

28th March 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, a big well done to the children below who have been awarded this week's **Potton Proud Award:**

EYFS: Oscar and Ralph

Year 1: Alfie and Arya

Year 2: David and Ivy

Year 3: Olivia and Thea

Year 4: Ronnie and Zoe

Year 5: Livia, Archie and Annabel

Year 6: Riley, Sophie and George

Wow! I can hardly believe it is already the end of another term, albeit a short one but it has been very busy! This week has really shown what Potton Primary is all about. On Monday we had our first Year 3 and 4 production of Peter Pan and the children were just amazing. During this time, Year 1 had a visit from the firefighters at Potton Fire Station linked to their Great Fire of London topic. On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 children performed their final production of Peter Pan. A huge well done to all the children, a big thank you to the staff involved and finally, a special thank you to the fabulous audience who supported the children during their shows. I hope you enjoy reading the class catch ups and sneaky peeks from the Class Teachers below.

A message from the PTFA:

Thank you for supporting our Easter Egg Hunt last weekend. We raised an egg-cellent £800 which we are all very pleased with! Thank you to the team of volunteer helpers and extra hands who volunteered their time to make this event happen.

Finally, our EYFS classes are in need of some costumes and role play items if you have any dressing up items such as costumes, firefighters hats, police helmets, tea sets etc that you can donate they would be very gratefully received.

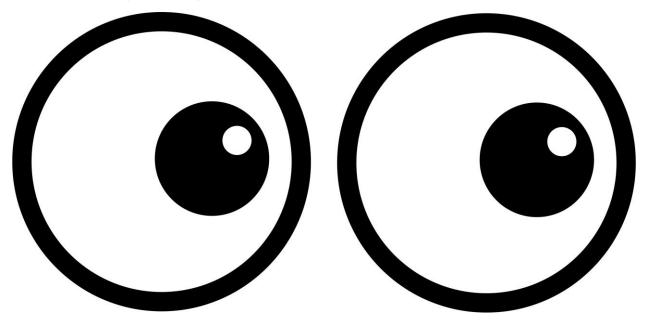
Wishing you all a relaxing and restful Easter break,

Kindest regards

Miss Jordana Watts

Headteacher

Class Catch Up/Sneaky Peek



EYFS Class Catch Up & Sneaky Peek

After what seems like a very swift half term Robins and Ravens have more than earned their Easter break!

This half term has made us so proud of everybody and as the trees begin to blossom we really feel the children all have too. The children's independence has come on leaps and bounds and that intrist for learning and exploring never falters. We have had a fab half term learning about lots of different places around the world and have also taken the time to look at some amazing structures in these countries too. The children have shown a real flair this half term in not only listening and learning facts but also to in exploring and finding out their own facts too to share with their class mates, this has not only been rewarding for them but for us as adults to see too.

Our phonic knowledge is ever increasing and the children have been venturing on to building and reading words with 4 sounds as well as being confident in an array of digraphs (2 letters 1 sound) we have also looked at words that start with a vowel sound.

Maths has seen us become confident in the numbers 0-5 as well as expand our knowledge on 2D and 3D shapes and become experts at mass, length and ordering the days of the week.

So what next for this amazing bunch we hear you ask? Well...

As we travel into the first half of our summer term we will be taking an adventure into prehistoric times in our topic "Dangerous Dinosaurs" this is one of our favourite topics although with the knowledge the children are displaying at the moment we are unsure of who will be teaching who! We will be discovering the dinosaur's diets and habitats and delving into life as a palaeontology and finding out what one is.

In our phonic sessions we will be consolidating the learning of all of the sounds that have been taught so far, continuing to read and write 4 sound words and also continue our learning by doing the same with 5 sound words. Our big focus will be on independent writing of these words which will then help our literacy skills of being able to think of and write sentences independently and learning those "tricky words".

In maths we will be working on our numbers beyond 10 and becoming more fluent in the ability to accurately add and subtract.

