



Dear Families

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Well, closing a class on the last day of term was not quite what I had anticipated, however, Mr Nornton's quick thinking meant the water damage was limited to just RED class, and getting out information to the whole school late in the night meant everyone was fully informed. The class will be ready for the start of next term and repairs will happen over the half term. Thank you to families and their full co-operation and understanding. Unfortunately, on Friday we had a few more leaks across the school but these will be dealt with next week. The school are working with the local authority on these issues, it is frustrating that work cannot be completed quickly enough when these issues have been raised on many occasions.

As soon as school finished on Friday, Carters building firm moved into KS2, removing all furniture from classrooms into the hall. Over the half term all newly renovated classrooms are having acoustic panels installed to dampen sound in the new classrooms.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/35Q0NA1JN3GG8?ref=wl_lfu_nav_12

We have an Amazon Wish List for OPAL resources, if you are able to or wish to buy something that the children will enjoy using at lunch times. Consumables like bubble mixture and chalks need frequent replenishment and are two of the most loved items on the playground. If you are having a clear out during half term, please think of us for donations. Old kitchen accessories like pots, pans, utensils, baking tins and trays or construction toys would be greatly appreciated. Either pass on to your child's class teacher for OPAL or drop off at the Office.

Thank you!

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, We are very excited to have received 42 new ipads, 3 per class. This is from money raised through PTA events. A huge thankyou to everyone involved. Have a lovely half term, whatever you are doing.



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Class News

Class – Green

In Green Class over the last two weeks we have looked at the artwork of Minnie Pwerle. She was an Aboriginal artist from Australia. Her work inspired use to think about lines and circle in artwork. We draw our interpretation first with pens on paper, then we created our own paintings using a cotton wool.

Finally, this week we drew lines and circles on a polystyrene tile. We remembered what we learnt from the artist Nick Heap. We inked our tile and took a print. Green – of course.



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Class – Frome

Frome had a brilliant visit from artist Nick Heap who showed us some of his own beautiful work, including some miniature wood block prints. He talked us through technique and safety and then we had a go at carving our own lino printing blocks of rainforest/tropical leaves. It needed a lot of persistence and concentration but we are really pleased with the results!



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Class – Orange

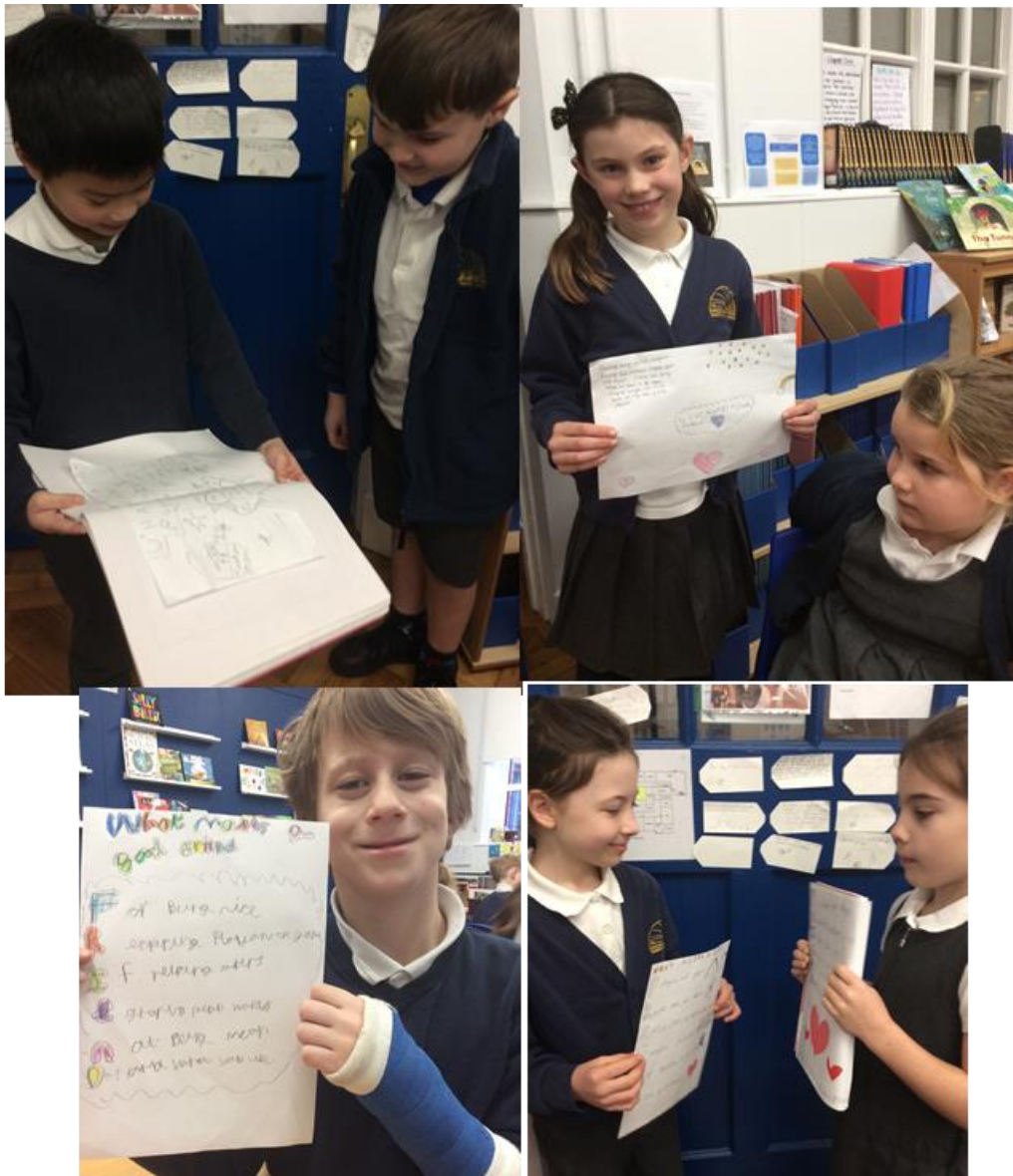
This week is Children's Mental Health Week. We have been joining in with circle times each day, sharing how we feel, playing games and coming together as a whole class. Some of our favourite games include 11's, who's the bug in the rug and the honey pot game. 'My Voice Matters' is the theme of the week and we drew pictures of things that we feel are important to us. We are looking forward to doing even more circle times next term!



