

Newsletter



Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely welcoming all our families and staff back to school this week. We have a very busy half term ahead, but are raring to go as always!

This week Year 4 have enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Buddhist Centre in Cambridge where they asked some great questions, demonstrating their depth of learning in RE this year (photographs and information enclosed).



We also had the pleasure of inviting in families from 6EJ this week to enjoy their class reading café. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and carers attending, and we received some wonderful feedback, with family members enjoying spending time reading to both children from their own families and others within the class.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who contributed to our questionnaire before half term. It was wonderful to read the many positive responses we received. Equally, we very much value working in partnership with you and will reflect upon the full range of feedback as we plan for next year and move forward as a school. Please see some of the highlights and next steps within this newsletter.

As the weather is now improving we ask please to remember to send your child in with an appropriate drink, sun hat and suncream applied. There are some great long-lasting suncreams on the market if you are concerned about re-applying this during the day.

Wishing you a very lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

Calendar:

June:

Week commencing 12th June – sports days:

- **Years 3 & 4:** Monday 12th June, 8.55-10.15
- **Years 5 & 6:** Tuesday 13th June, 8.55-10.15
- **Years 1 & 2:** Wednesday 14th June, 8.55-10.15
- **EYFS:** Thursday 15th June, 8.55-10.15

15th June – 4RG Reading Café 9.00-9.30

22nd June – 6SL Reading Café 9.00-9.30

22nd June – School Discos – see newsletter for info

- **EYFS:** 2.00-3pm;
- **Years 1, 2 & 3:** 3.30-4.45pm
- **Years 4 & 5:** 5.00-6.15pm

27th & 28th June: Kip on a Ship residential (Year 5)

29th June: 3DG Reading café

30th June - Trust-wide PD day (school closed)

July:

5th-7th July: Year 6 Mersea Residential

Thursday 6th July: EYFS New Parents' Meeting 4pm

Friday 7th July: EYFS New Parents' Meeting 10am





Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Disco: 4.45-6.15pm

Friday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation 2pm

Week commencing 17th July: Transition days – more details to follow

Year 4 & 5 Poetry Competition

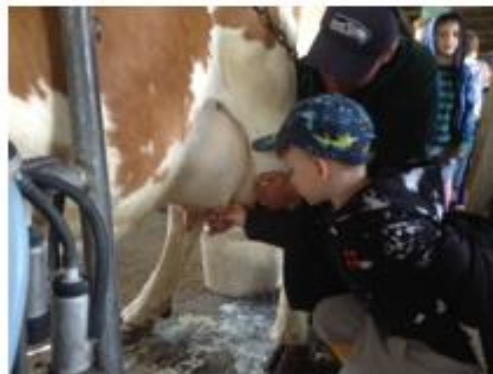
BT is running a poetry competition for pupils in Year 4 and Year 5. Please see the poster below for further information and details of where to send submissions, if you would like to enter.

 <p>'STEAM for Good'</p> <p>STEAM</p> <p>EDUCATION</p> <p>https://afedastral.co.uk/</p>	
 <p>BT Adastral Park would like to invite schools from the local area to take part in a</p> <h3>SUSTAINABILITY POETRY COMPETITION</h3> <p>to support our upcoming Sustainability Festival.</p> <p>The competition is for students currently in Year 4 or Year 5 to write and illustrate a poem on the theme of sustainability.</p> <p>You could choose saving the rain forests, turning lights off, recycling or any other sustainability topic which is important to you. We are looking for the most inspiring and creative poems and will be displaying ALL entries at our Sustainability Festival in September.</p> <p>This festival will see over 1,000 people from many different companies, government and universities coming to Adastral Park to help shape the future and ensure that we are doing everything we can to help save our amazing planet.</p>  <p>The winning entry will receive a £20 book voucher, plus £100 in book vouchers for their school. Runners up will be awarded a £10 book voucher and £70 book voucher for their school.</p> <p>Paper entries can be dropped at Adastral Park Reception or posted to Lisa Ford, Orion pp5/5, Adastral Park, Ipswich. IP5 3RE (please mark clearly POETRY COMPETITION)</p> <p>Electronic entries in PDF format can be emailed to computerscience@bt.com</p> <p>Please ensure entries are no bigger than A4 in size and that they have the name of the student, their year group and school on the back. Please do not include names on the front.</p> <p>Entries will close on 15th July 2023, with winners announced after the event which is taking place in the 13th September 2023.</p>	



The children in all year's groups have been working hard in their science lessons. It has been lovely to see what the children have been learning in the school.