We think what the children are most looking forward to though is brighter days where they can all enjoy our outside learning area and set themselves challenges using our climbing frame and building block!

Robins and Ravens we simply couldn't be prouder of you all and your wonderful achievements!

Some dates to remember

Be a palaeontologist for the day- more information to follow.

June 5th Reception School trip- more information to follow

Year 1 – Class Catch Up

Wow, what a busy term it has been! Busy but fantastic, full of great learning - the buzz for learning this term has been brilliant and we can't wait for summer term to begin after a well-deserved Easter break. Our topic of Bright Lights, Big City inspired many subjects, the main one being history. The children have been effectively using timelines to chronologically order key events during the Great Fire of London and the amount the children can remember, even down to the smallest detail has been amazing. We have been learning about the countries in the United Kingdom and their capital cities in geography as well as London landmarks and in music, singing London's Burning. In art, we have explored different textures and recently sketched Big Ben - we were blown away by the detail, time and care every child put into their master piece; the children's drawing skills have developed so much over the year. We also created our own buildings based on 1666 designs ready for Potton Fire Department and what an afternoon we had! The buildings were tightly placed together to recreate a London street, safely set fire to, then put out. We then walked around the trucks and asked some fantastic questions as part of our research for Design Technology. This prepared us to design, then make our own fire trucks and they were fantastic! We have now taught all the sounds in phonics that year 1 cover, so please do make use of the flashcards that will arrive home before the Easter holidays. The flashcards will help ALL the children and are great at refreshing the children's knowledge ready for consolidation in Summer 1. In English, the children have performed some terrific drama, read new books and written incredible sentences. We have been using adjectives, verbs, adverbs, exclamation marks and question marks effectively - it is so lovely to read the children's work. In maths, we have continued working with numbers up to 50 looking at one more, one less, adding, subtracting, partitioning, understanding tens and ones and much, much more. So, please do continue to count to 50 at home and apply the skills the children are learning. We've had a wonderful Spring term and we could not be prouder of the progress the children are making. Well done Puffins and Peacocks!

Year 1 - Sneaky Peek

Next term we are very excited to be starting our new topic Splendid Skies! In our History lessons we will be learning all about the Wright brothers and how they were pioneers of aviation. In Geography we will be looking at Emilia Earhart and tracking her flights around the world. Later on in the term we will then have our very own flying day where we will be building our own flying machines and testing them out! So any toilet foll tubes and thin cardboard that can start being saved would be very much appreciated - we will let you know nearer the time when to bring them in!

In Art we will be continuing to develop our drawing skills and move onto using oil pastels to create some lovely blending and then we will then be trying our hand at some sewing - wish us luck! For our Design and Technology day we are going to have a look at how we can use different mechanisms to create some moving pictures.

English will begin with the lovely story 'The Storm Whale' where the children will have a chance to continue to develop their sentences and creativity and have a go at some non-fiction writing.

In Maths we will continue to practice our numbers to 50, including counting backwards, finding tens and ones, finding more or less and adding and subtracting on a number line. Any further practice at home with numbers to 50 would be super helpful for the children! We will also be moving onto counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, doubling, making equal groups and then fractions.

Hopefully the weather will begin to get a little better as in Science we are looking forward to begin learning all about plants and to have a go at growing some of our own from seed! As usual we will be continuing with our daily phonics, where we will be continuing to recap our sound knowledge to continue to build our reading and writing skills. Please continue to practice at home when you can!

We hope the children all have a lovely Easter Break and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them back for a fun summer term ahead

Year 2 Class Catch Up

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting half term. It all kicked off with the arrival of the eggs to fit with our science focus on animal life cycles. The children have explored the life cycles of different animals and how they differ. The children learnt about the qualities a good leader has and why these are important. In English we have persuaded our felt tips to return to work after receiving a letter from them tell us how they were feeling mistreated. We have learnt about mass, capacity and temperature in our maths lessons. In history we have learnt about kings and queens, whilst in geography we have learnt about the 7 continents and some of their features. We ended our team games PE lessons with an egg-citing Easter egg hunt. It has been a fantastic half term. Well done year 2.



