



Dear Families

Dear Families,

We have had a great start to the new term with lots of RE learning taking place this week. I have had the pleasure of teaching in a couple of classes this week and the children's knowledge and understanding of the topics they are learning of great. Next week we move onto our next piece of learning Step Back in Time: with a strong history and geography focus.

We delighted to introduce our new administrator and attendance officer Mrs Rachael Who started this week. has a strong background in education having been a headteacher herself. She has had a great week learning the ropes and we want to give her a warm NPPS welcome.

We have been inundated with offers of help with our STEM piece of learning for next term. I have started to reply to parents but still have about eight to go. It is clear we have a wealth of expertise within our families in this area.

Last night I finally started our Y6 NPPS Samba Band and WOW, they were amazing even after a 45min session, showing great potential for what we can achieve. I have loaned some drums from Gardeners Lane Primary School for one term and our intention is to perform to all parents, on the playground at the end of term. This may include a little bit of busking as we need to raise £2000 to purchase a whole set. This will enable me to teach a class of 30. My intention is to then teach more widely across the school as part of our music provision.

I am very much looking forward to the PTA quiz tonight and happy to say we are hosting it at school again after a chaotic flooding situation last year! The PTA work incredibly hard and give their free time to organise these events so please do come if you can – I understand we have about 80+ coming this evening, which is super!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Gayle Fletcher

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PTA

NPPTA Update

It's Spring Quiz night! Thank-you to everyone who has bought tickets (including those that have offered support via the non-attendance tickets).

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

The bar will be open from 7.30, accepting cash or card.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Fair planning - raffle coordinator wanted!

We are currently looking for someone to organise this year's summer raffle. We can provide you with a donation request letter, which will need to be sent out to a list of businesses and delivered to local businesses on Bath Road, the Suffolks and Montpellier. Donations will then need to be collected. Please email pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk if you can help.

Committee News

The current committee will be standing down at the end of this academic year. We are, therefore, looking for a new **Chair**, **Treasurer** and **Secretary** to step forwards. Other roles will be advertised in due course.

Ideally, we'd love anyone interested in these core roles to help us to organise the Summer Fair. This will provide a handover period and take a little pressure off our very small team.

We will hold the AGM to officially vote in the new committee members at the end of the summer term so you are prepared and ready to hit the ground running in September.

Please get in touch via Whatsapp or pta@nauntonpark.gloucs.sch.uk as soon as possible if you are interested in becoming Chair, Secretary or Treasurer.

More information about the roles and how the PTA operates can be found at:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/yLEFWiNp3ac4UD1K?ref=Link>



About Naunton Park Primary PTA

Every parent, carer and member of school staff is automatically a valued member of the Naunton Park Primary School Parent and Teacher Association.

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Class News

Class – Thames

This week in RE week, we have been answering the question 'For Christians, what impact did Pentecost have after Jesus left?'. The children have loved looking at a range of artwork showing Pentecost and discussing the different styles but also the similar aspects such as flames, disciples and the dove, representing the Holy Spirit. Today, we were visited by Mrs Tennant-Michael, a former teaching partner at Naunton Park, as she shared her faith with us and told us more about the Kingdom of God. The children asked fascinating questions such as 'Is the Kingdom of God heaven?' and 'What do Christians imagine the Kingdom of God to look like?'



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Class – Orange

This week has been RE Week and our leading question has been 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' We have learnt about Shabbat and how Jewish people prepare for Shabbat, listened to stories that are important to Jewish people, for example, the story of David and Goliath and learnt about the Jewish Festival of Light, Hanukkah. We made our own mezuzah's which are displayed outside our classroom door and created collages of menorah candles. Some of us chose to create one using a given picture and some of us created our own completely. Each one is unique and they are all wonderful! You might like to ask us why there are 9 candles! On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a Zoom call with Jenny from the Cheltenham Synagogue who was able to answer lots of our questions. We have certainly learnt a lot this week!



