

Friars Weekly News

Thursday 27th May 2021

Well we have reached the end of the first summer half term and it has been brilliant to be back to some sort of normality with school looking much nearer, if not completely, back to how it was before COVID changed life, as we currently know it. The children have responded brilliantly to this spell of uninterrupted learning and are starting to 'recover' some of the time lost by the lockdown periods.

This week has been Science Week and it has been amazing to see the children so engaged in their investigative work. It has truly been a great week full of curiosity, wonderment, inquisitiveness and astonishment and has helped us all remember just what a fascinating subject science is, and how creative it can be. Thank you to Mrs Snow, our science leader for organising the week and to all of the staff that have made it happen. We have been blown away by the imagination, will to succeed and determination demonstrated by the children's marble runs...it does seem as if every single piece of cardboard brought into school has been utilised in some way! The results can be seen on the back page of the newsletter.

Thank you to those parents that have already paid for their child's educational visit or event. Without your support, we would not be able to run these events either this year or in the future as sadly, we simply do not have the funds available to subsidise them all. If you are able to contribute towards these valuable events, please pay via ParentPay.

Next week is our half term holiday and it feels as if we can truly say 'roll on the summer' as we enter our final part of this academic year with lots of exciting events and experiences planned for the half term ahead and of course, the summer holidays just 7 weeks away.

Just a reminder that when we return on Monday 7th June, our normal restrictions around social distancing, face coverings and limited face-to-face contact remain the same. We will of course, advise you should any changes be made to school guidance after 21st June.

We hope you have a great half term, that we get to enjoy some sunshine and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th June.

Mr McClay Mr Roche

Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

This week, nursery children have been bridge building. We have investigated the best building materials to use and been thinking about the importance of keeping the bridge balanced. We made bridges for cars and animals to cross as well as ones for us to cross as well. There has also been a lot of talk about visiting the newly opened cinemas again so we set up our own cinema in nursery. Some children helped make tickets and cones for popcorn, others helped organise nursery furniture in rows for seating. Lots of fun was had by all.

Reception

In Reception, we have had a wonderful week with Mr. Brady, looking for bugs and exploring in the environmental garden. The children had great fun looking closely at what they could see and talking about the similarities and differences they noticed. In the garden, the children have continued to enjoy finding things that leak- building on from our Leaky Bucket story! The most exciting leak we found was some water dripping from the guttering in a heavy downpour. We managed to collect lots of water in pots and jars. In maths, we have been exploring doubling and halving. We have also been practising to tell the time to o'clock and making the times on small clocks. What a wonderful half term we have had...have a great break everyone!

Key Stage 1

Year 1

What a creative, fun week it has been in Year 1! The children have been very enthusiastic about our Science Week, where they have investigated absorbing, mixing and stretching in various ways as well as making an imaginative marble run out of cardboard. We have been really impressed with the children's ideas and their application to these investigations. In maths, we have focused on making times using o'clock and half past. Whatever you get up to, we hope that you have a relaxing and fun half term and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 7th June.

Dates for the diary

MAY

Friday 28th

INSET Day

MAY/JUNE

Monday 31st-Friday 4th
Half term

Tuesday 15th

PTA Fathers Day Sale

Wednesday 16th

Class Photographs
Gemma's Farm

Thursday 17th

Year 6 – Thriftwood

Friday 25th

Year 3 Viking Day

JULY

Monday 5th

Y1 Sports Day 9:15am-10:15am

Y2 Sports Day 10:45am-11:45am

Tuesday 6th

Y3 Sports Day 9:15am-10:15am

Y4 Sports Day 10:45am-11:45am

Thursday 8th

Y5 Sports Day 9:15am-10:15am

Y6 Sports Day 10:45am-11:45am

Tuesday 13th - 6pm-8pm

Online Safety Parent Workshop

Wednesday 14th

Year 5 – Thriftwood

Thursday 15th

Year 2 - Colchester Zoo

Thursday 22nd -Tuesday 31st

August

Summer break

Outdoor learning w/c 7th June
Class 4B

Dinner Menu – Week 3

Monday

Chickpea & vegetable curry with rice
Homemade vegan burger with baked sweet potato
Pasta with Tomato & vegetable sauce
Broccoli florets
Carrot & Apple Flapjack

Tuesday

Spaghetti bolognese
Vegan mince & vegetable pasta bake
Carrots & peas
Lemon Drizzle Cake

Wednesday

Roast Turkey with roast potatoes & gravy
Lentil & bean vegan loaf with roast potatoes & gravy
Wholewheat pasta with cheese & leek sauce
Green cabbage & roast carrots
Banana & sultana cake with custard

Thursday

Sweet & sour chicken with steamed rice
Margherita pizza with potato salad
Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
Sweetcorn
Chilled rice pudding with berry compote