Year 3 - Class Catch Up

Even though it's been a short half term, we have crammed a lot in! Highlights include:

- Seeing everyone's excellent costumes on World Book Day when we completed lots of book related activities as well as making our own bookmark in our treehouses
- Our spectacular Peter Pan Performance!
- Our first fraction topic in Maths where the children really impressed us with their knowledge and understanding
- Lots of experiments in science using torches to learn about light and shadows
- Using lots of water colours in our art lessons where the children have created many masterpieces
- Making chocolate for our DT project they were delicious!

Sneaky Peek

Next half term, our topic is called 'Flow' which develops our Geography understanding of the structure of the Earth and looks closely at volcances and earthquakes. This is also linked to our science topic on rocks where we learn about the different types of rocks as well as fossils and soils. We will also be learning about the gruesome story of Queen Mary of Scots in our history lessons.

Our English lessons begin with a non-chorological report based on our Geography learning then reading a fiction book called 'The Secret of Black Rock'. In Maths, we are completing our unit on mass and capacity before moving on to another fractions unit where children will be adding and subtracting fractions and finally moving on to money. Our PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon, now both taught by Miss Crawford-Smith. We are also really lucky to have an expert teacher coming in to deliver a Singing Superstars project to both classes. Lots to look forward to, we can't wait!

Year 4 - Class Catch Up

This half term has definitely gone very quick! Some highlights include the Peter Pan performance, our DT day making smoothies and World book day.

We have tried to include as much as we can this half, however we have spent a large amount of time practicing for the performance. In English, we have thought how to write an explanation text about the digestive system. The children have really enjoyed learning about how each part of the digestive system works and the role it plays within our body. They especially enjoyed watching the practical version of this! During maths, we have spent a lot of time focusing on fractions. Some children have found this topic quite trick, but this will be something we will continue to recap. During science, we thought about the digestive system, the different types of teeth we have in our body and food chains and food webs. We also had a one off science lesson as part of science week, which was related to different bugs.

In Geography, we learnt about settlements, what makes a perfect settlement and where is the best location to settle. During History, we have thought about Vikings and Anglo-Saxon kings. Our RE topic has focused on the way that Christians celebrate Easter and the Easter story. During our art lessons, we have practiced mixing colours, creating a long ship collage and creating a piece of art inspired by Joan Miro. Our French lessons have included learning different items in the classroom.

Sneaky Peek

Next half term, our topic is Blue Abyss. Our English next half term will be focusing on a book called The Whale and the children will write a persuasive advert about alternatives to plastic straws. In maths next half term, we will learn about decimals and money. Our science topic is focusing on Animals and their habitats focusing on recognising that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. In geography, we will look at the great barrier reef, the different seas and the layers of the ocean. History will focus on the titanic and in RE we will be looking at the religion Sikhs. In Art, we will be creating pieces of artwork related to the sea.

Year 5 Class Catch Up:

For such a short term we have crammed so much in! Our topic has been all things Tudor focussing on Henry VIII and his six wives. We used portraits by Hans Holbein, to draw a royal portrait and have recreated our version of the Tudor Rose. In Design Technology, we have designed and made amazing Tudor style hats using our sewing techniques. In science we have looked at changes of materials and experimented how and why substances change when mixed together. In Geography we have looked at how Potton has been adapted overtime and have been able to visit the Market Square to complete various activities including finding and drawing historical buildings, looking for interesting facts and completing a traffic survey.

Our English focus was on writing persuasive letters and the story of 'Kick'. The story was about a young boy who dreams of becoming a professional footballer but due to poverty he had to work in extreme conditions to support his family. In maths, we have covered topics such as area, perimeter, angles and regular and irregular shapes.

