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A message from Mrs Yarnold

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all been enjoying the wonderful warm weather this week. I have seen some lovely outdoor learning taking place through Seesaw. Please make sure if your child is coming into school that they have sunscreen on and a hat.

We are now coming towards the end of the school year. The last day of the summer term is Tuesday 7th July. Seesaw learning will continue until this date. Once school is closed there will be some significant build projects taking place. The development of the playground has already started with some of the play items being made and Touchwood will be starting the site work on the first day of the summer holidays. Within the school building we will be developing a new classroom space on the Key Stage 2 floor. This space is being created through some additional library space which will be developed into a classroom next to current Soul class. Finally, many of you will have noticed that the paid parking has been removed on College Square. This area is now going to be further developed and the pavement area extended. It will be exciting when children return to school to see all of these developments.

You may have heard last Friday's announcement that the government expects all pupils to return to school in September, and the suggestion that they would operate in "bubbles" containing 30 pupils. At the moment, this is all the information we have; we are still awaiting a new set of guidelines from the Department for Education about how this might be realised, and what additional control measures may need to be in place. As always, we will let you know as soon as we have more information – and we will always put the health and safety of children, staff and the wider community first.

As many of you will know Miss Tennant has been at Cathedral Primary school for three years as a Year 1 teacher. Miss Tennant has been instrumental in the development of Forest School and the Green Team. Her passion for the environment and outdoor learning has led to some significant changes to our curriculum and understanding of the environment. She has led the Green Team and encouraged our children to be vocal and proactive in the small and big changes we can make. Miss Tennant is now planning to move to Copenhagen in the next few months and for this reason has decided to resign from her teaching post. Miss Tennant will still be supporting the school in September on a supply basis until she has confirmation of her travel plans. We will of course let you all know when Miss Tennant leaves to go to Copenhagen but look forward to still seeing her at school in September.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,
Mrs Yarnold



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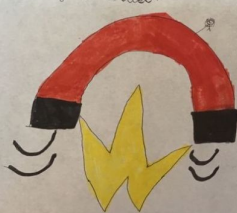
Year 1

The Year 1 children have been continuing to explore all things relating to SPACE! They have created some beautiful art pieces in the style of abstract artist Peter Thorpe. We are very proud of their creations. They have been writing as if they are astronauts and are up in space. We have used 'because' and 'but' to extend our writing. The children thought of how they might catch a star and the problems they might face. In Maths the children have been looking at 'doubles'. They have used a range of resources including funky songs and ladybirds!

Some of 'Hip-Hop class' have been finding creative ways to read during the heatwave!

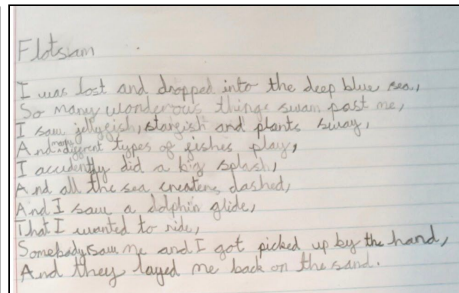
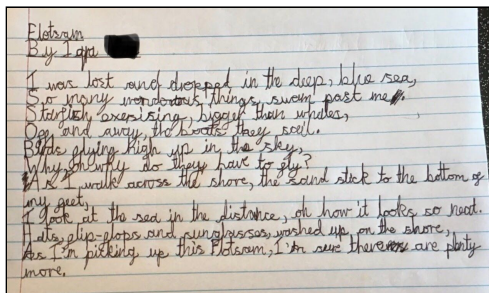
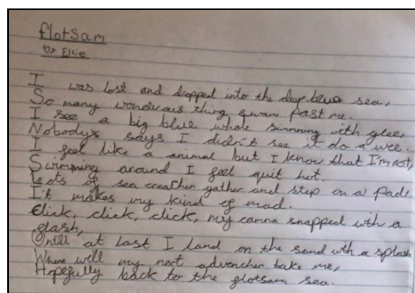


The boy tried using a giant Magnet but it didn't work. It ~~is~~ just stayed still because it wasn't made of metal.



