



Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum last week – read on to find out what they said about their visit

Dear Parents and Carers



This week, we have seen pupils in Upper School using their trim trail on the edge of the field. Children from Years 3 to 6 have very much enjoyed being active as they challenge themselves to complete the course without touching the floor or getting around as quickly as they can.

We must remember that the Trim Trail was only installed last year as a result of some incredible fundraising from our wonderful PTA.

You will have seen the email sent yesterday from Faye and Kirsty, our PTA chairs of three years, containing the news that they are deciding to step down from their role as co-chairs. Kirsty and Faye have both shown so much dedication and commitment to the school through many events over the past few years. They both deserve admiration and appreciation from everyone associated with the school. Faye and Kirsty – thank you!

Also stepping down as Treasurer and Secretary are Ali Duffy and Abbi Adamson who also have fulfilled their roles diligently and with drive and determination.

This means that there are soon to be vacant positions as the Officers of the PTA. This is an exciting opportunity for someone to become more involved in day to day school life and fundraising for projects and equipment that benefit pupils so much. If you are interested, please contact Faye on the number shared in the email that went out yesterday.



Red Nose Day (or Comic Relief as it is officially called) is next Friday! Remember that we have a cake sale at the end of the day (cakes dropped off in the morning), children can also come in their own clothes for a donation and red noses are currently on sale from the office for £2 each which children can buy.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have booked a parent evening appointment for 25th or 26th March. We have over 75% of appointments booked already. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please book through your Arbor account.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

"I really enjoyed my phonics as I love learning"
Scarlett, Reception

"I loved lava lamps in science, it was extremely fun"
Rex, Year 1

"We made sculptures of clay in art, I loved the creativity"
Jolie, Year 2

"We went to Upton Court on our school trip and we were learning about the Egyptians and how they are mummified"
Aadriti, Year 3

"In music we have been learning about sound vibrations"
Oscar, Year 4

"We learnt how to compare fractions and decimals"
Zayena, Year 5

"Wayne Dixon came in to tell us about Easter Extracted – his performance was very entertaining" Georgia, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Thursday 20th March

Year 3 Sharing Assembly – 9am
Upper School Hall

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March

Parent Consultation Meetings

Thursday 27th March

Year 2 Sharing Assembly – 9am – US hall
PTA Bags 2 School

Friday 28th March

PTA Easter disco – purchase your ticket on Arbor

Thursday 3rd April

Year 4 Sharing Assembly – 9am – USH
Year 5 Space Horizons Workshop

Friday 4th April

Last day of term – early finish at 1.30pm

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Adam and Andreas

Year 1: David and Sophie

Year 2: Isaac and Inaaya

Year 3: Louise and Adeline

Year 4: Sam and Adam

Year 5: Jack and Aanya

Year 6: Ella and Jasmine

Attendance

Lower School: Ash winners with 98.3%

Upper School: Yew winners with 98%

School attendance this week

95%



Last week = 96.8%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values



We spoke about the school prayer this week. We recite our school prayer each assembly but decided that now was the time to look at what the words actually mean. We concluded that actually, it's just a happy and harmonious school in action!

Improved attendance

This term has started really well with very pleasing levels of attendance. We have seen 96.4% and 96.8% attendance for the first two weeks back and this week's attendance is 95.3% at the time of writing!

Thank you for your continued efforts with ensuring that children are only off school when they are too unwell to attend and for booking holidays, day trips and other absences outside of school term time.

Year 6 trip

Last week, Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum to support their learning about evolution in Science. Maicie (Yew class) wrote her thoughts about it below:

I enjoyed the Natural History Museum because you can see what you've never seen before and learn the history of animals and different species. My favourite part was seeing all the birds and the skeleton of the ground sloth.

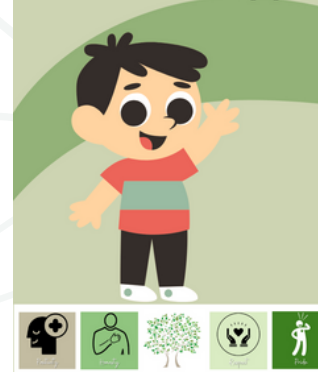
I would recommend it to other year groups as they would enjoy the facts and life cycle. It is suitable for year 6 as you could see if you are interested in history and maybe study it in secondary school. My favourite part of the workshop was seeing how the lizards could stick to a tree or hide.

It was absolutely spectacular and I would definitely go back.

Character Curriculum

This week had a focus on appreciating things. We discussed if as a result, everyone says thank you more, then we will be following our Wessex Way. Being appreciate of little things that people do for us should be recognised; hopefully you have noticed this at home too.

Appreciating things



- Noticing things and people around
- Saying thank you
- Being grateful
- Daily appreciation challenge
- Sometimes you can appreciate about small things

