



FARNDON NEWSFLASH

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Spring break. Hopefully, you all spent some valuable time with family and friends.

It's amazing to think how fast May has arrived. I am always hugely proud of the pupils - particularly in Year 6. These weeks are that final push in readiness for their SATs tests. They have all shown a tremendous attitude and have worked so hard. I am confident that they will give each of these tests their absolute all and I wish them all well in the coming weeks.

This term our focus in our SMSC is on **respect** and **tolerance**. In my assemblies, we have looked at what being respectful looks like. We looked at how we live in a world where there is diversity and difference, and that this is a good thing. In class, teachers will use class texts to help the children challenge stereotypes and that differences should be celebrated.

I had the pleasure of experiencing Robinwood with the Year 5 pupils. Our children never fail to impress me with their confidence and how well they pull together as a team, encouraging and supporting one another. One of the instructors said to me they were thrilled to have been assigned with a Farndon group - as they are always so well behaved!

Following on from the Parent Questionnaire, we are currently speaking with all our pupils across each and every year group to complete questionnaires. The results will be on the website in the next few days. From these results, we will follow it up with "You said....we did" with our School Councillors. Have a great Bank Holiday Weekend.

Mr Walker - Headteacher

SPORTS ROUND UP

With Year 4 on a residential, our Year 3 pupils stepped up and went to the Broxton football tournament. They were fantastic! They worked so well as a team, passing the ball from the back and up into midfield. Against the odds, they won 4 matches and drew 1 - 1 against Malpas. They won the tournament on goal difference, having only conceded 1 goal. Southgate may well consider Flo Richards for the Euros after her amazing penalty save!



ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

Year 5 spent 3 days at Robinwood in Wrexham.

This residential is always action packed and full of fun and adventure. The children are asked to face their fears each



day in a range of physical activities, team challenges and escape rooms. It is always such a joy to see the children develop in just the few days they are there, growing in confidence and working together as a team. As well as all the



high ropes, zip wire and climbing walls, they also got to learn how to kayak and build their own raft to race across the lake. But the activities the children always remember are night line and piranha pool!

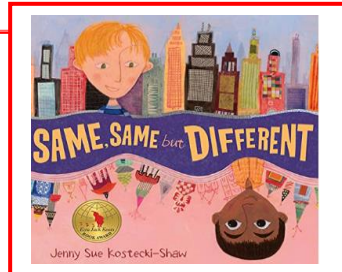
SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

Within Milestone 2, they explored the country of Mexico and compared similarities and differences to the UK. The children created their own sacred heart piece of art, learnt some Spanish phrases, numbers and a song, created a fact file about Mexico and wrote a postcard to someone in Mexico telling them about life in the UK.

The children then enjoyed presenting all their fantastic work to the KS1 children and teaching them some of the Spanish words they had learnt.

INFANT BOOK PROJECT

The Infants classes chose the country India to compare with England, using the book *Same Same but Different*.



The children learnt about the language, landscape, animals and culture. At the end of the week, they presented their Indian dance to Milestone 2 alongside some information they had learnt and demonstrated their new linguistic skills.

BALA RESIDENTIAL

A big thank you to the team who took our Year 4 pupils to Bala. They were very lucky with the weather and everyone managed to enjoy all the team building games and activities in the centre. They got to make their own scarecrows and in true Pottery Throwdown style they painted their pots. But the favourite activity still remains rock climbing and caving!

They also got to experience a via ferrata. This is where they had to cross tricky and steep rocky terrain.

But don't worry - they did have to wear a harness when they did it!



SCHOOL DINNERS

Menus are available on the school website:

Week beginning 6th May: Week 3

Week beginning 13th May: Week 1

Week beginning 20th May: Week 2

Week beginning 27th May: Week 3

For menus, please follow the link below:

<http://www.farndon.cheshire.sch.uk/page/school-dinners/4281>

FLAVOURS OF SOUTHWEST

On Thursday 16th May, our kitchen are hosting a special themed day - Flavours of the South West! It will be a Tex Mex style themed lunch, including Southern Fried chicken, curly fries and a Mexican inspired Cinnamon cookie. We hope as many of our children take the opportunity to enjoy one of our school lunches.



"EGGS"CELLENT EASTER FUND RAISING

The Student Council planned, organised the Easter Bunny Hop event for the whole school. The PTA also helped out on the day and funded the prizes which were won for the best Easter Bonnets and the for the most laps completed per class. It was a sponsored event which raised an impressive £800 in total. The Student Council have agreed that this money should be spent on a whole school experience day such as a cooking experience. Well done to our wonderful councillors for all their hard work.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th May: Height and weight check for Yr6 and Rec

13th May: SATs week for Year 6 pupils

22nd May: Acorns Sports Day

24th May: INSET Training day

3rd June: Children back in school

5th June: New Starters Parent Meeting 5pm

6th June: Yr 6 Transitions project at Farndon

10th June: Week of Phonics testing Year 1

12th June: New families Reception visit 3:30

13th June: Halle trip Year 5

19th June: News starters Reception

19th June: Acorns Parents' Meeting 4:00pm

20th June: Sports Day Key Stage 2 (am)

20th June: Sports Day Key Stage 1 (pm)

1st July: Year 6 London residential

1st July: Swimming Pool in school for 2 weeks

2nd July: Chirk castle visit Reception

5th July: Summer Fair after school

17th July: Heber Arts Evening 5pm - 7pm

18th July: Yr6 Leavers service

ASSEMBLY PRESENTATIONS

Recently, groups of pupils have led presentations on tidiness in and around school, behaviour and **school uniform** in whole school assemblies. It's great to see children step up and take responsibility.