Year 3

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have continued to work hard to produce some amazing work on Seesaw. In English, we have been looking at the book Flotsam, a story all about magical and mysterious things under the sea. We are getting really good at writing poems in Year 3 so we used the story as inspiration for writing our own. Have a look below at some of our brilliant writing! In Maths, the Year 3s have really impressed us with all their great work on lines, angles and shapes. In our Topic lessons we have been getting to grips with maps! The children have practised navigating using grid references and directional language and even produced their own maps of their local area. Well done for all your fantastic work this term!





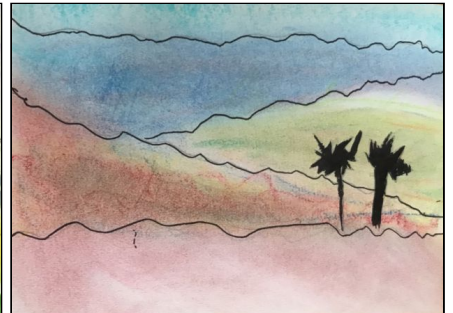
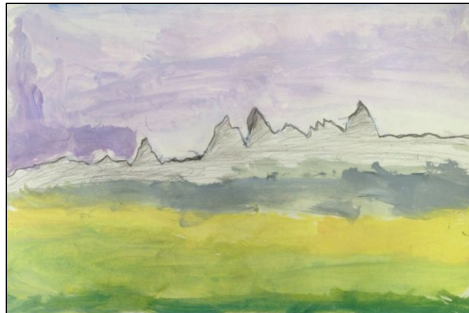
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Year 5

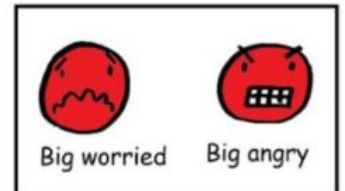
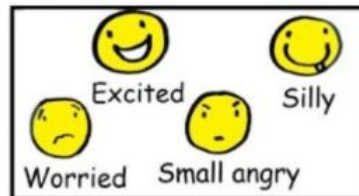
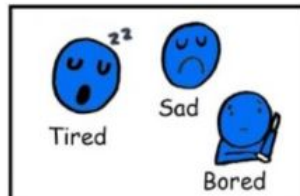
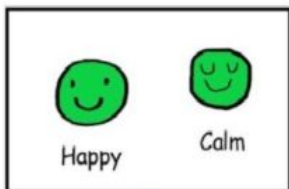
Inspired by recent events, Year 5 have been writing their own version of Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech, thinking about their dreams for our world. They've been continuing their map work, getting their heads round grid referencing and route planning. In art, they tried their hand at some beautiful watercolour landscapes. Of course the biggest news of all has been that they will be having the wonderful Miss Driscoll next year which they are excited about!



Pastoral Team

Thank you for supporting your child in the first activity based around emotions. The children did an excellent job matching the different emotions to the colours. This week we will be looking at why we may feel different emotions and our reactions can change based on the reason or the time it is happening.

Some of the children may be feeling a range of emotions due to the transition to the new year group and class teacher. Hopefully these activities will help to process how they are feeling and offer them the opportunity to talk.



Take care,
The Pastoral Team



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DHK School Dogs. During February half term, I was lucky enough to attend a two day course at the headquarters of the charity 'Dogs Helping Kids', to find out more about how their highly trained school dogs work in schools and to see if this was something that Cathedral Primary School might become a part of. I met some fantastic dogs, one of whom is called Fearnly and is based at Winford Primary School just outside of Bristol.

The charity aims to help teach children non violence, empathy, respect, kindness, love, responsibility, friendship and trust through their School Dog programme. Children are taught about the right way to safely interact with dogs they may encounter when they are out and about and older children can take part in a programme to learn more about responsible dog ownership.



DHK dogs are specifically trained to work in an individual school and belong to a member of staff. They have a whole year of puppy training, coming into school part time, before they are able to start working with children. The dogs continue with training and assessments under the direction of DHK for the next two years, which is a similar level of training to that received by guide dogs, before becoming fully fledged school dogs.



