

MORNINGTON

News



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOYCE

Dear Parents/Carers,

How are we already half-way through the school year? With so much to reflect back on this school year, it has been fantastic to see how our children have worked so hard, made great progress and engaged with a wide range of learning opportunities across all of our year groups.

I would like to remind all parents about our upcoming Parents' Evenings on 4th and 5th March. These provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. Please note that details regarding how to book an appointment were posted on Class Dojo earlier this week.

We are looking forward to seeing you all back after half term on Monday, 24th February, as we prepare for a very busy and productive Spring 2.

Thank you for your continued support in making this a great year for our children!

3/4 ART SHOWCASE

The Year 3/4 Art Showcase was a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many of our families in school, celebrating the children's incredible artwork. Inspired by Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, the students created stunning pieces that showcased their creativity and hard work. Thank you for your support - it truly means so much to our young artists!



BAKE SALE

Thank you for supporting Mrs Harvey in her charity bake sale. You helped to raise a massive £200.59. A huge thank you to you all!



SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Joyce, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Smith or Mrs Wood. Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. If you have urgent concerns about a child, or suspect that a child has been abused in any way outside of school, please call 0300 500 8080 to report your concerns and seek advice.

GOOD LUCK MRS WEBB

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Webb as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and Mr Webb all the very best during this exciting time as they prepare to welcome their new addition. Mrs Webb, we will all miss you and we can't wait to meet the little one!

We welcome Miss Ray, who will be covering Class Raleigh until the end of this academic year.



ORACY AT MORNINGTON

This year, Oracy is a key focus in our curriculum. We have started our 'Oracy' journey in collaboration with Voice 21, a charity which supports schools to ensure children learn through talk and to talk.



Evidence suggests that children who can articulate their ideas clearly and who are confident speakers will thrive in school and beyond. Our children are becoming familiar with 'discussion guidelines' and listening ladders.' Our shared school vision is that 'every child will leave our school being confident, articulate and respectful speakers and listeners who can express their feelings, engage in purposeful conversation and know their views matter in today's society.'

You can support your child at home through simple activities such as talking about their school day and chatting about books that they read.

MATHS MASTERS

In January, four children from KS2 were selected to take part in a Maths Masters event at Homefields Primary School. The children worked exceptionally well as a team. The competition was challenging and fast-paced, but they rose to each task and demonstrated amazing ability and enthusiasm.

The team finished an impressive fifth overall, of which we are all very proud. Well done!



SPRING STAR AWARDS

FS2

Aadhi
Kaushal

Milan
Khajeh

Y1/2

Tia Zidan

Ozzie
Yates

Isla Dyson

Y3/4

Renzo
Tatar

Aarti
Digwa

Layla
Stubbs-
Shaw

Y5/6

Diya
Vinod

Yaa
Oppong

Michelle
Georgieva

Spanish

Molly
Brannigan

Music

Kiyaan
Prasad

Samah
Nawaz

Sport

Taylan
Atasoy

Marli Ball

DOJO WINNERS

Samah Nawaz
Kayden McLarty
Ramirez Weir
Diya Digwa
Diya Vinod
Eunice Chu

Jenson Waldram
Elsie-Leigh
Hodgkiss
Lottie Bradshaw
Florence Bales

Afia Botchway
Harry Wain
Lucas Abbott
Joseph Scott
George Gray

Chester Brown
Marli Ball
Erica Wells
Yaa Oppong
Alisa Naz

DIARY DATES

These are always given in good faith, but may sometimes change to circumstances beyond our control.

FEBRUARY

14th - Break up for half term
24th - Children back in school
24th - Class Wollaton begin swimming lessons

MARCH

4th - Parents' evening
5th - Parents' evening
17th - School disco
25th - Year 3/4 production
31st - Class Trent begin swimming lessons
31st - Year 6 residential

APRIL

4th - Last day of Spring term
21st - Bank Holiday
22nd - Children back in school

MAY

5th - Bank Holiday
12th-15th - Year 6 SATs begin
23rd - Break up for half term

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day took place on 11th February. This year's theme was based on 'Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Scams Online.'. It aimed to develop our children's understanding of the importance of online privacy - knowing who they are talking to, who they play games with, and checking the information they share with others.

