

2016

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Best News...

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Week Ahead

Mon.	22 nd	-	BACK TO SCHOOL Yr 5/6 Harry Potter Movie Club Dance Club	6B Lunchtime (after first sitting) School hall 3.20 - 4.20pm
Tues.	23 rd	-	Guitars lessons am Yr 4 Fun Maths Club Yr 5/6 Korfball Yr 5/6 Harry Potter Movie Club Drums pm Cooking Club	1pm in 4P Lunchtime (after first sitting) 6B Lunchtime (after first sitting) Mobile 3.20pm - 4.30pm
Wed.	24 th	-	Keep it Moving Club Guitars lessons am Yr 5/6 Harry Potter Movie Club Keyboard lessons pm Woodwind pm Yr 3/4 Football Skillforce - The Princes Trust Instrumental Concert	School Hall 8.30am 6B Lunchtime (after first sitting) Mobile ICT Suite 3.15-4.30pm 4.30pm finish School Hall, Evening
Thur.	25 th	-	Korfball Year 3/4 Funky Hama Bead Club Yr 5/6 Harry Potter Movie Club Samba Club Drums pm Gymnastics Art Club	Lunchtime (after first sitting) 6Q Lunchtime 6B Lunchtime (after first sitting) School Hall 3.15 - 4.30pm Mobile 6J 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Fri.	26 th	-	Yr 5/6 Harry Potter Movie Club Drama Club	6B Lunchtime (after first sitting) 3.20-4.20pm

Dates for Your Diary:

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

w/c 14th March - How Hill (Yr 4)

Friday 18th March - Free dress day please bring a donation for the Easter Egg Raffle

Wednesday 23rd March - Easter Raffle

Wednesday 16th March - Harry Potter Studio Tour (Yr 5/6)

Wednesday 16th March - CASMA

Tuesday 22nd March - Bewilderwood (Yr 3)

HOUSEPOINT TOTALS



Buckingham	(Green) 457	Total - 43
Balmoral	(Blue) 667	Total - 51
Sandringham	(Yellow) 475	Total - 32
Windsor	(Red) 333	Total - 54

Congratulations to **Balmoral** this week!

THE ATTENDANCE CUP



Was awarded to
5G

With attendance of 100%
For the week 1st - 5th February 2016

READING PROJECT



Mystical Creatures



Reading week will be from Monday 14th March – Friday 18th March 2016

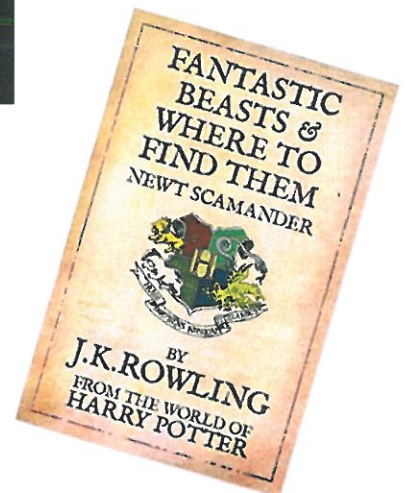
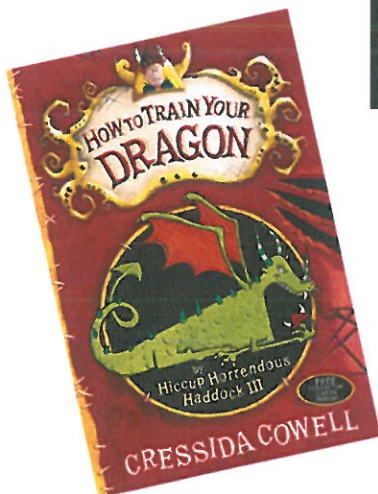
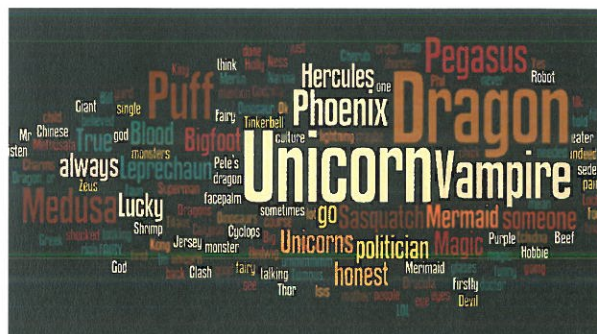
We have many exciting things planned to promote reading during this project.

