



# WEEKLY FOCUS

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Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I will remember,  
Involve me and I learn!

Dear Parents

## Weekly Theme

Our theme this week is Chinese New Year. Chinese New Year is the main Chinese festival of the year. As the Chinese use the Lunar calendar for their festivals the date of Chinese New Year changes from year to year. The date corresponds to the new moon (black moon) in either late January or February.

Traditionally celebrations last for fifteen days, ending on the date of the full moon. In China the public holiday lasts for three days and this is the biggest celebration of the year.

The Chinese calendar is different from that used in the United Kingdom. It is made up of a cycle of twelve years, each of them being named after an animal. This is very like our signs of the zodiac.

The Chinese New Year of the Rooster will be on 28 January 2017. It will be year 4715 on the Chinese Calendar.



## Sponsored Fun Run



Our sponsored fun run was today. All the children ran at least a mile. Together we managed to run 489.5 miles! Well done to everybody that took part. Please can all sponsor money be collected and brought

into school by Friday 3 February.

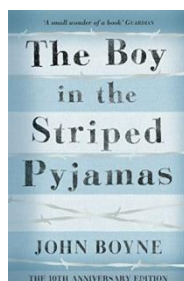
## Year 6 SATS Books

We hope that you found the year 6 meeting on Monday useful. If you were unable to attend and buy the SATs revision books then we still have a few left. **We are offering BOG OFF-both the grammar and the Maths books for only £6.00.** Get yours quickly as these will really help prepare your child for the tests in May.

## Book of the week

Our book of the week this week is 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne and it is recommended by Miss Dunbar.

*The story of The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas is very difficult to describe. Usually we give some clues about the book on the cover, but in this case we think that would spoil the reading of the book. We think it is important that you start to read*



*without knowing what it is about.*

*If you do start to read this book, you will go on a journey with a nine-year-old boy called Bruno. And sooner or later you will arrive with Bruno at a fence.*

*We hope you never have to cross such a fence.*

This book is recommended for children in year 6.

## Giant Sing Up

Our choir have been invited to take part in The Giant Sing up on Wednesday 13 March at The Anvil Basingstoke. Many schools are taking part in this musical extravaganza and it promises to be really exciting.



We will learn the songs during our lunchtime choir club and they are all based around the story of The Happy Prince. On the day, we then practise and perform the songs with all the other schools. The cost for this is £4.50.

We only have 30 places and these are allocated on a first come first served basis so get the money and slips in ASAP.

## Brainteaser

**Last week's solution:** A PLATE

**This week's question:** I don't have wings, but I can fly. I don't have eyes, but I will cry! What am I?

## **Lisa Marshall – Headteacher**

### IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

**LAST WEEKS JOINT CLASS  
ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:**

**Walliams, Strong & Dahl @ 98% ☺**

*Keep up the good attendance!*

## **Assembly news**

The following children were awarded

### Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Kiera & Kyle**

Year 4: **Amelia & Tommy**

Year 5: **Alfie & Tommy**

Year 6: **Liam & Jack**

### B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Nathan & Noah**

Year 4: **Alex & Faye**

Year 5: **Jamie & Kira**

Year 6: **Holly & Nate**

*Well done to you all keep up the good work!*

### Maths Star's

Year 3: **Roxy-Mae & Erin**

Year 4: **Lawrence & Nero**

Year 5: **Tahlia & Chelsea**

Year 6: **Ewan & Kyle**

*Well Done!*

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude. Congratulations!

### Our Learning

**Year 3** This week in Maths we are learning how to count in tenths; recognise that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10.

In English, we are reading 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne and writing about this story. We will be focusing on using a variety of sentence starters and conjunctions in our writing.

In Topic, we are learning about food chains, primary consumers and secondary consumers. We are going to be sorting plants and animals into food chains and looking at different animals and understanding the words omnivores, herbivores and carnivores.

Next week in Maths we will be using our knowledge of addition and subtraction and applying this knowledge to answer missing number problems.

Next week in English we will be reading 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne and writing about this story.

In Topic, we will understand how our body digests food. We will be explaining the journey of food by writing a story.

Thank you for attending the meeting about MyMaths on Monday, homework will be set under your child's username on Friday for them to complete on Wednesday. This is in addition to their times table homework in their homework books and their reading 5 times a week that is recorded in their reading logs.

**Year 4** This week, we have finished off our Aladdin learning by writing our Hot Tasks. Mrs Welch and Miss Kynaston have read some fantastic stories, including magical penguins, gems with mysterious powers and some rather terrifying villains. We have also been using our investigative powers to explore the question '*Is it always, sometimes or never true that shapes with the same area will have different perimeters?*'. What do you think the answer was? Ask us what we found out and we may be able to tell you!

Next week, we will be revisiting multiplication in maths, and some of us may even start learning to use formal written method to help us solve more complex sums.

In English, we will be learning how to write persuasively, using the story of Aladdin to inspire us. We will also be beginning to use our Science learning to create special,

working lanterns in DT. Keep an eye on the blog for photos of work in progress!