Year 5 Sneaky Peak

Next term we will be looking at all things Egyptian, focussing on the amazing pharaoh; Hatshepsut. In Design Technology we will be researching Ancient Egyptian Labyrinths and Mazes and recreating our own using wood. We will be looking at Canopic jars in Art. In English we are creating a non-chronological report about the life and achievements of the Ancient Egyptian Queen, Hatshepsut and in maths we will cover co-ordinates and lines of symmetry before moving onto decimals. For Geography we will be looking at maps and in History we will be looking at the story of Egypt.

Year 6 - Class Catch Up

What a fantastic second half of the Spring Term it has been in Year 6. It has been a short but busy half term full of exciting activities! Well done Year 6!

Throughout our Darwin's delight topic, we have explored the incredible Galapagos Islands and learnt more about Darwin's route he took and the biodiversity of the islands. The children have enjoyed learning some interesting facts about the unique creatures which live there. Using their fantastic knowledge, the children wrote a diary entry as though they were Charles Darwin just arriving at the first island. In art, the children completed a lino printing project, where they designed, carved their own image of a finch and then printed it. It was lovely to see how proud they were of their final pieces.

In Science, we have been learning more about evolution and inheritance. We began by learning about Darwin's theory of evolution before learning more about how fossils can provide evidence of evolution. It has been fantastic to see how enthusiastic the children were when sharing their prior knowledge. Towards the end of this half term, we have discussed inherited characteristics and this week explored how different animals are adapted to suit their environment.

In History, we have stepped back in time to Victorian Britain. We have explored more about life during this time and even learnt more about Victorian schools.

During our English over the last few weeks, the children have created their own narrative based upon Oliver Twist. We explored the opening scenes and used the five senses to develop descriptive techniques, especially focusing on how to show the character's feelings rather than tell the reader. Using these skills, the children then wrote their own chapter based upon Oliver's first day pick pocketing.

In maths, we completed our units on measurement, algebra, area and perimeter. Within these units, the children have been able to apply their knowledge to answer complex reasoning questions using the key facts.

During the whole spring term, our Design and Technology unit has been focused on creating a 'mindful moments timer'. The children have had to work collaboratively to create a brand logo, timer design, created prototypes for the packaging and considered the audience for their product. We definitely have some entrepreneurs within the Year group!

Year 6 – Sneaky Peek

Next half term, Year 6 will be beginning our new topic of Gallery Rebels! Taking a journey through different periods of art history, we will be exploring how art changed through the years, whilst asking the important question of 'what makes art, art?' We will study different artistic styles such as decoupage, pop art and impressionism. Our Geography work will see us explore France, and in particular Paris, while in Science we will have a look at electricity. Towards the end of the half term (week beginning 13th May), the children will be sitting their KS2 SATs: we know they are more than ready and can't for them to show us all they have learned this year. It promises to be an exciting, creative and rewarding half term — we look forward to getting started!

Physical Education - Catch Up

We've had another busy half term in PE. Unfortunately, the weather did get the better of our netball festivals planned in Years 4 and 5 but we were able to take part in the sportshall athletics county finals and Year 3 and 4 football festival. Chance2Shine have completed their first half term working with Year 4 and 5 working on their Cricket skills. Coach Wayne from the charity has been really impressed with all the children, including those who attended his after school club.

Congratulations to the Year 4 sportshall athletics team who finished 11th in Bedfordshire at the county finals competition held at The Bunyan Sports Centre. The morning was very busy with over 200 children across the county competing in running, jumping and throwing events. The organisers said this was the biggest event they'd ever run so to be a part of that was amazing. I'm looking forward to working on our outdoor athletics skills next term.

Some Year 5 children have been piloting a new playground leader role at break and lunchtimes. The children volunteered for this role and in selected groups were given a day to run activities of their choice on The Branches playground. I launched the "play the right way" approach that these leaders would be promoting during an assembly and I've been really impressed with how well this has worked and I'll be continuing this into the Summer term. A big well done to the leaders, keep up the good work!

