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Sunnyside Newsletter

Highlights of the Week

We are so excited to begin our new topic, 'Let's Celebrate!' in Acorns! Our first Book of the Week, *The Quiet Little Firework*, has sparked lots of wonderful conversations and learning about Bonfire Night. The children have enjoyed talking about fireworks and sharing their experiences of Bonfire Night. We have been developing our vocabulary by learning some exciting new words, including bang, boom, pop and sizzle. We have also had lots of fun creating our own colourful firework pictures, using different marks, movements and materials to represent the sounds and patterns of fireworks. To finish off our week with a bang, we even made our very own chocolate sparklers! The children loved getting creative and, of course, enjoyed taking them home so they can taste their delicious creations!

In Year 1 and 2 we have been exploring the world of minibeasts and discovering that they are invertebrates—animals without backbones. We have also been learning about different types of homes in our community, including detached and semi-detached houses, flats and bungalows. In RE, we have been thinking about how we can help make the world a better place through simple actions, such as saving water and switching off lights to save electricity.

This week, Year 3/4 have started exploring our new book, Flood, to inspire our writing. This book full of wordless has encouraged the children to look closely at the illustrations, share their impressions and develop their own ideas about the story. We have also begun bringing our ideas to life through watercolour paintings, showing a setting before and after a flood and exploring the impact of the rising water.

This week in year 5 and 6 we have started reading our new book, 'Trash', which focuses on the story of three friends who live in a landfill site. We spent time acting out different scenes from the book and creating images from different characters perspectives. We also started looking at properties of materials in year 5 science where we completed a scratch test, to test the hardness of different materials. In geography, we looked at longitude and latitude and talked about why climate changes in different parts of the world. We looked at the intensity of the sun at the equator compared to other parts of the world.

Questions of the Week

EYFS

Can you remember any of the exciting sounds fireworks make? Can you use words such as bang, boom, pop and sizzle?
What things do you celebrate and how?

Year 1 & 2

Can you name a minibeast?
What type of house do you live in?

Year 3 & 4

What style of paintings did Claude Monet create?
How can your choice of colours change the atmosphere of a painting?

Year 5 & 6

Can you find the first two common multiples of 4 and 5?
How far is Tokyo from the Equator?

Open Days for New Reception Starters

25th November - 10am
10th December - 10am and 4pm
6th January - 10am and 4pm

Please call the office to book your slot.
0115 9174310

Attendance

Whole School
All Pupils – 94.7%
Girls – 95.2%
Boys – 94.2%

NB. Colour coded in line with National. Attendance currently:
94.1%: Green = above national
Red = below national

Class Winner for week commencing 2nd November is: Sycamore with 99.1%

Pride Pound Winner

Our Pride Pound winner for week commencing 2nd November are **Team Resilience.**

Happy Lunchtime Winner

Our Happy Lunch time winner for week commencing 2nd November are Year 3 **Class**.

Menu – Week Commencing 9th November

Monday	One Pot Pasta with Sausage & Broccoli or Roast Vegetable Pasta, Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas	Steamed Jam Roll & Custard Cheese & Biscuits, Jelly, Yoghurt, Fruit
Tuesday	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Yorkshire Pudding, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Gravy Or Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Rosalie Biscuit Cheese & Biscuits, Jelly, Yoghurt, Fruit
Wednesday	Caribbean Chicken Curry or Vegetable, Pea and Potato Curry Steamed Rice, Sliced Carrots, Green Beans	Banana Sponge & Custard Cheese & Biscuits, Jelly, Yoghurt, Fruit
Thursday	Mince Beef Roll or Vegetarian Mince Roll New Potatoes, Garden Peas Or Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans/Tuna	Fruit Cookie Cheese & Biscuits, Jelly, Yoghurt, Fruit
Friday	Fish Finger (2) or Vegetarian Sausage Roll Chips, Baked Beans	Sprinkle Cake Muffin Cheese & Biscuits, Jelly, Yoghurt, Fruit

Dinner Costs: Nursery £1.80 per meal
Reception – Year 2: Free
Year 3 – Year 6: £2.95 per meal

Weekly Activities

Monday:
PE – Year 5 & 6
Forest School – Year 3 & 4
Choir Club – Year 2 – Year 6 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
Board Games Club – Year 5 & 6 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

Tuesday:
Drumba – Year 1 – 4 (AM)
Forest School – Year 5 & 6
Rocksteady Music Lessons – (PM)
Christmas Crafts Club – Year 1 & 2 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)
Musical Theatre – Year 4 – Year 6 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

Wednesday:
PE – Year 1 & 2
Forest School – EYFS

Thursday:
PE – EYFS
Forest School – Year 1 & 2
Swimming – Year 5 & 6 (PM)
Cooking Club – Year 5 & 6 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

Friday:
PE – Year 3 & Year 4
Forest School - Nurture
Cricket Club – Year 3 & 4 (3:30pm – 4:15pm)
Christmas Craft Club – Year 3 & 4 (3:30pm – 4:30pm)

Dates for your calendar

09/10 Hello Yellow non-uniform day
15/10 School Disco – EYFS 3:00pm, KS1/KS2 3:45pm
16/10 Last day of term
02/11 Inset day
03/11 Back to school
10/11 Remembrance day
11/10 Parent consultations
16/11 Odd Socks Day
20/11 Anti-bullying week University Day
23/11 Young Voices showcase and banner making
09/12 Winter Fair
15/12 Rock Steady Performance
16/12 Christmas dinner day
16/12 Christmas jumper day
TBC EYFS Nativity
18/12 Non-uniform (Party clothes)
18/12 Staff panto (Children only)
18/12 Class Christmas parties
18/12 Break up for Christmas
04/01 Inset Day
05/01 Back to school
07/01 Year 5 Young Voices at BP Pulse Birmingham
12/02 Last day of term
22/02 Inset day
23/02 Back to school

Christmas Fair – Selection Box Donations

We're excited to be bringing back our much-loved Santa's Grotto at this year's Christmas Fair!
EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children will enjoy a special visit from Santa in their classrooms during the school day and receive a gift, so they won't need a Grotto ticket at the fair.
To ensure every child visiting Santa receives a festive treat, we would be very grateful for donations of selection boxes.
Please hand any donations into the school office.
Thank you for your kindness and support in making Christmas magical for our children!

THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Childrens Emotional Health and Wellbeing Webinar

For Parents and Carers (Primary Age)

This one hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. We will explore common mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. We will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.

Tuesday 17th November 2026
12-1pm

Parents can join via Web using this link: https://www.microsoft.com/engb/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting by inputting the Meeting ID and Passcodes from the poster, by scanning the QR code or by clicking this link. Please note, parents won't be able to join until the day.

Meeting ID: 370 826 015 883 475
Passcode: bY9nN29n

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School OPEN DAY

for New Reception Starters

Come and see what makes
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a special place to learn and Shine!

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