**Year 5** In literacy this week we have been continuing to write our suspense stories, focusing on vocabulary choice and short sentences to create suspense. Next week we will be designing machines to catch dreams. In maths this week we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of different shapes. Next week we will be learning how to calculate the area of different shapes.

In geography this week we have begun a geographical enquiry about which is the best place for a family to live – Southampton or Paris. To do this, we have been looking at the physical and human geography of Paris and comparing it to Southampton. Next week, we will be off to Leeson House! We can't wait!

**Next Wednesday 1 – 3 February is our Leeson House Residential – all payments should be with the office urgently before the trip.**

**Year 6** In English this week we continued to read Holes and the pieces of the story are starting to fit together nicely. We wrote character and setting descriptions as well as a letter home from Stanley to his mother. In maths we have been looking at angles and how it is possible to calculate missing angles in different shapes. It has been interesting as we've been investigating problems that require us to look for rules. Topic has been fascinating so far - we've learnt all about natural selection and how genetic mutations can lead to the evolution of entirely new species. We had to demonstrate this by being black or grey rats and playing tag...except the grey rats could only hop! We've also been using plasticine to build and adapt different creatures. Soon we will be using an animation app to create our very own evolution videos.

## Reminders & Prompts:

### READING CAFÉ

Come along this Thursday 26 January to the Junior School Session of Reading Café.

### Athletics Club – New Members Welcome!

Mrs Clayton runs a 'Before School Athletics Club' on a Tuesday starting at 7.45am. She has opened the club to all year groups and competitions will be approaching soon. If your child wishes to attend, collect a letter from the office (there is no charge).

### NO GYM

Due to the hall being used for Rock Challenge, there will be no gym until further notice. Sorry for any inconvenience. Mrs Northover.

**Breakfast Club** Please ensure that you **book and pay** for breakfast club a week in advance, even online, thank you.

**Data Collection**

Please can years 4,5 and 6 return their Data Collection forms as soon as you can. Thank you.

**ROCK CHALLENGE -**

A letter with final arrangements is coming home to you this week, please look out for it.

**REHEARSALS:**

**Thurs - 26/1-** A.F. Family, Soldiers(14), & Backstage.

**Mon 30/1** – Everyone

**Thurs 2/2** – Just Anne Frank Family

Then every Monday and Thursday after 2/2 is everyone

Tickets will be with you soon, you will receive tickets you have paid for.

**And finally....** Please collect and return Sponsor Money as soon as you can Thank you!



**READING CAFE**  
3:15-4pm

- Thursday 12th Jan at Juniors (in meeting room/library area)
- Thursday 19th Jan at Infants (in Early Years room)
- Thursday 26th Jan at Juniors
- Thursday 2nd Feb at Infants
- Thursday 9th Feb at Juniors
- Thursday 16th Feb at Infants

Brilliant opportunity to read with your child and spending time choosing and changing books in the library

**Dates for your Diary**



Sponsor Run (1 - 3 miles)	Wed 25 Jan
Rock Ch Rehearsal-A.F. Family (-1)&Soldiers( 14)	Thurs 26 Jan
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Junior Sch)	Thurs 26 Jan
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Mon 30 Jan
Yr 5 Leeson House Residential	1 – 3 Feb
Sponsor money in	Wed 1 Feb
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Infant Sch)	Thurs 2 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – A.F. Family	Thurs 2 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Mon 6 Feb
Parents Evenings	7 - 8 Feb
Year 5 Exit Point (2.15pm)	Wed 8 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Thurs 9 Feb
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Junior Sch)	Thurs 9 Feb
Yr 4 Exit Invitation	Fri 10 Feb
Rock Ch Rehearsal – <u>EVERYONE</u>	Mon 13 Feb
Rock Challenge – Show – Children all day	Thurs 16 Feb
“ “ (Sot'on Guildhall starts 6pm)	Thurs 16 Feb
Reading Café (3.15 – 4pm – Infant Sch)	Thurs 16 Feb
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>20 – 24 Feb</b>
<b>School Closed Inset Day</b>	<b>Mon 27 Feb</b>
Yr 6 Notified of Secondary School Place	Wed 1 Mar
World Book Day	Thurs 2 Mar
CJSA Non-Uniform (chocolate donation)	Fri 17 Mar
Non Uniform (Red Nose Day)	Fri 24 Mar
CJSA Easter Raffle cake sale 2.45pm	Tues 4 Apr
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>10 – 21 Apr</b>
Yr 2 Notified of their Junior School Place	Tues 18 Apr
<b>Rock Challenge Final</b>	<b>Wed 26 Apr</b>
<b>School Closed Inset Day</b>	<b>Tues 2 May</b>
SATs Week	8-12 May
Yr 6 Tile Barn Residential	5 – 9 June
<b>School Closed Inset Day</b>	<b>Fri 30 June</b>
<b>End of year</b>	<b>Tues 25 July</b>