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Class - Purple

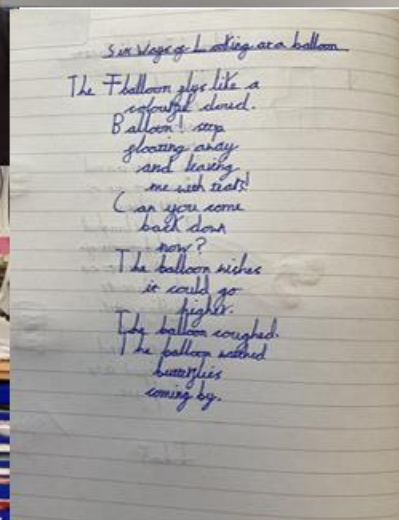
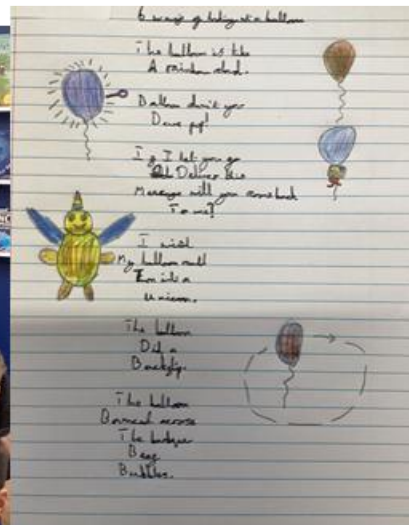
As part of RE Week, Year 2 had a visit from Sarah from Emmanuel Church. As part of our learning the children were exploring how to answer the question “Why does Easter matter to Christians?”. They have learnt all about the Easter Story and the many events that happen in this Holy Week. Sarah told us a lot more about the Easter Story and even got some of the children to demonstrate the importance of how Jesus is almost like a bridge between God and humans.



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Class – Cherwell

In Cherwell class this week, we have been busy learning the time on analogue clocks. We have also been being very creative with our poetry composition and have enjoyed sharing our poems with the class, practising our skills of oration and performance. It has been very impressive! Cherwell Class LOVE writing – and here's a picture of what they look like when they're told it's time to do English.



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Class – FROME & SEVERN

Year 5 have had a great start back to school this week and have been immersed in the study of two comparative religions – Islam and Judaism. It has been fascinating to compare the two religions and to make connections while thinking about our two Leading Questions: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? And, Why is the Torah important to Jewish People?

One of the highlights of the week has been recreating the Hajj in our very own playground! It rained. We had to suspend our disbelief.

The Hajj is a pilgrimage that Muslims try to take to Makkah once in their life time, it is one of the 5 Pillars of Islam – please ask your child to explain!

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2.



3.



4.



5.



1. Firstly, we went to Makkah and visited the Ka'ba; we walked around the Ka'ba seven times in an anticlockwise direction.
2. Next we ran seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwah.
3. We then drank from the well of Zamzam.
4. Following that we visited the Plain of Arafat.
5. Then we collected seven pebbles at Muzdalifah. We stopped at the Pillars of Jamarat to throw our pebbles at the pillars casting out evil. We finally returned to Makkah and again walked seven times around the Ka'ba.

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Year 6

RE Week

As part of our RE week, we were answering the question: What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people? After hearing the Easter story and finding out about the last supper, we visited Emmanuel church where Sarah, the vicar, told us more about Communion. These are some of the facts we found out:

- Communion derives from the Last Supper where Jesus broke bread into pieces and told his disciples to remember him whenever they ate it. He also told them to remember his blood when they drank red wine
- Different wine can be drunk e.g. alcoholic, non-alcoholic or grape juice
- Communion can happen anywhere at any time though it does often happen on a Sunday at church
- Anybody can take communion in certain churches. Emmanuel church is very welcoming and will allow anyone to take part in communion
- Communion can be taken to people who can't get to church e.g. if they are very ill. This is often a huge comfort
- Communion can have different names e.g. Communion, Mass, Eucharist...
- It can be taken at different places within a church building e.g. the altar or at a communion table which is usually positioned nearer the congregation at the front of the church
- Bread can be in wafer form or an actual loaf of bread
- In some churches, only the vicar can serve communion, but in other denominations, anyone can
- Wine is traditionally taken from the common silver cup which is wiped with a cloth every time someone has had a drink
- Communion makes the 'church' rather than the building itself



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Cheltenham Children's Orchestra

at St Edward's School

Every Friday from 19th April - 21st June 2024

4:30pm to 5:30pm

Minimum Grade 1 standard

Open to all Cheltenham children in Years 5 - 8

For more information and to sign up, contact
Nikki Pope at n.pope@stedwards.co.uk



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Safeguarding

How do children stay safe in school?

