

## Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 had a special visit on the 5th of January from 'Portals to the Past'! The children were transported back in time by Mark the historian and got to experience a variety of exciting activities. One of the things the children did first was examine some Ancient Egyptian artefacts and discuss how they were used in everyday life back then. After that, the children had the fantastic opportunity to play an Egyptian game in the class room and compete to reach the top of the board first. As well as this, the children took part in an investigation quiz and used their reasoning skills to decipher sources of evidence to answer the quiz! The children then took part in some drama in the afternoon and heard the story of Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. Overall, it was a spectacular day and all of the children and adults learned a lot about Ancient Egypt as well as having lots of fun!



## Safeguarding

### One Online Safety New Years Resolution

Commit to learning about one media item your child is passionate about. If your mind tends to wander when your child explains every detail of her latest Minecraft mod, catch yourself and tune back in.

**ONLINE  
SAFETY**

Whether it's the latest YouTuber, a new app, a game, or a dank meme, it matters in their world. It's a good sign if they're sharing it with you because it means that they care about what you think. If you know a little something about the stuff your child is into, it can spark conversations, lead to new media choices, and make it easier to manage.

## Live Kitchen



Our new kitchen partner Dolce Ltd would like to invite parents to a taster session at 14.45pm on the 25th of January. This will give the opportunity to see the Live Kitchen system from your pupils point of view, to sample some of the dishes on offer and to ask any questions you may have to their company representatives.

Our children are really enjoying the new food system and there are plenty of clean plates at the end of lunch time. Please see some of our children's comments below.

Jason: "I like the new food and using the tablet in the hall to recall my name with my food order"

Olivia: "The new food is amazing, it's tastier"

Sophie: The food is really nice - I ate it all and the Jelly and fruit was lovely"



## Curriculum Newsletters & Home Learning

Curriculum Newsletters change as we continue our journey towards becoming a paperless school.

As you know, we are now a paperless school. Details of your child's learning this half term, along with details of how you can help at home and important class dates and resources can now be found on the class pages of our school website.

The suggested activities are aimed to further your child's learning and inspire them in their school work. In addition to these activities, you will also be able to access the home learning challenge for this half term.

Home learning challenges are going from strength to strength with more children taking part that ever before. The aim is to allow the children to be creative and take ownership in their learning.

Children who take part say they love the freedom of the activities and the opportunity to work with their parents on a project. We can't wait to see what exciting (and sometimes even edible) learning comes in on the last Monday of half term.

## Christmas Fete

We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £700 at our Christmas Fete and we are extremely grateful to all those who spared their time to help create a fantastic evening for all of our families.



## Introduction

During this term Mr O' Laoghaire will be joining year one as a teacher while Mr Shipton is gaining further experience in a different school. Mr O'Laoghaire has lived in Milton Keynes for six years and his child attends one of the schools in the city.

In his spare time Mr O'Laoghaire is visiting museums and is a bit of an expert on swords from the past. He also enjoys reading books about history and science fiction.

## Enjoy After School Club

We would like to welcome all our families back after the Christmas break and would like to remind parents that Enjoy After School Club is open to all.

Our club runs from 3.15pm—6.15pm where hourly blocks can be booked via our new online gateway app.

For the first hour and a half the children have the opportunity to do some sports activities with a qualified member of Premier Sports outside or stay inside with a qualified member of staff from After School Club.

Included in these sessions your child/ children will be offered drinks and snacks. For more information please contact Sam Eldridge, our after school club manager or a member of the office team who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



## First News

We are now lucky enough to have an exciting new weekly resource coming to our classrooms :

First News!

This is a fantastic newspaper aimed at children, giving them an insight into news stories appropriate for their age.

The children will be able to read these both independently and with the teacher during guided reading. Watch out for our local delivery team - Gaby and Anna Y6 - who will be delivering these every Monday morning.



## Dates for the Diary

17th of January - EYFS & KS1 Beatrix Potter Theatre Production for the children to watch at GLPS

25th of January - Live Kitchen, Parents invited to taster session - 2.45pm.

26th of January - KS1 Maths open morning 9am - 10am

5th of February - EYFS Real Owls Visit EYFS for a talk and show.

5th of February - Home learning projects to be handed in.

6th of February - Books at Bedtime 4 - 5 pm

7th of February - EYFS stay and play - 2pm-3pm

9th of February - Home learning assembly in the hall 9am

9th of February - last day - break up for half term.

9th of February - Newsletters and home learning sent out for Spring term 2.

19th of February - Children return to school

20th of February - Year 3 Caldecotte parent information evening—5.30pm

21st of February - Parent Course - Fun with Maths, begins 9am-11am

27th of February - Year 2 - KS1 SATS parents information evening 8.30am - 9am or 3.30pm—4pm

1st of March - World Book Day

6th of March - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

8th of March - Parents Evening - 4.30pm—7pm

14th of March - Choir is singing at Wembley Stadium

19th of March - Willen Hospice Cake Sale

20th of March - Year 3 parent assembly - the Egyptians - 2pm or 6pm

21st of March - EYFS - stay and play 2pm—3pm

22nd of March - Home learning assembly in the school hall

22nd March - Easter Disco

23rd March - Last day— break up for half term.

23rd of March - Newsletters and home learning sent out for Summer 1

## Volunteers

### Volunteers we need you

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to help with day trips and possibly over night residential trips.

We are also looking for parent readers to visit the school on a regular basis to listen to our children read. We really value the support from our volunteers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to join our school and home community together.

If you have some free time and would like to become a volunteer please speak to Carol at the school office or contact Carol on 01908 605027.

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