- Upper school will be reading the story **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** by **J.K Rowling**. Lower school will be reading **How to Train Your Dragon** by **Cressida Cowell**.
- Lessons including Guided Reading, Drama, and ICT for example, will use **the books** as their focus
- Talk Homework activities will be based on **Mystical Creatures**.
- Two exciting trips will take place to go alongside the reading project. Upper school will be visiting Harry Potter World, Year 3 will be visiting Bewilderwood and Year 4 will be going to the Norwich Castle a few weeks after reading week. Year 3 will also have the opportunity to take part in a Dragons Drama workshop.

Taking part in these Reading Projects have clear outcomes for the children;

- Improved progress in Communication, Language and Literacy
- Positive attitudes to learning
- Raised self-esteem and confidence
- Enthusiasm for reading and books
- Establish book/author preferences

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has published research which showed that reading books as a family had the greatest impact on academic performance; this includes improvement in reading achievement, language comprehension, expressive language, interest and attitudes to reading and attentiveness in the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support.





Overview

Our main goal is to encourage children to read more and have fun while they are doing it. Pupils are encouraged to read as many and as wide a range of books as they can in the three months of the competition. The website includes a library of over 100 online books to choose from, but pupils may also read any other books offline outside of the competition library and then log them on their Read for My School account.

- Read for My School is fully compatible with most major tablets and can be accessed via Kindle and iPad so that children can access books in whatever way they find most enjoyable.
- We have added new books to the online library, increasing choice for new and repeat participants.
- You are able to assign specific books to pupils in your Reading Group as well as setting your own written assessment tasks and inviting pupils to complete them online.

Setting Up Pupil Accounts

Pupils can set up their own accounts.

- Go to www.readformyschool.co.uk click on 'sign up as a pupil'.
- Insert the Classroom Code 353017
- Complete the short form to set up user name and password.

Prizes and Awards

Read for My School rewards reading legends who achieve incredible things during the competition.

Teachers can nominate their reading legends by filling in the form on the website. There are four categories of reading legend, Explorers, Voyagers, Conquerors and Pioneers. More information can be found on the website, along with judging criteria and downloadable certificates for you to reward your own reading legends. Winning pupils will receive a tower of 15 books!

TALK HOMEWORK & 'WOW' WORDS

Each week we send a Talk Homework activity and 'Wow' Words home and we would be very grateful for your support.

We are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which in turn will help them with their writing. "If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Please spend at least 10 minutes talking with your child about the questions below:

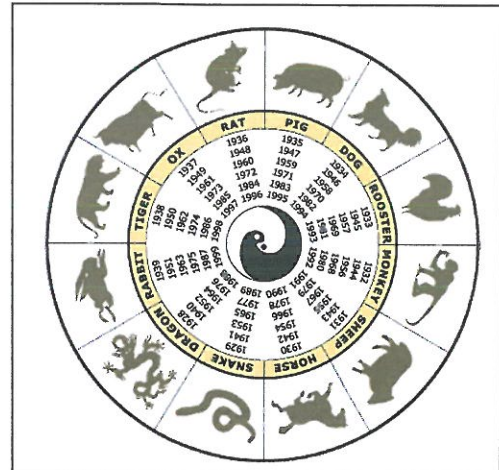
This year, Chinese New Year - The Year of the Monkey - begins on Monday February 8 and lasts until Jan 27th, 2017. Each Chinese New Year is characterised by one of 12 animals which appear in the Chinese zodiac. This year it's the Year of the Monkey, the ninth animal in the cycle. The next Year of the Monkey will be in 2028.

Which Chinese Zodiac sign are you?

