



Friday 1st March 2024

MR MOTION'S MEMO

Merci beaucoup Mme. Laetitia for organising a whole day of themed activities for French Day on Thursday. In this week's newsletter you'll see us dressed to impress in red, white and blue, enjoying a French quiz in assembly and sharing the treats that families so kindly brought in from home. Quelle journeé!

Congratulations to our girls football team who returned from their hardfought fixture vs. Gatehouse in high spirits on Wednesday. We were delighted to welcome a full (incoming) Reception class and their families to Faraday for their first stay and play on Friday. Our amazing Year 5 $\&\,6$ children who kindly volunteered gave them a warm Faraday welcome and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. We look forward to seeing them all again when they start with us in September.

It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and we are inviting all parents to come in to school between 8.15-9am to read with their children in classrooms. More information on Page 4.

Have a great weekend!

RECEPTION

This week has flown by and we are now fully in the swing of our second spring term. We continue to impress ourselves and our adults with al of the wonderful learning we are doing.

Over the past two weeks, we have been exploring empathy as a school and in our class have been spending a lot of time thinking and talking about what empathy means and how we can show empathy to those around us. We listened to a lovely story called 'It Will Be Okay' by Lisa Katzenberger and really enjoyed the message that it had. We don't always have to understand why someone feels the way they do, but we do have to respect their feelings and try our best to help them to feel better.

French Day was a highlight of our week and we all looked wonderful in our red, white and blue. We loved practising our French and trying all of the tasty treats that our friends brought in to share. C'était tellement amusant!

> We hope you have an amazing weekend! From, Reception!

Next Show & Tell: Hawking House (Aadya, Kainit, Lili, Sky)













YEAR 1

We kicked off this week with some very exciting learning about transport from the past, and had a go at making our own Viking boats with Ms. Darci!

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers beyond 20. Year 1 have really impressed us with their skip counting in 10s! We can also partition (separate) numbers into tens and ones. What super mathematicians we are!

In English, we have finalised our space fact-files, and are ready to send pictures of our amazing work to Astrid, from 'Astro Girl'. We did some wonderful research and are so proud of our finished booklets.

French Day was definitely a highlight this week, and we enjoyed participating in a special French quiz, food tasting, and France-themed choosing activities throughout the day. Merci, Mme. Laetitia!

In PSHE, we have been working on how to show empathy towards others. Sometimes we might not know why a person is feeling a certain way, but we can think about what they need and what we can do to help them feel OK again. It has been lovely to see Year 1 showing empathy towards each other.

Have a wonderful weekend, Year 1!



YEAR 2

This week, our Year 2 students embarked on an educational journey exploring the continent of Africa, uncovering its landmarks and rich cultural heritage. Thursday was a delightful immersion into French culture with our 'French Day' festivities. Students enjoyed French cuisine and engaged in cultural activities, thanks to the generous donations and support from parents. Mr. Dunbar's house plants made a special appearance, enriching our understanding of plant features and characteristics

. Language arts took a creative turn as students practiced contractions through the art of writing love letters, blending grammar skills with heartfelt expressions. In Mathematics, Year 2 commenced their study of division, tackling new concepts and problem-solving strategies.

Have a lovely weekend from the year two team!

YEAR 3

It's safe to say that this week has been a problem-solving and growth mindset improving week in Year 3!

In Math we have catapulted ourselves into the wonderful world of fractions. We have been refreshing our existing knowledge while applying new learning to confidently order fractions and understand the difference between unit and non-unit fractions. With great anticipation and enthusiasm we have begun reading our new focus book

'Cloud Tea Monkeys' which has already captivated us all. We practised writing prepositional sentences and using a range of conjunctions to link two main clauses together. Dealing with themes of adversity, we empathised with the main character Tashi by putting ourselves in her shoes and describing exactly how she felt about her sudden change circumstances

In R.E we discussed what we already know about Judaism whilst learning about elements of the faith we had less understanding of such as, the star of David, the Torah, the Ten Commandments, the role of a rabbi and the importance of Shabbat. In DT we applied our growth mindsets, a bit of perseverance and our problem solving skills to create 3D shapes for our castle structures. The children were so pleased with themselves and learnt an invaluable lesson about the importance of not giving up. In History we had thoughtful conversations about how ancient Egyptians chose to worship the gods they believed in and considered what similarities and differences there was to other religions. The children carefully considered which of the ancient Egyptian gods they thought was most important and why.

Finally, Year 3 had a blast dressing up, eating cheese, crackers, croissants, madeleines and participating in a french themed quiz.

Have a wonderful weekend!



YEAR 4

Throughout the week, our classroom was buzzing with activity and learning. During our English sessions children were exploring a captivating book together. Following this, Yea showcased their creativity by writing letters from the perspectives of various characters demonstrating their dedication and imaginative spirit.

In Mathematics, our focus remained on fractions, with dedicated time spent on revisiting and consolidating previous concepts. We addressed any misconceptions that arose and provided challenging tasks to children to deepen their understanding of mathematical concepts.

Geography class was particularly exciting as we embarked on an exploration of North America, with a specific emphasis on the United States. Equipped with atlases and variou charts, the children enthusiastically improved their skills in extracting vital information ar understanding geographical nuances.

The highlight of the week was our vibrant celebration of French Day, where Year 4 students indulged in baking and sampling a diverse array of French delicacies. This not only provided a delightful culinary experience but also fostered an appreciation for different cultures.