In Early Years their half termly focus has been 'Animals'. They were all went to Boudells Dairy Farm and enjoyed seeing the farm animals and taking part in real life experiences, such as feeding the animals, holding and petting them and also finding out facts about them. They have also been focusing on Life cycles, animal features, habitats, the different things animals eat, carnivores, herbivores, omnivores and nocturnal animals.



Year One – Have been focusing on materials. They have been busy carrying out experiments and finding out which ones are waterproof and which ones are not.



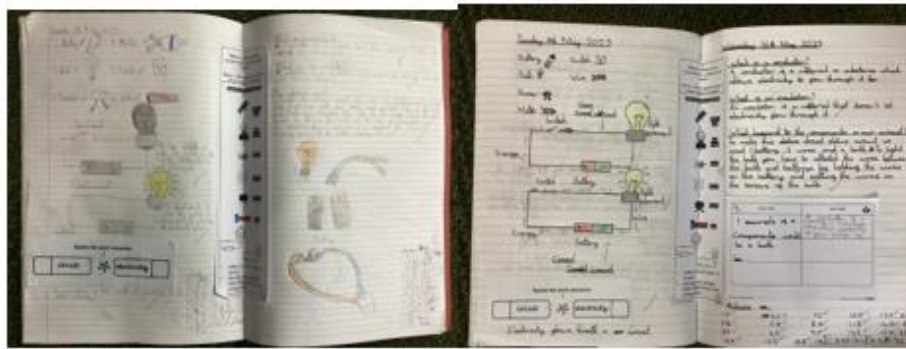
Year two – Have been focusing on Plants and what they need to be healthy and thrive. The children have been involved in many experiments, predicting what they think may happen and evaluating their findings. The children are all working hard to remember the key scientific vocabulary and what it means.



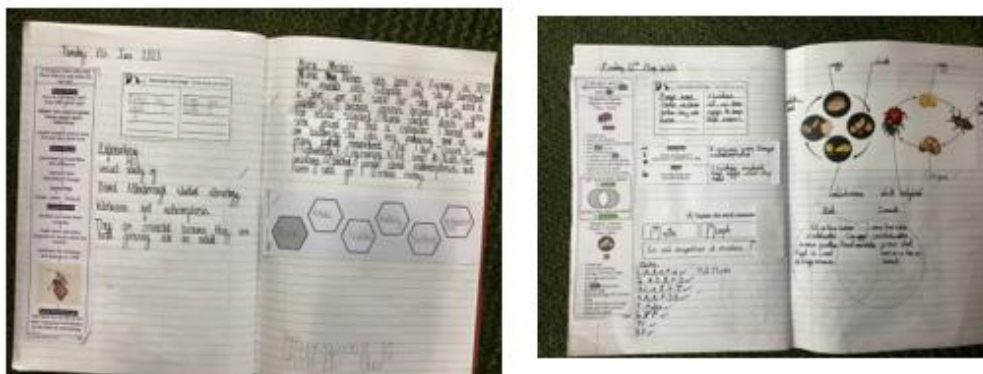
Year three – Have been focusing on light. They have been making shadows and looking at how light affects them.



Year four – have been focusing on circuits and electricity. They have been looking at what uses electricity through the mains or batteries as well as open and closed circuits.



Year five- have been focusing on lifecycles and what happens at each stage.



Year six- have been learning about the circulatory system the children have been working hard to use their scientific vocabulary within the lessons.

They have just moved on to learning about water transportation and have been exploring how the circulatory system and the digestive system are connected.

The children have enjoyed creating their own input and output machines to illustrate how what is eaten can affect the circulatory system.