Your sign is derived from the year you were born in the Chinese lunar calendar.

The years below are a rough guide:

Rat: 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960
Ox: 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961
Tiger: 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962
Rabbit: 2011, 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963
Dragon: 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964
Snake: 2013, 2001, 1989, 1977, 1965
Horse: 2014, 2002, 1990, 1978, 1966
Sheep: 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967
Monkey: 2016, 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968
Rooster: 2017, 2005, 1993, 1981, 1969
Dog: 2018, 2006, 1994, 1982, 1970
Pig: 2019, 2007, 1995, 1983, 1971



Find out what characteristics the Chinese associate with the different animals and see if your animal represents you well. This information is easy to find on the internet. You can compare your family members and friends!



In Big Talk, we use 'WOW' Words to improve our vocabulary and 'big up' our sentences to make them more interesting

Our 'WOW' Word this week is;



Festivity

(anniversary, bash, ceremony, festival, gala, jubilee, observance, party, performance)

Please encourage your child to use this word, in the right context, as much as possible.

- The 'Talk Homework' and 'WOW' words will be set every Friday in the newsletter; children will then share their 'Talk' with their class on a Tuesday morning.
- We will encourage the children to use the WOW word throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in helping your child.

Maths App of the Week!

Math Academy Free (The App Gate Inc.)

Multiple choice quiz on addition, subtraction, Multiplication and division.



Behaviour

As you will be aware, the Blue Book is used in school for pupils whose behaviour has been consistently disruptive or unacceptable despite several warnings from the teacher; the Red Book is used for one off violent or inappropriate incidents.

Happily, the general behaviour in school is excellent and these sanctions are rarely used. However, we would like to advise that any child who is put in the Red Book or Blue Book will not be able to attend the school disco at the end of that half term. This will be in place from next half term, beginning February 22nd.

This is to ensure unacceptable behaviour is sanctioned whilst the good behaviour of the vast majority of children is rewarded. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

A quick reminder that skinny jeans, trainers, boots, non-stud earrings and nail polish are NOT suitable school uniform. Please ensure that your child does not wear any of these items to school.

Mindfulness Group for Parents and Children

Cathy Fiddy is offering a new group session of Mindfulness for a parent to attend with their child. Mindfulness teaches you the importance and benefits of taking time out of our busy lives to breath, be calm and find ways to relax through Mindfulness techniques. The classes will be held in The Friend's Lodge, 7-8pm beginning on Mon 11th April for 6 weeks. The cost of the sessions are £7 per session for the adult but free for the accompanying child. Please let me know by filling in the slip below and returning it to the school office, if you are interested in gaining a place

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MINDFULNESS SESSIONS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

FRIEND'S LODGE AT WWL

Name

I am interested in attending the six Mindfulness sessions at WWL 7-8pm, starting Monday 11th April.

Signature

Contact no.



VALENTINE DISCO (WULS children only)

This Evening! 7.00 – 9.00pm



The disco begins at 7.00pm and the children will not be let into school before then, so please ensure children do not arrive at school before this time. The main school entrance by the office is the door to use. Parents coming by car should note that, for safety reasons, the school car park cannot be used to drop children off.



Please be aware that the side gates will be locked. The Friends charge £1.00 for entrance and children can bring some pocket money to buy drinks and snacks throughout the evening. We will also be selling Glow Sticks; Glow bracelets, Glow 'Bunny Ears' and Glow Glasses.

All pupils must be collected at the end of the evening by an adult. Children leave the hall through the main entrance and we suggest you meet your children in the car park and by the main school gate. The school gate is closed so cars cannot use the car park at the end of the disco. We stagger the finish to make it a little easier to reunite parents and children as follows;



- Year 3 will leave at 8.50pm
- Year 4 will leave at 8.55pm
- Years 5 and 6 will leave at 9.00pm.

Parent helpers are always welcome. If we do not get sufficient support from parents we may need to cancel the disco for health and safety reasons. Many staff attend these events but not the whole staff, so we, and the Friends committee, need help! If you are able to support this event, speak to one of the parents on the friends committee or just leave your details at the school office and you will be contacted!