Within school, the dogs take on a variety of roles; they build confidence in struggling readers, listening intently whilst a child reads to them; they offer morning check ins for children who are reluctant about coming into school; help build confidence and self esteem through children engaging in training activities; and reward and motivate learners with classroom visits or lunch time dog walks. Permission is always obtained from parents/carers before a child is able to work with a school dog.

We are hoping that in the future we can become a DHK school and have our own school dog. If you would like to find out more about the charity and their work, you can visit their website:

www.dogshelpingkids.co.uk

If you have any questions, please contact me via the senco email:

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Parent Gym

Hello, I'm Mrs Oakley and as part of my role as an HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant), I lead parenting workshops. The company that provides the courses, Parent Gym, have kindly provided some online workshops, links to seminars and other helpful resources - to be used whilst we cannot get together in real life. This latest one is all about screen time - something I know is sometimes a controversial topic in a lot of homes - definitely including mine! I hope to start up the parenting courses again as soon as we are able to in the next school year, so keep an eye out for an email letting you know when that will be.

Managing screen-time is often a very hot topic - both before and particularly during this lockdown. And the challenges surely won't stop once this is all over either.

As such, the team at Parent Gym have let us know about a free digital session on "Online Safety and Wellbeing During Lockdown", which is being run by leading organisation Digital Awareness UK, on Thursday 9th July, 11.00-12.00.

The session will be run on Zoom and will include:

1. Popular online apps and digital trends
2. Critical issues to be aware of
3. What steps can families take to have healthy and happy tech habits in the home

There will also be plenty of time to ask questions or raise any other concerns you may have about online safety for your family.

To find out more and to sign up for the session please click here:

[Webinar for Parents / Carers - Online Safety & Wellbeing During Lockdown](#)

PE from Mr Baynton

I hope you've all had fun practising this week's Summer Games challenge in the sun! I'm particularly impressed with the children who patiently kept picking the ball up when it dropped on the floor so they could keep going for the whole minute! Please remember to submit your personal best score on the form below before Sunday night.

<https://forms.gle/TqeWLcTDNx1CSUa89>

Mr Baynton

Congratulations to my PE at home medal winners this week:



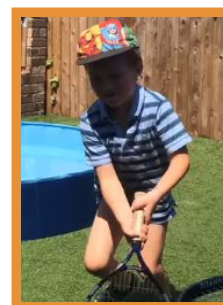
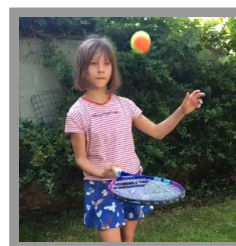
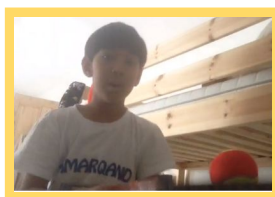
Gold - Dante (Yr 5 - Blues class)



Silver - Zoe (Yr 4 - Country class)



Bronze - Benjamin (Yr 1 - Disco class)





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From the Office

Uniform: If you are looking to buy new uniform this summer, please check the Uniform page of our website for the latest information from the store provider: [CPS Uniform](#). Don't forget, if you are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 the uniform requirements change from a polo top to a shirt and tie. More information can also be found on the link above.

Lost Property: As many of you have been unable to collect lost property, we will store any named items over the summer ready for reclaiming in September. Anything unnamed will be recycled.

Shine: If you are looking for summer holiday clubs Shine have now released their summer activities: [Summer Holiday Clubs](#)

Forest School

Hi, hope you are all enjoying this wonderful sunshine we are having at the moment, what a difference from last week's monsoon like rain storms! I hope you are managing to get out and about maybe doing some Forest walks, it's so much cooler in the shade of the tree canopy. Please be careful, there are lots of ticks about at the moment so make sure you have a thorough check when you get home.

If you do need to remove a tick take a look at this link:

<https://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/tick-removal/>

Check out this link for some stunning walks right on our doorstep, there is something for everyone:

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/blog/read/2017/05/top-20-spring-walks-around-bristol-b472>

If you are looking for a little project at home, check out this link to make your own wormery. So much fun and great to see how these little guys live.

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Resources/Activity/Mini-wormery>

Don't forget to keep them in the dark out of sunlight and set them free after a week!

Stay safe,

Jon and The Forest School Team