Annual Survey Feedback



Thank you for all your positive comments. It's great to know when we get it right!

My daughter has thrived here. She is happy, healthy and doing fantastically well. I'm grateful to all of the staff that make Place Farm the school that it is.

This is a fantastic school and my child loves coming here. Staff are highly supportive of families and children. I know that if my child has a problem, or we have an issue, it will be addressed quickly. Communication is strong through the regular promoting of events and newsletters show what children are learning in school. I cannot recommend the school highly enough!

My child is really happy and settled at the school. They really enjoy going there and all the staff are fantastic.

Teachers are supportive and kids love the school.
Five stars!

I have had children attending Place Farm since 2010 and I have never had any problems. I have nothing but praise for the school and staff. I do feel the extra week in October is a ridiculous idea, however this isn't a school decision.

I am more than happy with my daughter being at Place Farm. I have found every teacher amazing and have no complaints at all.



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Annual Survey Feedback



Thank you for all your feedback and comments. We have been analysing your responses and taking action where most appropriate. We wanted to highlight three of the topics to you so you can see how your feedback supports our work in our school and at the Trust. We are, of course, working to address all of your feedback.



You said...

You would like us to strengthen our after-school club offer.

We know you want to know more about what your child is learning about.

The Trust-wide extension to half term may cause you child-care issues.



We will do...

We will look to widen our offer and provide opportunities for more children to participate.

We will continue our efforts to increase the opportunity for you to see what your child is learning.

We will look to provide a reasonably priced offer to support parents in the autumn term.



"Your message to Unity SP was that you don't fully understand what the Trust does to support this school. We promise to communicate this to you and make this more transparent. Thank you."

6EJ Reading Café

Yesterday 6EJ enjoyed some time to slow down and enjoy a book with their family members and friends. We received some wonderful feedback from this session, as we have from the many reading cafes that have been run this year. We look forward to this continuing next academic year.





New Entrants – Parents Meeting for children starting in September 2023

We will be inviting our new EYFS parents/carers into school on Thursday 6th July at 4pm or Friday 7th July at 10.00am.

You will have the chance to meet the team, find out about EYFS and the curriculum as well as the school's values, ethos and expectations.

Letters are being sent out this week.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Sports Day Raffle and Fundraiser!

During sports days next week we will be running a raffle to support our fundraising.

You will have opportunity to purchase these tickets during each of the sports days that you attend, with the winning raffle tickets being randomly drawn during the following week, once all the sports days are completed. This will also be available on ParentPay next week so that you may purchase tickets throughout the week. The winners will then be announced via Class Dojo.

We have some great prizes on offer, including:

- A voucher to enjoy a week of free fitness classes with *Just Classes* [Just Classes](#)
 - A free 30 minutes golf lesson
 - An archery set
 - A skateboard
 - A Personal Training session with [Ben Carlyon](#)
 - Two free spaces on a Prestige Sports Summer Camp
 - 5 free sessions at Next Level Fitness
- And more...

We will also be running *A pound in a bucket*, where you donate pound and if your pound is selected randomly from the bucket at the end of the events, you win half of the donations!

Place Farm
Primary
Summer Disco!
Thursday 22nd June '23

EYFS disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £1 and will include a snack.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:30pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring a change of clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

Year 4 and Year 5 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and will include a snack.

There will also be small items, such as glow sticks, available to purchase on the day so children are welcome to bring additional money if they wish.

Any money raised will go back to the pupils in the form of an enrichment activity (such as a visitor into school).

Please pay for your ticket on ParentPay or on entry to the disco.



Unity Schools Partnership Art Festival 26th June - 29th June

Theme: Celebrating togetherness through art

We are incredibly excited to announce that there will be an art festival held across the trust after half term, during curriculum time. The festival will launch with a live assembly and will then include live art workshops, guided digital exhibition tours and pupil exhibitions and all year groups will be involved in producing some fabulous pieces of art.