Book Club Bake Sale



Well done to Book Club who organised a "Mad-Hatters-Tea-Party themed Bake Sale" in order to raise money for their next read. There were some amazing culinary creations and some great costumes too! Altogether, Book Club raised £62.86, enough money to buy the next book on their wish list with some in reserve. A delicious way to raise funds!



Library Bus Officially Open!



Author, Guy Bass, came to speak to Year 3 today and officially opened our Library Bus!

After half-term all children will be able to take home a stage book and any book from the library bus (fiction or non-fiction). Fiction is on the top deck and the bottom contains non-fiction, poetry, picture books, magazines and comics.



Stage Books continue to be a child's main text for reading homework but can be supplemented by other texts at the class teachers discretion and dependent on other projects going on in school such as 'Read For My School'. We are improving the range of stage books but they are currently the best way to ensure children read a range of genre and text type at their ability level.



Calling all Philatelist's (Stamp Collectors!)

If you or a member of your family have a passion for stamp collecting then you are invited to contact the school office, week commencing 2nd February, who have something that may be of great interest to you!



Active Kids Vouchers



We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again which will help us to buy more useful equipment for the school. We would be grateful for any vouchers you may have and a box will be situated in the reception area for collection. For more information please see: ActiveKids@em.Sainsburys.co.uk

Half Term Events

There are many activities locally to keep the children occupied over half term. Some of the inspiring ideas can be seen on the following websites:

<http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk>

http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/childrens_services/activities_for_children_and_young_people/childrens_university/index.htm (to sign up to the Childrens University newsletter)





GOLDEN BOOK AWARD

Congratulations to the following pupils for providing us with 'WOW' moments and for being entered into our Golden Book;

Danny Crosswell, Zehra Hameed (twice), Phoebe Howard, Harry O'Callaghan, Max Southern, Grace Spiaks, Amina Beban, Charlotte Ring, Millie Britcher and Liam Aranendia



STARS OF THE WEEK



Carmen Barnes 3S

For showing real enthusiasm during our history lessons on Ancient Egypt and coming up with some great ideas.

Ethan Head 3S

For his constant hard work and perseverance in all lessons.

Henry Mann 3S

For having a go at pronouncing new words in French. Très bien, Henry!

George Gladden 3C

For sharing his jaw-dropping facts about sharks. He amazed the entire class with his knowledge!

Joshua Dobson 3B

For fantastic focus and good contributions in History, learning about Ancient Egyptians.

Evie Craven 3B

For showing great understanding of reading comprehension this week and for always working hard.

Leo Parsons-Finch 4SR

For making a real effort to concentrate in Maths.

Lauren Minns 4SR

For great focus in maths with great test results.

Phoebe Mears 4S

For demonstrating excellent grammar and punctuation knowledge in her recent assessment.

Christian Perry 4S

For working as a fantastic recorder in this week's PATH's lesson.

Finley Stevenson 5QR

For making a massive effort in all lessons. His progress continues to go up and up!

Ashton Norman 5QR

For insightful contributions as to why certain types of parachutes would have more/less air resistance.

Owen Pamplin 6B

For showing great improvement in his reading

Charlotte Ring 6B

For brilliant progress across all subjects!

Spring Half term Holiday Challenges 2016

You can earn up to 11 credits for completing the half term challenges – all you need to do is collect evidence (photos, a scrapbook or diary) and show them to your CU co-ordinator at school (or your local library for CU families).