Our Year 3 and 4 football team had a great morning out at the East Beds football festival held at Robert Peel Primary. We recently were successful in an applying for a brand new Nike football kit from the Premier League All-stars scheme and this was the first chance we'd had to wear it! The team played a total of four matches, winning one, drawing one and losing two. Year 5 and 6 have their festival next term and I'm also excited to share that Cambridge United have invited us to a girls' competition which is being hosted at The Abbey Stadium.

Mr Blunt came into school to work with some Year 6 children to deliver a Sports Leaders Workshop. This workshop was super successful and has helped give the children the expertise and confidence to support with the running of PE events next term either by myself and/or Mr Blunt including Sports Day.

Physical Education -Sneaky Peek

PE will mainly be focussed on preparing for Sports Day next term and I'm excited for this year's day as we'll have six Houses competing for the first time. With our new Houses the day will look a little different this year. Plans will be sent out a little closer to the time. We'll have the football festivals, Quadkids athletics, tennis and KS1 racket skills events running throughout the Summer Term too. Fingers crossed for some dry and warm weather for this exciting opportunities.

Spring Term Diary Dates



Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April - Easter Holiday - Return to School on Monday 15th April.

Our School Values - Ready, Respectful and Responsible



We have 3 School Values: Ready, Respectful and Responsible.

Ready – to learn, to listen and to be a success

Respectful – of yourself, others and property

Responsible – you are responsible for your learning, actions and choices

Each week in our Celebration assemblies, classes will award their Ready, Respectful and Responsible 'Stars of the Week'.

This week, certificates were awarded to:

EYFS - Ravens: Ready: Caiden D Respectful: Mollie S Responsible: Ellie-May S

EYFS - Robins: Ready: Arthur L Respectful: Harvey W Responsible: Esmae W

Year 1 - Peacocks: Ready: Emilia A Respectful: Theo H Responsible: Harry H

- Year 1 Puffins: Ready: Ruby G Respectful: Seren H Responsible: Jaxon A
- Year 2 Moorhens: Ready: George W Respectful: Ethan F Responsible: Amelie W
- Year 2 Mallards: Ready: Rudy H Respectful: Kenzo M Responsible: Henry W
- Year 3 Woodpeckers: Ready: Maisie W Respectful: Carter W Responsible: Ben U
- Year 3 Wrens: Ready: Madelaine N Respectful: Rory W Responsible: George S
- Year 4 Hawks: Ready: Ruby G Respectful: Megan R Responsible: Sakina D
- Year 4 Herons: Ready: Emilia P Respectful: Rupert M Responsible: Emily H
- Year 5 Swifts: Ready: Oscar M Respectful: Alyssa B Responsible: Jackson D
- Year 5 Sparrows: Ready: Maisie F Respectful: Ella T Responsible: Max S-J
- Year 5 Starlings: Ready: Archie S Respectful: Rosie G Responsible: Oskar T
- Year 6 Kites: Ready: Hayden B Respectful: James B Responsible: Jasmine B
- Year 6 Kestrels: Ready: Freya A-P Respectful: Bailey B Responsible: Luke W
- Year 6 Kingfishers: Ready: Drew SM Respectful: George W Responsible: Jeffery M

Class Dojo Awards This Week:



Class Dojo points are awarded throughout the school week for children demonstrating our School Values, producing outstanding work and working above and beyond

This week, Class Dojo 200 point certificates were presented to:

Year 1: Ryder S

Year 2: Ethan K & Ivy R

Year 3: Amber S

Year 4: Jackson S, Lily D

Year 6: Shamia L

This week, Class Dojo 250 point certificates were presented to:

EYFS: Devon W, Grace G, Jack D

Year 1: Charlie R, Wynter W & Coen C

Year 2: Arthur I, Connie O'S, George G & Jack H

Year 3: Harriet H & Lia C

Year 4: Jasmine I, Megan R

Year 5: Mason K-S

This week, Class Dojo 300 point certificates were presented to:

Year 2: Summer F

Year 3: Ben U

Year 5: Max S-J, Layla N & Thea B

Year 6: Luke T

This week, Class Dojo 350 point certificates were presented to:

Year 2: Kathleen D

Year 3: Alice R, Cruz-Eddie W

Year 4: Harry P, Wrenaecia P, Nyasha K, Frazier S, Aina R, Thea J, Bonnie G, Jenson G & Florence C

Year 5: Jacob F

Year 6: Peter D

This week, Class Dojo 400 point certificates were presented to:

Year 3: Theo L-H, Lexi S

Year 4: Eleanor F, Cassie D, Ronan D, Lena R & Matthew W

Year 5: Oscar M, Joey S, Daisy A & Warren H

Year 6: Denys R, Florence G & George W

This week, Class Dojo 450 point certificates were presented to:

Year 4: Lukey B & James S

Year 5: Dougie H, Emily J, Jackson D, Nathaniel J, Riley J, Wilfred W & Maisie F

Year 6: Freddy H, JoJo H, Julian H, Lincoln JG, Poppy W, Sandra D & Zach M

This week, Class Dojo 500 point certificates were presented to:

Year 5: Yzarne P

Year 6: Amelia W, Blake LH & Jayden S

This week, Class Dojo 550 point certificates were presented to:

Year 5: Marley G-D & Emily W

Year 6: Mia J, Grace N, Harry G, Jessica M, Jessica R & Maela LM

This week, Class Dojo 600 point certificates were presented to:

Year 5: Ruby S

Year 6: Olympia M

This week, Class Dojo 650 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Rosie W, Jack S, Kiera W & Olympia M

This week, Class Dojo 700 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Dan R, Ashley W, Ella B, Jake A & Jeffery M

This week, Class Dojo 800 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Alice R

This week, Class Dojo 850 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Vanessa C

This week, Class Dojo 900 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Maisie L W, Seth K

This week, Class Dojo 1000 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Ashton K

This week, Class Dojo 1100 point certificates were presented to:

Year 6: Scarlett K

Letters Home This Week:



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Home to School Transport

EYFS

Hearing Screening

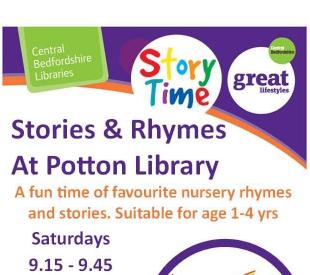
Year 4

PHSE Lessons

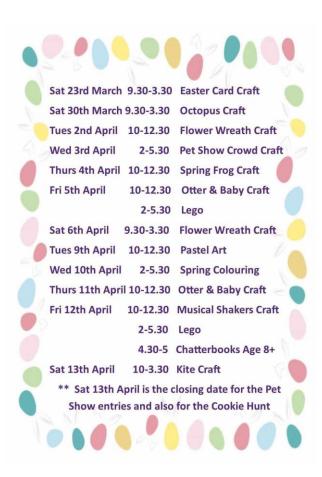
Headlice

Potton Library Activities









Easter Activities









Easter 2024 Football By 4 Corner Coaching







FUN

FRIENDS

FOOTBALL

Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL

Week 1 Tuesday 2nd April & Thursday 4th April Week 2 Tuesday 9th April & Thursday 11th April

Time - 10.00am till 3.00pm

Costs £18 per person per session. Ages 5 - 14

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

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Easter 2024 Goal Keeping Camp

By 4 Corner Coaching





Handling

Footwork

Wednesday 3rd April & Monday 8th Venue: Eynesbury Rovers FC (Grass) PE10 2SF

Tuesday 2nd April & Thursday 11th Venue:Sandy Sports Centre (Grass) SG19 1BL

Time – 10.00am till 3.00pm
Goal Keeping Camp for 7-14 year olds.

Costs £18 per person.

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