The guided digital exhibition tours will consist of the following themes:

- EYFS: Horses
- Year 1: Surprised!
- Year 2: Suffolk Landscapes
- Year 3: Pointillism
- Year 4: Leonardo Da Vinci
- Year 5: Renoir
- Year 6: Rembrandt

These weeks provide wonderful opportunities to the pupils of Place Farm and are heavily subsidised by school funds. To support the success of this week, we are asking that parents please consider providing a donation of £1 (more if you feel able) to go towards the resources used to create the artistic pieces - we thank you hugely in advance for your support with this! This could be provided through ParentPay (payment has been set up), or through cash handed to the class teacher.

[Thank you so much to those who have already donated!](#)

Year 4 Visit to the Buddhist Centre

Year 4 visited the Buddhist Centre in Cambridge this week. All the children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about Buddhism and the services the centre provides.

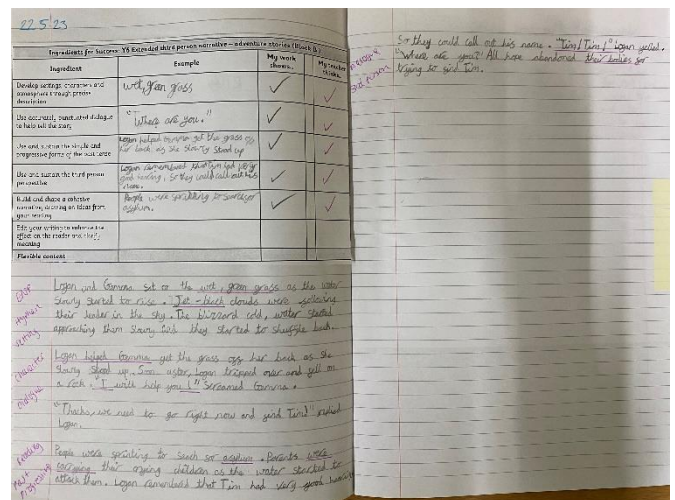
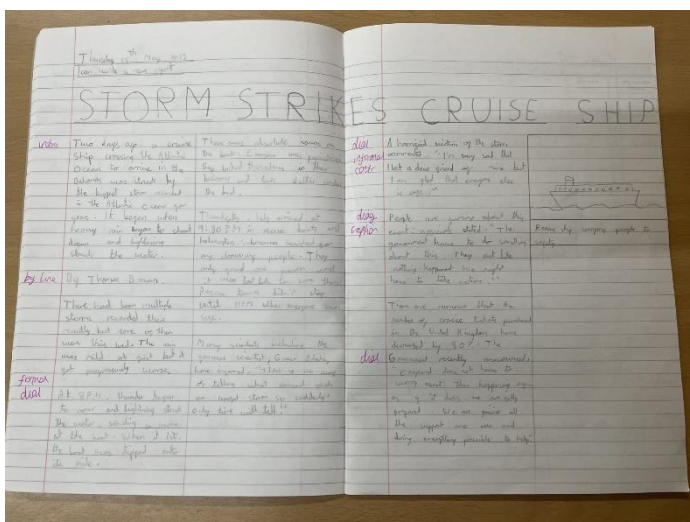
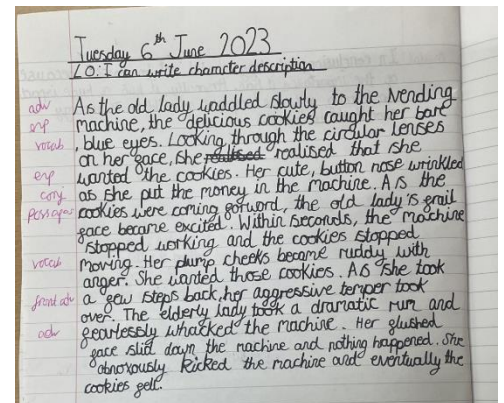
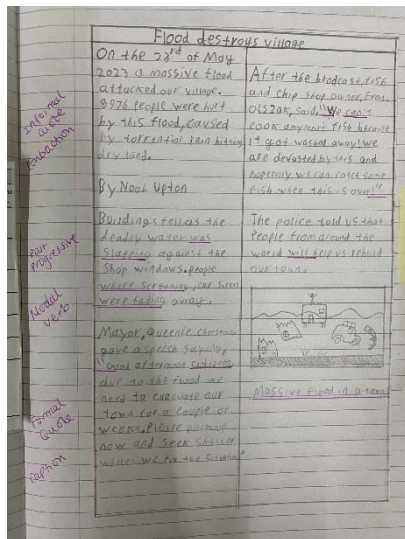
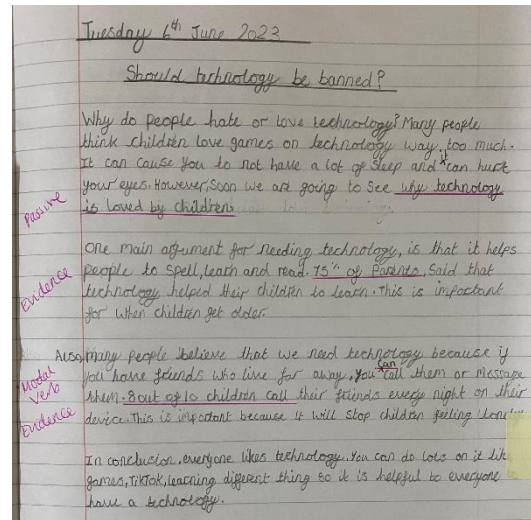
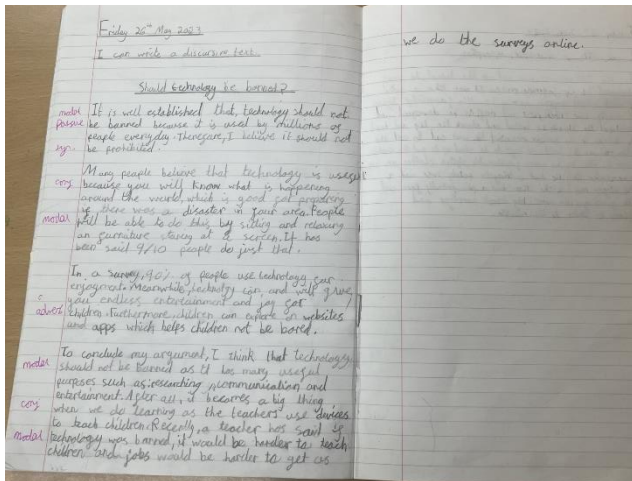
We heard some traditional Buddhist prayers and looked at some different artefacts. The children even had the opportunity to meditate with the Buddhists in the shrine room!

