

AUCKLAND PREP NEWSLETTER



Key Dates

Lunar New Year - Sat 10th Feb
Holiday Club starts - Mon 12th Feb
Shrove Tuesday - Tues 13th Feb
Valentine's Day - Weds 14th Feb
Term restarts - Mon 19th Feb
St. David's Day - Fri 1st Mar
World Book Day - Thurs 7th Mar
International Women's Day - Fri 8th Mar
Holi Festival - Fri 8th Mar
Patrick's Day - Sun 17th Mar
Last day of term - Thurs 28th Mar

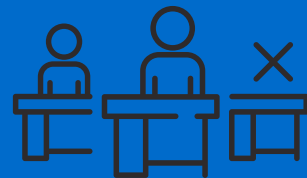
Deputy Head's Message

Half Way There

At this time of year it is common to reflect on the past 3 half terms and realise that so much time has passed in the year so far, and that time is passing quickly. It will be only 5 months until the end of the academic year, but that is still a lot of time and there is a lot of learning and fun still to have. So, we hope you all take a little time to relax and have a great break this half term holiday.

School Report Cards

In a few weeks, you will receive your child's school report card for the spring term. A lot of thought and care goes into completing these, but please remember if you have any questions about what is in the report cards to contact your class or subject teacher and discuss this in person. They are the best person to give you a full explanation of the contents. However, we will also be having a series of Parents' Evenings from the middle of March.



Important Notices

Attendance & Punctuality

In order for each child to make their best possible progress, attendance and punctuality has got to be a priority. School starts at 8.30am and all pupils should be in their classroom/form room at this time. Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Think about it this way...if your child misses 3 days in a term, that's 18 lessons of learning lost; 5 days = 30 lessons; 10 days = 60 lessons etc. Being in school is not only important for achievement, but also for the well-being and the wider development of children.

Parking

I would like to remind all families to ensure safe and careful driving and parking in the vicinity of the school, as well as respectful and kind interactions with one another at all times; this is especially important in the presence of our pupils. We all know that the school run can be a bit of a rush at times, as parents are preparing to get to work or get home as quickly as possible, but none of that is important if it isn't done safely!

Year 1



It has been another very busy half term. We can't quite believe we are half way through the academic year! We were really impressed with how quickly everyone got back into their school routine following the Christmas break.

The children have been so engrossed in our Great Fire of London topic. We hope they enjoyed the controlled fire supervised by Mr Paul. It was a great way to demonstrate how quickly the fire spread.



Thank you much to the parents who came in to talk to us about their jobs. It was so interesting to learn about different jobs. Hopefully you may have inspired some of the children to follow similar career paths.

We enjoyed National Storytelling week where we welcomed older pupils to class who read some of their favourite stories.



The Children have really loved their dance topic in PE this half term, we love seeing their cool moves when they come back to class each week!

We look forward to next terms topic 'Plants' and our upcoming trip.

Best Wishes

Miss Martin, Miss Monaghan and Mrs Gordon

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Year 2

This term has flown by, but it hasn't stopped us being busy as usual...

In English, our focus text has been 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. This text inspired us to write mystery stories, advertisements, and toy-based shaped poems. We used adjectives to develop our persuasive writing, imaginative ideas to think of mysteries, and thought about our favourite toys to write our poems.

In Mathematics, we focussed on multiplication, division, and statistics. The children are now really confident in applying their knowledge of 2, 5 and 10 times tables to help them multiply and divide. We also learnt how to read and record data on tally charts, pictograms, and block diagrams.

Meanwhile in Science, we have been looking at how we use materials each day. We thought of what the things in our classroom and local area are made of, how materials can be used to make different things, and what makes materials suitable for the jobs they do.

