted.

### **Year 5 parent/carers rep needed**

A big thank-you to Hazel who has volunteered to be our Reception rep. We are still looking for a year 5 parent to share NPPTA messages on the Whatsapp group. This is now the only year group without a rep!

Please email [pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk) if interested.

### **Preloved uniform**

The Facebook swap and save group is a great place to recycle or find school uniform - [www.facebook.com/nppta](http://www.facebook.com/nppta) and join the group. If you have any unwanted uniform, please list it on here. We don't currently have capacity to store uniform donations. Thank-you.

### **Committee news**

This year, the committee are looking to move on. The current committee have plans in place for a Bag2School, a Quiz, Christmas cards and will still be around to support and help the transition but we do not currently have capacity to organise the Winter Fair so need your help!

For more information on these roles and how the PTA is organised see [NPPTA: Behind the Scenes](#). If you are interested in joining the committee this year or getting involved, please email [pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk).

### **Coming up this term...**

- The Great Naunton Park Autumn Quiz - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - teams of 6
- Bag2School - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November
- NPPTA AGM - date tbc
- Winter Fair - tbc

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# Class News



This week in EYFS we have been counting to 10. We have marched whilst counting and clapped whilst counting too. We have learnt that the last number counted represents how many are in the set. We have counted lots of different quantities of objects and told the adult how we know how there are. What could you count this weekend?

## • WINSTON CHURCHILL •

PRIME MINISTER



Once upon a time a boy called Winston was given some soldiers and that sparked his imagination.

Many years later, he joined the army and fought in WW1. 21 years after he saw the start of WW2 and finally became Prime Minister of Great Britain on May 10<sup>th</sup> 1940. Joseph Stalin and Franklin Roosevelt teamed up with Winston to fight Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito. He kept the British spirit alive with his motivating speeches and words. Even through the Blitz he uttered the famous words 'We shall fight on the beaches, the landing grounds, the fields, streets and the hills, we will never surrender.'

His biggest challenge was the Battle of Britain. Over 3000 British men contributed and Churchill called them The Few. 23,002 people were killed and 2500 of which were German. 1800 German planes were lost and many more damaged. He addressed the British Nation on the wireless and said 'Never in the field of human conflict owed so much by so much to so few.' Winston Churchill was a British legend and took our people from the brink of defeat to victory by using the power of words and their meaning. He will always be remembered as the British Bulldog.

30 Nov 1874-24 Jan 1965  
The United Kingdom

Sadie Butler

## Year 6 - Windrush

We are continuing to explore our leading question: Who helped Britain win the war? This week we have been learning about Winston Churchill and the important role he played in this. After carrying out their own research, each child drafted, edited and then published a short biography about him in the style of the 'Goodnight Stories for Rebel Boys' books. Here is an example of a finished piece by Sadie in Windrush.

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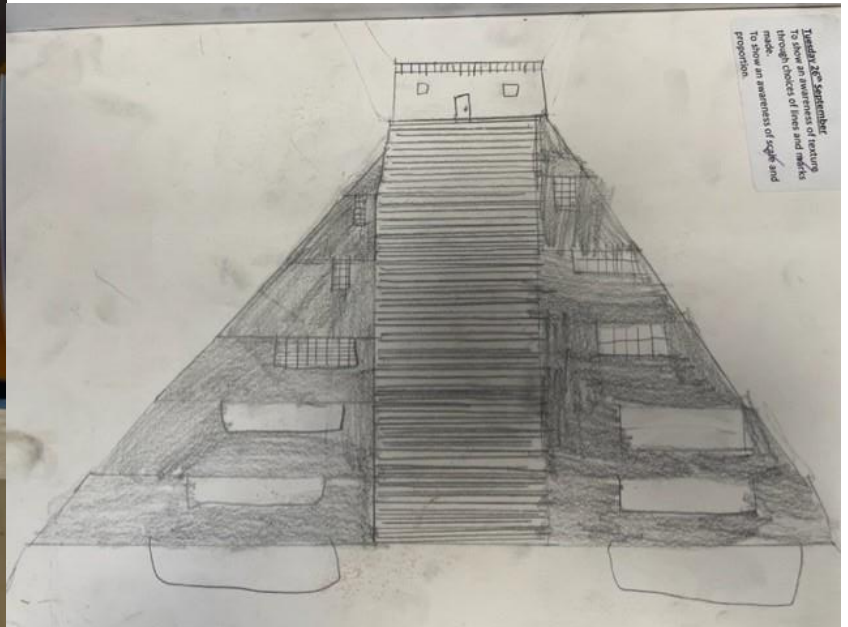


During our Maths On Track sessions in Orange Class, we have been using a great new resource called a Rekenrek. Using this piece of equipment, we have been developing our ability to identify a number without counting which is called 'subitising'. We have learnt how to put the beads into the 'ready' position by having all the beads on one side by the white dot and then using one push movement to separate a given number. As we know that each group is 5, we have been able to notice that, for example, 3 needs 2 more to make 5. 4 needs 1 more to make 5. 5 needs 0 more to make 5. We've also practiced getting them out and putting them back VERY carefully to keep them all safe which we know is very important. We have done so well this week!



Year 2 are really enjoying their Just Reading text this term, 'Guardians of Magic' by Chris Riddell. The story follows the magical journey of 3 Guardians of magic: Zam, Phoebe and Bathsheba, three children who don't know how powerful they are... Purple Class are enjoying sharing the text and predicting what might happen as each chapter unfolds.

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### Thames Class news

This week, in year 4, we have learned about Mayan architecture. We found it fascinating how advanced their architecture was. They designed and built layered temples that could withstand earthquakes and other natural disasters, by absorbing shock waves.

We then carefully sketched either the Temple at the city of Tikal or El Castillo temple in Chichen Itza. We used different lines and marks to show texture and shadows on our buildings.

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Year 5 had an amazing day yesterday with Luke from Past Productions. They had the chance to study Roman artefacts, try on reproduction armour and put on plays which taught them about different areas of Roman life, crime and punishment. The day was rounded off with a quiz to test what they had learnt. Try calling, 'Consiste!' the next time your Year 5 child is running wild and see what they do!

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# Dates

**Planned activities are listed below.**

**Please note that these are subject to change and additional activities will be added in due course.**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Start of Black History Month
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	3:30-7:30pm Parent Consultations (more information to follow)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	3:30-6:30pm Parent Consultations (more information to follow)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual school photos
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Avon Class Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1, 2 and 4 Literature Festival visits
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	NO Y4 swimming
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Literature Festival visit
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 and Y6 Literature Festival visit
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School – to be rearranged
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu vaccines
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu vaccines
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu vaccines
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 swimming
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Evacuation trip to Winchcombe
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Sherborne)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	2pm, 2024 YR meeting and tour of the school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Forest School (Cherwell)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Frome Class Assembly
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y4 swimming
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Harvest Festival
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Harvest Festival
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Forest School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Half term

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