

Primary Matters

News and Information from Primary Phase - Term 4, 2023-24

Vice Principal's Message

This term has flashed past and was done before we knew it; however, we still managed to achieve a huge amount of positive experiences and learning in a very short time. The Science Fair saw students from Year 5-8 displaying their projects in the school hall and canteen and I was so proud to hear the confident and knowledgeable way in which students communicated the purpose and outcomes of their science projects to adults. Thank you for all the parental support in carrying out investigations at home and supporting the event. Our Spotlight Assemblies have begun with classes from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 presenting their learning so far this year with other classes to follow. It is clear that students in the primary phase are enjoying their lessons and making good progress in all aspects of their learning. We continue to award stars for positive points and this term have presented our very first gold star for reaching 350 achievement points - very well done Austin.

I think that this year's World Book Day has to be the most comfortable (and cheapest) one yet and I have had numerous requests for PJ Friday to become a regular fixture! I'm not sure how trustees will view that, but I'm sure it won't be the last PJ day we have. Comic relief raised a total of £1812.60 for non-uniform day; students truly showed their concern for society through giving generously to a good cause.

Next term, we will begin to implement our new curriculum. Teachers will spend the training day on 15th April planning how to deliver the new units and we will give full details on the class Teams channels once the plans have been finalised. We will also begin planning Sports Day, Transition Day and will put the finishing touches to plans for enrichment trips and residential to York and the Isle of Wight.

I wish you all a good break and look forward to seeing students back on 16th April.



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Spotlight Assemblies



We are so pleased that Spotlight on Learning Assemblies have now started. These assemblies are a chance for each class to show off their learning for the year so far. They are family events where we welcome parents, pre-school siblings and other family members into school to watch these fantastic performances. Siblings from both primary and secondary phases are also invited to watch the performances.

The pressure was on 5AP as the first class to put on their show at the beginning of March.. Parents enjoyed an informative performance which included their learning about the planets. In the following week, 2MSDK put on their assembly all about their Tudor learning with an entertaining round of The Masked Wife!

The 3rd and 4th Spotlight on Learning Assemblies were put on by children in 3JW and then 3KO where they made good use of costumes, especially the Greek costumes.

If your child is in Year R - Year 5 and you haven't yet received an invitation to their class's Spotlight on Learning Assembly, please keep an eye on your email. Invitations will be sent out as soon as the date has been confirmed. Children in Year 6 will put on an 'end of phase' celebration performance at the end of the school year; details about this and other arrangements for the end of the year will be sent out separately.

A quick reminder that if you are attending one of our assemblies, only parents with a valid parking permit should be using the school car park. We politely ask that anyone without a valid car park permit either walks to the performance or parks on the road.

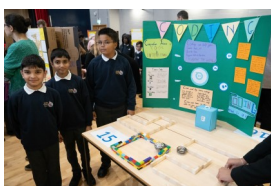
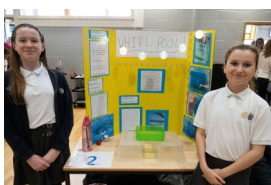
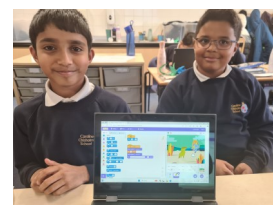
British Science Week



British Science Week is always a highlight of our academic calendar and this year is no exception. Each year group picked their own focus with some very interesting experiments.

Some of the highlights included Foundation Stage children learning about the life cycle of a seed. They planted and grew their own cress and observed the changes over time. Once the cress was fully grown, the children made and enjoyed their own cress sandwiches. They also investigated colour mixing by making their own rainbows.

Another highlight was in Lower KS2 where the focus was on strategy and collaboration! The children explored various scientific enquiries, including: creating a swinging pendulum to measure time and designing a vehicle to travel as quickly as possible across a set distance. In groups, the children used self-regulation to test and improve their strategies in order to achieve the best outcomes. We were very proud of the resilience and teamwork shown by our scientists in Years 3 and 4!



As part of the week, children from Year 5 and 6 were invited to take part in our annual Science Fair together with students in Year 7-8; we were also pleased to welcome children in UKS2 from Woodland View Primary School. In total, we had over 150 participants—our biggest ever.

Some of our sixth formers kindly volunteered their time to help our younger students work on presentations over many lunchtimes.

On the day, students proudly showcased their incredible science, technology or maths themed inventions with the winning project being chosen by a panel of external judges. Congratulations to our 1st place project designed by two of our Year 7 students.

"...simply want to say thank you! For such a large school I personally think you are great at trying to manage the car parking and think the school walking bus is brilliant. Credit to all those teachers that are involved in that, no matter what the weather! "

Parent



Dates for Your Diary

School reopens

- 4CH start swimming sessions
- CCS Friends Primary Disco
- Year 3/4 Bikeability (selected students only)
- Primary class photos
- Year 3 trip to Thinktank
- 1LL Spotlight on Learning assembly
- 4AWCM Spotlight on Learning assembly

Tuesday 16th April

Wednesday 17th April

Thursday 18th April

Friday 19th April

Monday 22nd April

Friday 26th April

Friday 26th April

Friday 3rd May





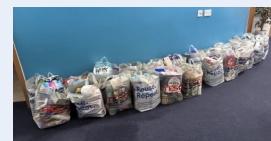
Check Mate!

Many congratulations to Aaryan in Year 4 who continues to display High Performance in chess competitions. Aaryan was the under 9 winner of the England Chess Federation Bedford Tournament and third in the West London junior chess championship. His success shows the qualities of Practice, Perseverance, strategy planning and risk taking, which have seen him win multiple competitions this academic year. Aaryan we are so proud of you, well



Caring is Sharing

A quick thank you to our school community for another successful 'Caring is Sharing' drive. Thanks to your generous donations, we managed to help another 30 families with food and toiletries to use over the Easter break. Special thanks goes again to Kajima, for their charitable donation, as well as Tesco Mereway for the donation of bags.



Year 2 - Tudor Day

Earlier in the term, Year 2 children had a lovely time at our annual Tudor Day. The day was filled with lots of learning and plenty of fun. We saw some amazing Tudor costumes, including many noble lords and ladies.

During the day, activities included designing their own coat of arms, writing their names with an ink and quill, making their own portrait, playing some Tudor games and some Tudor skipping.

The highlight of the day was a Tudor catwalk to show off all the fabulous outfits and then doing some Tudor group dancing. Everybody had a fabulous time!



Year 3 - Greek Day

Last week, children in Year 3 took part in Greek Day! The day started with children coming into school dressed as an Ancient Greek; thank you to parents for their creativity in making some excellent costumes!

Children took part in many Ancient Greece themed educational and exciting activities, including learning about the Greek alphabet and writing their name in Greek, competing in some Olympic events, doing some Greek Zorba dancing, finding out about Greek myths and legends and examining some Greek artifacts. A highlight of the day was the fabulous Greek food tasting - there were some interesting faces pulled by the children!



Your child's Curriculum Matters Newsletter for next term is now available to view.

Log onto their Teams account and check out the relevant channel!