As we wrap up another productive week, I'm immensely proud of the collective efforts a accomplishments of Year 4. Their enthusiasm, diligence, and willingness to explore new horizons have been truly commendable, and I look forward to continuing to nurture the

















YEAR 5

It was a successful week in Year 5, with new topics covered and new learning challenges.

The highlight of the week was French day, as children adorned their blue, white and red on a leap year.

In English, Year 5 focused on improving their writing skills, displaying their creativity by creating setting descriptions. We continued to focus on our comprehension skills, such as word recognition, retrieval and inference.

In R.E., we explored the significance of the Three Nobel Truths. The children are very inspired by the story of The Buddha and continue to ask inquisitive questions, displaying their maturity and respect for Buddhism.

In Computing. our two class ambassadors, Owen and Theia, delivered a mini lesson on coding Python. The children are familiar with inputs and variables and were excited to test their code. In addition, the class continued with their spreadsheets by adding and sorting data. Our lesson was successful as we combined the two computing strands, computer science and information technology in one lesson. In PSHE, we looked at different examples of peer pressure. The children can recognise what to do if their peers influence them and created their own scenarios of positive as well as negative peer pressure.

In DT we planned our bridges. The children took the roles of a head engineer, designer and health and safety manager; they look forward to the next three lessons where they will bring their ideas to life.

Well done to Year 5 children for your hard work on Atom Learning and spelling practice.

Spelling test 8/03 - OUS words

YEAR 6

In English, Year 6 explored journalism by writing newspaper articles inspired by their reading of "The Boy in the Tower." Through their articles, they creatively depicted mysterious events and informed the public. Furthermore, our aspiring journalists also stepped into the shoes of Mr. Motion to draft announcements about hypothetical school closures due to imagined disasters. This exercise not only engaged their creativity but also enhanced their ability to use formal language effectively.

In history, we looked at the roles of countries aligned with the Axis and the Allies in World War II. They compared the strategies and experiences of this global conflict with those of World War I, deepening their understanding of historical events.

Meanwhile, in science, we looked at the intricacies of blood components, discovering fun and memorable ways to differentiate between them.

The highlight of the week has to be our RE lessons where we listened to religious songs inspired by scriptures from various holy books and festivals. Drawing inspiration from these songs, Year 6 made a start on composing their own songs using apps, musical instruments and their voices. The enthusiasm and talent displayed in their compositions were truly impressive and they are eager to further refine their musical demos.





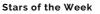
Have a restful weekend.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our stars of the week!

This week, we celebrate...



Luke (YR), Anaya (Y1), Henry (Lovelace), Noah (Einstein), Amelia (Y3), Henry (Y4), Dexter (Y6)

PE Awards:

Aadva, Liza, Laiba

French Awards:

Cameron, Samantha, Kaira, Wolf, Iliya, Laiba, Isabelle, Alex

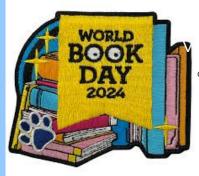
Values Champions:

Caleb, Jude, Lexi, Sophia, Iliya, Zahra, Chi Chi, Harris





WORLD BOOK DAY

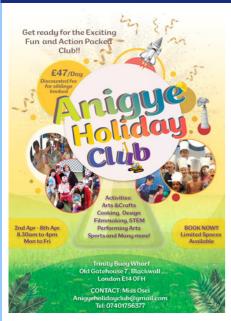


World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 7 March. This day is our annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. We want all of our children to develop a life-long love of reading and hope that this event will help to foster reading for pleasure.

As always, children are invited to dress up as their favourite fictional character and to bring a book in which their character appears. This year, we are also inviting parents to participate. If you are able to, we would love for you to join us between 8:15am and 9:00am to read with children in your child's class. Please bring a story that you enjoyed reading as a child, or one that you enjoy reading with your children.

Parents - some fun suggestions for homemade costumes can be found here: https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/. For children who don't wish to dress up - please remember to bring your favourite book!

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB



Anigye Holiday Club returns this Easter break and is being held in school.

Spaces are limited and must be prebooked.

Please contact Miss Osei to book your child's place.

Anigyeholidayclub@gmail.com









Sign up for Mrs Baycanli' Easter Football Camp: https://forms.gle/QW451yjgHzfbnrar6

DATES FOR DIARIES

Website link to Parent Google Calendar: https://www.faradayschool.co.uk/life-at-faraday/calendar/

MARCH	
Monday 4th March	Reception class visit - Buckingham Palace
Wednesday 6th March	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day – children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book
	character.
11 - 22nd March	Big Walk Big Wheel Competition
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
	Year 2 Performance - Where the Wild Things Are - 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
Week beginning Monday 18th March	Parent Teacher Meetings - booking information will be sent by email.
Tuesday 19th March	Barnado's Guest Speaker - Year 6 class
Wednesday 20th March	Faraday Stroll: 8:30am
Friday 22nd March	Year 3 & 4 Drama Showcase - 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
Monday 25th March	Morning LAMDA Showcase - 8:45am - Parents of pupils who attend LAMDA lessons in
	school are invited to attend.
	Friends of Faraday - Easter Bake Sale. Please send your child in with £1 to buy a sweet treat
	after lunch.
Tuesday 26th March	Crossteach Easter Assembly
Wednesday 27th March	Last day of Spring Term - staggered, early finish
	Early finish from 12pm
	School buses depart at 12:15pm
	12:00 Reception
	12:10 Year 1
	12:20 Year 2
	12:30 Year 3
	12:40 Year 4
	12:50 Year 5-6