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Cherwell

This week in Cherwell we have been asking the question: What Makes A Good Friend? In circle times and during recognition moments, we have offered each other lots of ideas about what this involves, including: being kind, thinking about things from the other person's point of view, taking turns, being respectful and treating each other as we would like to be treated ourselves.



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Class – Purple

This week in Maths we have been measuring. We have been using weighing scales, metre sticks and rulers. There have been lots of opportunities to do lots of practical maths this week by weighing lots of different things in the classroom such as water bottles and even the class reader! We also all enjoyed measuring the length of different places in the school such as the KS1 hall and the classroom.



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Class – Thames

Nick Heap, local artist, visited Thames and Wye classes on Tuesday. Our focus in Art this term is printing, so Nick shared with us some of his beautiful print work and explained how these were created with a variety of tools and materials.

Then he modelled the process from creating a design to using the linocut tools. The children then designed their printing tile and began carving the design into the lino. This was a very ambitious task and the children worked incredibly hard with brilliant focus and perseverance. We look forward to seeing the end results when we finish our tiles and print with them next term.



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Feet First Dance Festival 2024

On Monday, we were very excited and nervous because we went to the town hall to perform our dance to 'Dance the night away' by Dua Lipa from the Barbie film! It was the best thing ever, we had lots of fun. When we were not on stage we chatted a lot but when we got on stage we were silent and serious. At lunch time we shared sweets. It was very nice to see everyone else's dance, even when we watched another school use the same song as us! We were shocked! The dance was a delight to do and everyone gave us a huge cheer.

Alessia, Izzy and Corinne, Year 6.

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Safeguarding

Children's Mental Health Week

This week was Children's Mental Health Week. This has been a focus for daily PSHE lessons this week and our safeguarding assembly about looking after ourselves and our mental health online. The theme was My Voice Matters – this is about empowering children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

Mrs Gray has sent several resources out over the last couple of weeks to provide parents and carers with ideas to support children's mental health at home. We have put these on our school's website here:

[Naunton Park Primary School - Children's Mental Health](#)

To get started (if you haven't already), how about try prompting a conversation with your child over the half term using these sentence starters...

TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST
THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST
STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR
LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR
ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK
TO IF YOU WERE FEELING
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO
TO HELP YOU?

How about watching these together: [Moodboosters](#) | [Free primary school mental health resources - BBC Teach](#)

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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 19 th February	Y4 swimming (last session)
Monday 26 th February	Y5 swimming starts
Tuesday 27 th February	3:40-7:30pm Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28 th February	3:40-6:00pm Parent Consultations
Friday 1 st March	Sherborne Class Assembly
Monday 4 th March	Y5 swimming
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March	Y5 swimming
Wednesday 13 th March	3:30-4:00pm Open Classrooms
Friday 15 th March	Blue Class Assembly
Monday 18 th March	Y5 swimming
Monday 18 th March	RE Week
Monday 18 th March	Easter Celebration TBC
Monday 25 th March-Friday 5 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 8 th April	Y5 swimming
Monday 15 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 19 th April	Yellow Class Assembly
Monday 22 nd April	Y5 swimming
Monday 29 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 3 rd May	Purple Class Assembly
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 13 th May	Y5 swimming
Friday 17 th May	Green Class Assembly
Monday 20 th May	Y5 swimming
Monday 27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	RE Week
Monday 3 rd June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
Monday 3 rd June	Y5 swimming
Monday 10 th June	Y1/2 Phonic Screening Check Week
Monday 10 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Week
Monday 10 th June	Y5 swimming
Friday 14 th June	Red Class Assembly
Monday 17 th June	Y5 swimming – moved to Wed 19 th June
Wednesday 19 th June	Y5 swimming
Monday 24 th June	Y5 swimming
Friday 28 th June	Orange Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	9:30am, Y4-Y6 Swimming Gala at Cheltenham College
Monday 1 st July	Y5 swimming (last session)
Wednesday 3 rd July	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms
Friday 5 th July	Annual Reports home to parents
Monday 8 th July	Y6 PGL Week
Friday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd July	Summer Holidays

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

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