

Principal's update

A warm welcome back to school. I hope that you had an enjoyable break. Holidays allow the children to shift their focus away from school work and engage in other important tasks that they are not normally able to address during the school year. Having the time and space to catch up with the things that have been pushed aside or that might require more focus and time is beneficial and rewarding. This might include visiting places of interest, visiting friends and family or pursuing a hobby.

At school, the Summer term is underway and is always busy - this year will be no exception. There's much to look forward to; The King's coronation celebrations, Eid Fayre, Sports Day, the annual family picnic, the Y6 PGL activity holiday, Summer Fayre, Nursery and Reception open days, lots of educational visits and the year six leavers' programme. These are just a few of the events planned.

It's also that time of year when Y2 and Y6 children are assessed. Good luck to both years who are currently preparing for SATS. SATS are tests that judge children's progress in reading, writing and maths.

Wishing you all a great weekend.



Dates for your diary

25th April
 HACS Coffee Morning
27th April
 Strike Action
 Y6 PGL parent meeting
1st May & 8th May
 Bank Holiday
 (School will be closed)
2nd & 3rd May
 Y1 Visit to Reading
 Museum
2nd May
 Police Talk: Nursery &
 Reception Parents
5th May
 Coronation Celebrations &
 Eid Fayre (3:00 - 5:00pm)
9th - 12th May
 Y6 SATS



Happy
ST. GEORGE'S DAY



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 3P with 93.2%
 2nd place: 6C & 5Z with 90%
 3rd place: Peach with 89%

It will be a non-uniform day for 3P on Friday 28th April. Well done!



St. George's Day

Every nation has its own 'Patron Saint' who in times of great peril is called upon to help save the country from its enemies!! St David is the patron saint of Wales, St Andrew of Scotland and St Patrick of Ireland – St George being the patron saint of England. Today, to recognise St. George's Day, children dressed in red and white.

Nursery children baked scones and made some jam sandwiches in the shape of St. George's flag. This helped them to practise mixing, rolling and kneading - they learnt to use a knife to spread and cut.

A special display was arranged by Culture Club for the day.



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CLUB



Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised... **£425**
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **TRAVELLING BOOKS**



Safeguarding Audit

On Thursday, school leaders, teachers, support staff and pupils participated in a Safeguarding Audit. As it was completed by an external auditor, the process provided the opportunity for quality assurance through independent scrutiny. We engaged in a systematic review of our safeguarding arrangements and the initial feedback was very positive! One of the points highlighted was the strong safeguarding ethos embraced by our school community. We thank you, parents and carers, for your role in helping to promote the safety and welfare of all children. Collectively, we encourage a culture of listening to children and make sure what they say about safeguarding issues is taken seriously. We confirmed that our curriculum is supporting children to understand and manage the risks around keeping themselves safe. The auditor was particularly impressed with pupils' ability to talk about how to keep themselves safe in the community. To better understand our safeguarding system, we encourage you to read our [Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy](#) and information shared under the [Safeguarding Tab](#) on the school website.

MEET

OUR

TEAM



From left to right: Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL), Mrs Roca, Mrs Sall and Miss Howard - Mr Yates and Mrs Nel, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



King's Coronation

On **Friday 5th May**, to mark the momentous occasion of the King's coronation, children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes.

There will be a coronation street party in the school where children are going to have lunch together outside, weather permitting. We will keep you updated with more information.



Culture Club: Important Information

On the request of our families, the date for the Eid Faye has now been changed. The Eid Fayre will be held on **Friday 5th May** from 3:00 - 5:00pm.

If you would like to book a table to sell items of your choice, please get in touch with Mrs. Malik on 07718 492006 or email wdapta@theparkfederation.org.

Tables are limited and will cost £10.

Your participation can make this event memorable, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Votes for schools

Before the Easter holiday, during Votes for Schools, we debated:

Is a four-day week a good idea?

West Drayton Academy vs National results



Coming up

KS1 Should more be done to look after our oceans??

KS2 Should more be done to protect our oceans?

The recently signed High Seas Treaty has made headlines globally and the decisions to protect areas of the high seas have been over a decade in the making. That's why this week, voters have the chance to share their thoughts on these plans and if they go far enough.