Friday

Fish finger with oven baked chips
Vegetable & lentil croquette with oven baked chips
Pasta with lentil & bean sauce
Baked beans & garden peas
Chocolate & raisin shortbread

Fresh Baked Bread available daily

Year Group Emails

Please contact your child's teacher using the following email addresses:
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year4@friars.southend.sch.uk
year5@friars.southend.sch.uk
year6@friars.southend.sch.uk

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Year 2

What a week we have had in Year 2. In English, we have looked at the features of a poem and then written our own about Antarctica. In maths, we have recapped and learnt about telling the time, from o'clock and half past, to quarter past and quarter to. We then had a go at telling the time to 5 minutes, which was really challenging. The best part of the week has been investigating science as part of our school 'Science Week'. We had so much fun investigating various verb forms around balls; for example dropping, pushing or moving a ball. We had to think about what would happen, how we could measure it and what would occur if the balls were different. To top the week off, we then had to make a huge marble run for the whole school competition, we were not at all competitive! We hope you have a restful half term.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Year 3 have had an 'eggcellent' time during Science Week investigating the verb "drop" and forces. We completed our egg drop challenges with only a little scrambling! We got 'hands on' with playdoh to investigate the size of impact created by different objects when dropped. Our giant marble runs took shape throughout the week, with great teamwork and cooperation. In maths, we have been looking at data handling and the children collected their own information to present in different formats, including pictograms, frequency charts and bar charts.

Year 4

We have had so much fun in Year 4 this week using the verb "observation" as part of our science week investigations. We have looked at how different animals use camouflage to hide themselves from prey, made our own colour wheels and experimented by seeing what would happen when we mix two or three different colours together. We even had a go at trying to draw our own optical illusions! All of this learning has helped us to think about the world around us and piqued our curiosity about the way in which things work. After half-term we have outdoor learning – 4B on the week of 7th June and 4S on the 14th June, please see the letter that came out for more details. We hope the children have enjoyed their learning this half-term and that they enjoy their well-deserved break!

Year 5

A very exciting week in Year 5 as we have enjoyed science week along with the rest of the school. We explored what it means for something to 'float' and why certain materials and objects float better than others. We also created a class marble run with just card and sellotape to enter into the school competition. Each Year 5 class had a wonderful morning this week spent outside with Mr. Brady for team building activities. All the children really enjoyed taking part in the games and working together; they showed real team spirit.

Year 6

This week has been Science Week and what a week it has been. Based on the idea of 'Take One Word' we chose 'changing state,' to see how materials change from solids, liquids and gases. The Year 6 children have been burning different types of paper, to see how they change state depending on how combustible the material. The children have been attempting to separate particles in liquids by heating, cooling and using filters and attempting to stop a solid (ice cube) from changing state to a liquid (water) by creating the best insulator. Whilst all this has been going on, they have been building the most epic marble runs, working collaboratively and using their design and technology skills combined with science skills (think gravity). Thank you to everybody who sent in cardboard for the two classes to use. We have all thoroughly enjoyed this week. We hope you have an enjoyable week off and look forward to seeing you back in a weeks time.....Don't forget to sign up for Thriftwood on June 17th!

PE Days

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 & Year 3
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Year 6

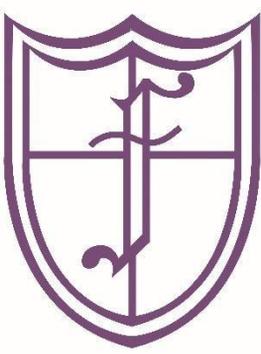
House points winners

KS1 – Stormont (Green)
KS2 – Stirling (Blue)

Attendance

KS1 – 1GC – 98.7%
KS2 – 6G – 98.2%
Whole School – 95.9%

Marble Run 2021



The Challenge

Each class were given the challenge to create a marble run long enough and slow enough to run for over a minute. They all accepted this challenge!



The Designs

With enough cardboard in school to build a small city, the children set about their work with great enthusiasm. The designs simply blew us away for the invention and creativity seen and they all deserved a prize but of course, there could only be one winner of the Marble Run Cup 2021.

The Results

With only the very best gaining particular recognition, sadly these classes fell just short of a place in the coveted top six this year – Well done and commiserations to 6D, 4S, 4B, 5VW, Year 1 and 3JD.

Which leads us to our top six...

Reception

1 st	2B – 1 minute and 10 seconds
2 nd	2S – 47 seconds
3 rd	6G – 39 seconds
4 th	Reception – 34 seconds
5 th	3ML – 32 seconds
6 th	5W – 27 seconds



Huge congratulations to Class 2B who stormed away to take the Marble Run Cup 2021 with the only time over 1 minute long... and well done to all of the children and staff who worked so hard to create a brilliant and very exciting event.

Will 2B defend the title next year or will we have a new winner.....that will only be decided with a roll of a marble!

