Newsletter

Monday 13th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our focus on online safety, this week I have shared a parent information guide on ***Fortnite.*** *If your child plays this game, please do have a read.*

Have a lovely week.

With best wishes,
Ellen Ranson-McCabe

NEWS: Attendance Update (Good =96%+)

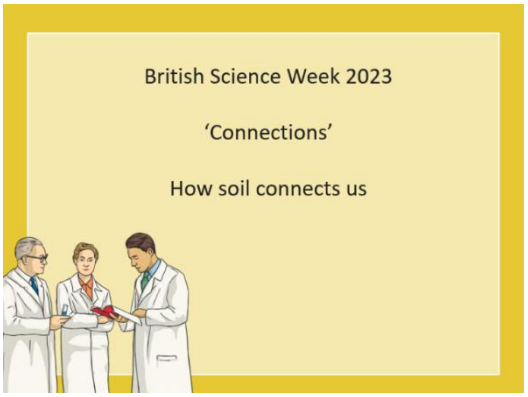
	Year to Date	Term 4 to date	Weekly
Whole School	**94.0%**	**93.5%**	**91.2%**
Little Acorns	92.3%	96.8%	91.7%
Saplings	94.3%	94.6%	94.0%
Young Oaks	95.0%	92.0%	90.9%
Mighty Oaks	93.0%	94.0%	87.0%

REMINDER: Teacher Strikes this week
We are closed to the majority of pupils on **Wednesday AND Thursday** this week.

EVENT: Science Week – 'Connections'
This week is Science Week and Miss Callan, our Science Leader, has been busily organising some great activities.

The theme is 'Connections: How soil connects us. As part of this week, all children will be visiting Brook Agricultural Museum on Friday for some workshops and investigations.

Miss Callan will send out a letter with full details.



EVENT: Movie Night!

Next **Friday, 24th March**, we will be holding a movie night to raise funds for FOBS.

- It will start straight after school and pick up will be at 5.30pm.
- The cost will be £3 (or £5 for two siblings, £7 for three).
- There will be two films on offer in two classrooms (Matilda the Musical and The Bad Guys). The cost will include popcorn and a drink.
- If children would like to bring a change of clothes or something cosy to wear, they can, or they can remain in uniform.
- Please sign up and pay on school money, or pop into the school office.
- School staff will be present throughout the event

REMINDER: Red Nose Day is this Friday 17th March. On this day, classes will be celebrating Science Week with an exciting trip to Brook Museum. Therefore, children need to wear school uniform to school on this day. They can, however, wear a red nose for a £1 donation to this worthwhile charity.

Each week, I will some of our feedback in relation to the recent parent/carer questionnaire. This week I would like to share our feedback to questions 9 and 10. I hope this is useful.

9. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	This is something we are continuing to work on. In Term 3, we introduced extra-curricular clubs and this continues now in to subsequent terms. The FOBS group have started to lead extra activities such as the Christmas disco and we hope to organise more of these. We are looking to introduce a termly 'Brilliant Brook' day where children can take part in new activities to enrich the curriculum further. We have our own forest school on site as well as an off-site location and we ensure we visit each term. We are continuing to develop 'learning outside the classroom' to make more use of our grounds.
10. The school supports my child's wider personal development.	See question 9 for activities which support personal development. We introduce children to philosophy through our 'thought for the week' which is discussed as a school as well as in classes. These 'thoughts' encourage children to think deeply about the world around them. Children have a weekly circle time in class. We have excellent pastoral care with a range of interventions available. Our Heartsmart learning promotes personal development. We now have 'Sing Up' and engage with singing and music throughout the week. Our next step is to improve lunchtime and playtimes and ensure children have a range of activities to engage with.

Diary Dates for the Year ahead – Updates/changes are highlighted.

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware they could change in unforeseen circumstances.

TERM 4		
13th – 17th	SCIENCE WEEK	
Wed 15th March	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Wed 15th March	Teacher Strike	
Thurs 16th March	Teacher Strike	
Fri 17th March	Red Nose Day	
Fri 17th March	Trip to Brook Museum (Science Week)	
Wed 22nd March	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Thurs 23rd March	Class Sharing Assembly – Mighty Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Mighty Oaks welcome to attend
Fri 24th March	Movie Night!	3.15 – 5.30pm
Wed 29th March	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Thurs 30th March	Music Concert	3.15 -4.15pm Young Oaks, Choir and children who have music lessons plus parents of these children
Fri 31st March	Easter Service at Church	9.30am. All welcome
Fri 31st March	End of Spring Term Reports to parents	
Fri 31st March	End of Term 4	
TERM 5		
Mon 17th April	Term 5 begins	
Over the term	Year 2 SATs	
Tues 25th April	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Mighty Oaks
Wed 26th April	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Mon 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Wed 3rd May	Forest School Day – Saplings	
Mon 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Wed 10th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Little Acorns
9th – 12th May	Year 6 SATs	
Tues 16th May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Young Oaks
Wed 17th May	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 18th May	Class Sharing Assembly – Saplings	9.00am – Parents of Saplings welcome to attend
Tues 23rd May	Godinton House Trip – storytelling project	Saplings
Wed 24th May	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Fri 26th May	End of Term 5	
TERM 6		
Mon 12th June	Term 6 begins	
12th-16th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
Fri 16th June	School Walk	
12th-23rd June	Year 4 Multiplication Screen	
Wed 21st June	Forest School Day – Mighty Oaks	
Wed 28th June	Forest School Day – Young Oaks	
Fri 30th June	Sports Day	Morning
3rd – 7th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	Invitation only
Wed 5th July	Forest School Day – Saplings	

Thurs 6th July	Class Sharing Assembly – Young Oaks	9.00am – Parents of Young Oaks welcome to attend
Wed 12th July	Forest School Day – Little Acorns	
Thurs 13th July	Mighty Oaks Show	1.30pm
Fri 14th July	Mighty Oaks Show	5.30pm
Fri 14th July	End of Year Reports	
Wed 19th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening – all classes	3.15-5.00pm
Thurs 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service	2.00pm
Fri 21st July	End of Term 6 and the Academic Year	