In school, the children took part in various age-appropriate lessons and activities.

We would be grateful if you could continue the conversation at home about online safety. To help you with this, more information can be found on the BBC - Safer Internet Day website.

Together, we can ensure that the internet remains a valuable resource for learning and connecting with the world while keeping our children safe from harm.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

FS2

Our summary: The children have really enjoyed this half term's topic learning about the Earth, moon and the solar system. We have had fun acting out the story Whatever Next, making jam sandwiches and sampling Chinese food when we celebrated Chinese New Year. All the children through school loved our Dragon Parade and they thought our children were very brave to walk through all the classes!

The children were so surprised when the aliens who love underpants mysteriously dropped their cargo all over the KS1 playground! This was a fantastic start to our Literacy learning to sequence the story and describe an alien. The children have also designed pants and created blow paint aliens.

In music, Mrs Boneham has been really impressed with the children's learning as they have been playing ukuleles! She has even commented that they are the best group she has ever taught with these instruments.



Next half term our topic will be People Who Help Us and we have some exciting learning activities planned!

YEAR 1/2



We have come to the end of a very busy half term and our unit of work, 'An Island Home'. Much of our topic work has focused on geography, where we explored the physical and human features of coastal places and why you might visit the seaside. The children have produced some lovely writing, proudly displayed in each classroom. Additionally, we based further writing on the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', where the children engaged with the setting, the character of Mrs Grinling, and then retold the story. Some of our Year 2 children innovated the narrative, devising their own imaginative plans to rescue Mr Grinling's lunch from the seagulls! Spelling and handwriting continue to be a key focus.

In computing, the children have enjoyed using Beebots to learn about programming and debugging. In art, we practised sketching techniques, and the results have been fantastic, showcasing their concentration and attention to detail!

Next half term, we will dive into 'The Tales of Nottingham', exploring the legacy of Robin Hood.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE HALF TERM

YEAR 3/4



This half term has been a fantastic journey for year 3/4! We delved into the enchanting picture book Journey, sparking our imaginations to create our own narratives. It's been wonderful to see the unique stories unfold, showcasing each child's creativity.

We also took a fascinating look at the works of Van Gogh, where we recreated the iconic Starry Night. The vibrant colours and swirling patterns certainly inspired us all! Plus, the excitement is building as we prepare for our upcoming production, 'Rocking Romans'. Everyone is keen to step into character and bring the show to life.

Stay tuned for more updates!

YEAR 5/6

It has been a fantastic half-term for Year 5 and 6, full of learning, debate, and creativity. We investigated reversible and irreversible changes in science lessons, focusing on solubility and methods for separating mixtures. Through hands-on experiments, the children explored how different materials interact and change. In geography, children learned about the global supply chain, natural resources, and the principles of Fairtrade. A highlight was our interactive roleplay activity, where students took on the roles of different countries with varying resources and had to trade to increase their wealth. The children also designed and built their own models of cars of the future in our design and technology lessons. They considered innovative and sustainable features, putting their problem-solving and engineering skills to the test.



THE CAVE



This half term, we have been looking at information books covering a range of exciting topics, including Sports, Countries, Technology, Animals, Sea Life, and Artists. Each week, we selected books from the library, exploring the pages that ignited the children's curiosity. During Sports Week, we designed our own tennis rackets and enjoyed a lively game of balloon tennis. The highlight was our "Flags of the World" sing-along, where the children participated with great enthusiasm. In our Technology sessions, the children were excited to navigate the Bee-Bots around the classroom. Animal Week had us creating rhythmic animal noises to a catchy song, while we crafted beautiful wave sound makers for our sea theme. During Artist Week, we embraced creativity with various colouring materials. Our favourite activity was making magical rainbow bread which saw us mixing, kneading, colouring, rolling and tasting our delightful creation!