<p>Grow your own food</p> <p>Use the internet or a book to find out about how to grow vegetables from seed. Sow your own vegetable seeds – cucumbers, tomatoes, leeks and aubergines can all be started off inside at this time of year, ready to be planted outside as the months become warmer. (1 credit)</p>	<p>Make your own slime</p> <p>Visit: http://www.wikihow.com/Make-Slime-Without-Borax for slime recipes – try out a couple and compare the slime you make. Write your own slime recipe and try it – how did your slime come out? (up to 2 credits)</p>	<p>Design a board game</p> <p>Spend time looking at board games and thinking about different board game ideas. Write or type out rules and instructions for your own board game. Use arts and crafts materials to make your board and other parts of your game – ask friends and family to play and try it out with you. (up to 3 credits)</p>
<p>Make a giant piece of artwork</p> <p>Using your garden or another outdoor space, use the debris from winter to create a piece of art work! Use old leaves, sticks, twigs, branches, water and anything else you can find to create your own giant picture – how big can you make it? (1 credit)</p>	<p>Celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday year!</p> <p>Find a cosy place and write your own revolting rhyme or an alternative medicine for George, or create your own description of Mr and Mrs Twit. You can write whatever you like as long as it is inspired by one of Dahl's poems or stories! (upto 2 credits)</p>	<p>Bake a Valentine themed delicious treat</p> <p>With love in your heart, bake something delicious to celebrate the people you love. Visit http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collectio/n/valentines-biscuits for lots of ideas or design your own. (2 credits)</p>

COME FOR A WALK



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Maids Head Ring Road Walk

Good Friday
25th March 2016
The Maids Head Pub
Ipixworth Road, Old Catton, Norwich

To obtain a sponsor form please call at The Maids Head or
all Shelly on 01603 408028
mobile : 07527 266115
mail : shellycarrigan@ymail.com

At your
Library

Fit, Fun and Fruity February

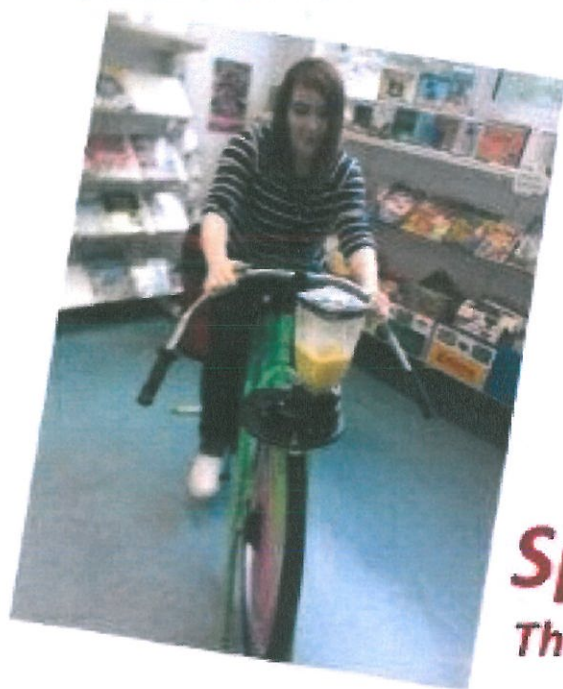
*Come to your library and
discover a Fit and Fun way of
getting your 5 a day*

*Blend your own Fruity Smoothie by
Pedal Power*



*Have a go on the Smoothie
Bike, discover fitness and fun
from the past, find out how
getting and staying Fit can be
really Fun!*

*Fix your Fitness with Fun,
make a pledge to pave your way*



Sproston Library

Thursday 18 February, 2.30 - 4pm

**Stay Warm
and Well** this winter

- ✓ Keep warm and heat your living areas to 21°C
- ✓ Stay healthy and have a flu jab
- ✓ Check on friends and neighbours
- ✓ Find out about financial help



www.norfolk.gov.uk/warmandwell
0344 800 8020

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YELLOW & BLUE
fundraising
WALK

Saturday 26th March 2016

Join us for The Yellow and Blue Fundraising 'Ring Road' Walk, approx 12.5 mile walk around the Norwich ring road, to raise funds for the refurbishment of the OCJFC pavilion at Lavare Park and for the Melanoma UK charity.

Arrive at 9.00am for 9.30am start at Lavare Park, Old Catton

The walk will start and finish at Lavare Park

More information and sponsor forms available at oldcattonjuniorfc.azurewebsites.net or contact Pete Marron **07503040526** or OCJFC@Live.co.uk

BBQ
AND
REFRESHMENTS
available
after the walk

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