We are very proud of all the children as they engaged with the Buddhists and asked lots of exciting questions.



Year 6

Over the past few weeks, we have had a focus on writing. The children have been working so hard to write adventure stories, newspaper reports and a discursive text on whether technology should be banned. Please find below some of their amazing pieces! We are so proud of them!





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Wednesday 7th June, 4.30-5.30pm online via Zoom

Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right
or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/602540283207>



Tuesday 13th June, 5-8pm face-to-face in Ipswich

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left or via this link:
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/events/230613-get-into-teaching-east-of-england-event>

Tuesday 19th June, 4-5pm online via Zoom

Register an interest via Eventbrite using the QR code on the right
or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/639229752397>



Wednesday 28th June, 6-7pm online via Zoom

Book (free) via Eventbrite using the QR code on the left
or via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/639232781457>



Year 2 parents - are you ready for September?

Your child will no longer receive Universal Infant Free School Meals when they move to Year 3 unless you **apply now** and are eligible.

You will save over £435 a year and your child's school will receive extra funding to support your child with their learning.

If you have already applied and have been found to be eligible, you do not need to reapply.

To be eligible for Free School Meals you must receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 4 week run on



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Easter 2023

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I had a fantastic
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motivated and inspired
by the wonderful staff

Easter 2023

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WHEN DO WE MEET?

AGES 4-7: SATURDAYS 10:00-10:40

AGES 8-12: TUESDAYS 16:15 -16:50

AGES 13-18: TUESDAYS 17:00-17:40

COST: £60 per term
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