Safe Adults

Our rigorous recruitment processes & checks when visitors arrive at reception ensure that only safe adults are in school.

Visitors are reminded to ONLY enter via the office & must wear the appropriate lanyard that has been given to them by our office staff.

Supervision

Children are supervised at all times other than when visiting the toilet (unless other arrangements are made). When using the toilet, children wear a yellow band so that the adults know where they are going & only two children can be out of the classroom at a time. YR take this responsibility very seriously 😊

Pastoral support

We have a wonderful pastoral team who are available for all children as needed. Their experience equips them to support children with a wide variety of needs and children love using the Woodland Room, Glade & Mrs Gray's office to work with these adults.

Lunch Clubs

Children who find it tricky to manage time on the large playground & unstructured playtimes often spend their lunchtimes in the Woodland Room, Forest School area or YR outdoor classroom. They eat their lunch, play with friends and talk to adults. These spaces always have a lovely buzz!

School trips

We use GCC's system to Risk Assess school trips and always have a designated adult to effectively plan these in advance. We ensure that we have the correct supervision ratios needed to safely support the children, which varies for each year group and class, and make sure we have all contact numbers in case needed.

Safeguarding Curriculum

We are continuously teaching children about safeguarding; through their usual lessons, assemblies extra sessions delivered by other professionals & awareness days. You can read more about how we do this here: [Naunton Park Primary School - Safeguarding in the curriculum](#)

Clear procedures

You can see in our Visitors' Leaflet what our procedures are if we think that a child needs further support or school needs support from other professionals. These are also displayed around the school and are explained in our Child Protection Policy on the school's website.

School Rules

The children are excellent at explaining how our school rules keep themselves & others safe. Please ask your child to tell you about them & how all three keep them safe...

- ✓ Ready
- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Safe

First Aid

In our Visitors' Leaflets, you can see who our paediatric first aiders are (we have lots!) and who our adult first aiders are. First Aid kits are readily available during playtimes and medical boxes are kept in every classroom containing information about your child's medical needs.

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Diary Dates

Monday 15 th April	Y5 swimming
Friday 19 th April	Yellow Class Assembly
Monday 22 nd April	Y5 swimming
Tuesday 23 rd April	Y5 performance at Cheltenham Town Hall
Wednesday 24 th April	Y4 Times Tables parent/child workshops
Monday 29 th April	Y5 swimming
Monday 29 th April	Wildlife Quiz
Thursday 2 nd May	Y4 Ancient Greek Day, including Past Productions workshops
Friday 3 rd May	Purple Class Assembly
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 7 th May	Y2 'test' week
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
Tuesday 21 st May	3:30-4:00pm Open Classrooms
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 3 rd June	Y4 Science Festival trip
Wednesday 5 th June	Y1 Science Festival trip
Wednesday 5 th June	Y4 In the Net
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
Wednesday 19 th June	Y5 swimming
Wednesday 19 th June TBC	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Y6 School Beat workshops
Thursday 20 th June TBC	KS2 Sports Day 1 - field activities only (no parents)
Friday 21 st June TBC	KS2 Sports Day - field activities(no parents) & afternoon races (parents)
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
Friday 28 th June (after school)	Prince of Wales Athletics
Saturday 29 th June	PTA Summer Fair
Monday 1 st July	Y5 swimming (last session)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y6 School Beat workshops
Tuesday 2 nd July	2:30-3:00pm Open Classrooms (MOVED FROM WED 3 rd)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y6 Boyz 2 Men workshop (Y6 boys only)
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th July	Maths Puzzle workshops
Thursday 4 th July	Y6 School Beat workshops
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

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

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Recognition

Class	Ready Respect Safe	Effort Persistence Commitment
YR	Roark Lord Evie Biggs	Aleks Mokrzan Rose Lord
Y1	Lubabah Ahmed Alena Kikhtenko	Harper Laughton Mae Davis
Y2	Matilda Shreeve Izzy Perkin	Kit Champion Jack Heywood
Y3	Ted Berry Archie Morgan	Leo Amara Teddy Stonebridge
Y4	Bailey Doherty Stanley Batsford	Rosie Bolus Isla Garner
Y5	Sarah Grant Sophie Elliot Allen	Zeke Jabbar Natasza Naulls
Y6	Orestas Zemaitis Amir Darwood	Raffy Betts Sam Cambell

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