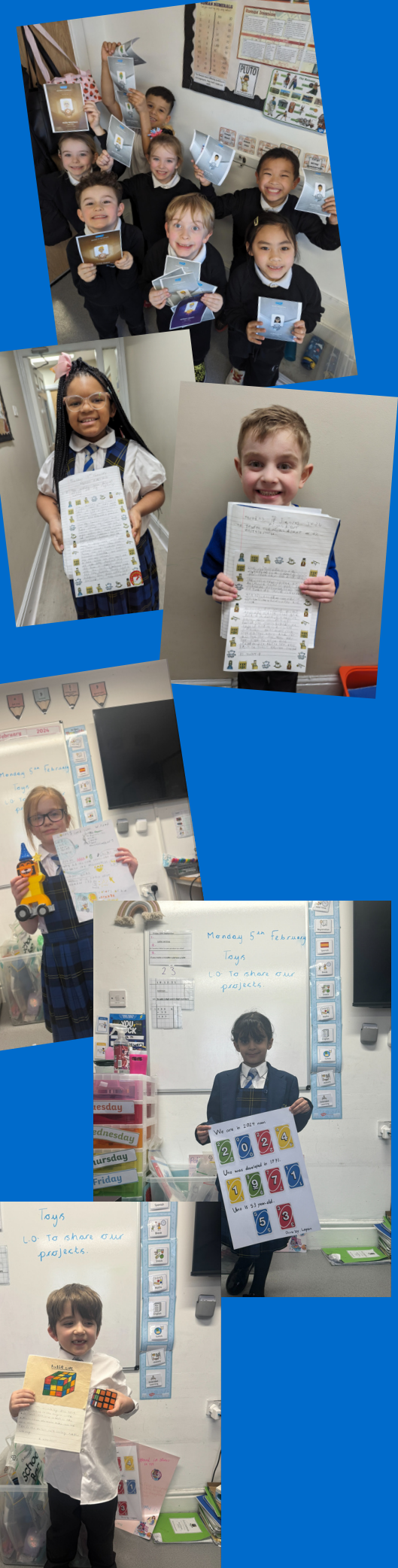
In History, we have been looking at Toys from the past and present. This included comparing toys from the Victorian era, toys our grandparents and parents played with, and toys we play with now. Year 2 Yellow were especially fascinated by the Etch-a-Sketch! This topic led to some very creative projects - a big thank you to all grown ups and children who helped make them!

Lastly, the children have absolutely loved their dance topic in PE! It has been so wonderful to see pictures of their enthusiastic work.

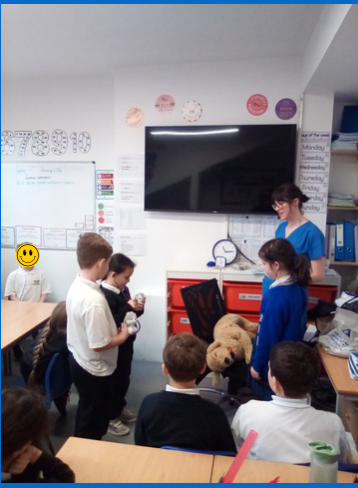
We look forward to next half term where our topic will be 'Sensational Safari'.

We would like to wish a happy break to all!

Miss Thompson and Miss Hanson



Year 3



This half term, we have been up to a lot in Year 3. We celebrated Number Day, National Handwriting Day, and National Story Telling Week.



Also, we had the pleasure of Sophie visiting us for a veterinary workshop. Pupils performed a c-section, did an ultra-sound and looked at X-rays of various animals.

In Maths, we finished our multiplication and division topics. Pupils learned to use a variety of different methods including grouping, repeated addition, column method, related facts, and more. We then moved on to our Money topic where we recapped recognising the value of coins and notes, adding and subtracting money, and calculating change.



In English and Topic, we have been focusing on the Romans. We worked really hard to write persuasive arguments, carefully considering whether Boudicca should have rebelled against the Romans!



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Best wishes,
Miss Duvall, Miss Lett and Miss Stables

Year 4

This term has been a busy one and has gone by way too quickly.

In English our main focus has been the BFG. We have been using our imagination to create a dream using language that the BFG might use. We have done a range of different things to spark our imagination such as mixing sweets and drinking flavoured milk.

In Maths we have covered two topics. We have delved deeper into our multiplication and division as well as studying area of different shapes.

In Science, we have been studying living things and different ways to classify them. We have learnt about vertebrates and invertebrates and the separate groups.

In History the children have been learning about the Victorians including what schools were like and how people lived.

The children have been busy with their dance routines in PE.

There have been students in both classes getting their pen licenses, which is great to see. There are a number of pupils that will be getting theirs very soon.

Looking forward to another productive term.
Mr Coate and Miss Thomas



Year 5

Wow, this half term has been jam-packed full of fun activities and has flown by!

At the beginning of the term we welcomed Miss Kayleigh to our class. She has settled in very well and is a great asset in supporting the children's learning.

In English this term we have been learning from a new unit called The Present based on an award winning short film of the same name. The children have been using all of the fabulous vocabulary and imagery that we have been practising in their own final piece of writing.

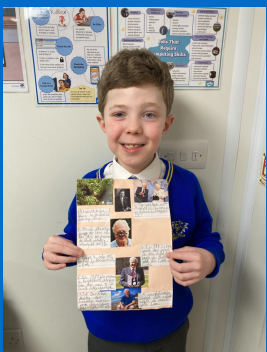
We have continued the topic of World War 2, more specifically learning about how Britain was rebuilt after the war. In science we have been learning about scientists and inventors. Many children in class have conducted some great research about a scientist or inventor of their choice and presented them to the class.

In Mathematics, we have been learning to use formal methods of multiplication and division, as well as applying these skills to problem solving and reasoning. We have more recently begun a unit on fractions which has been tricky but the children have done well to persevere.

We had lots of fun this half term celebrating National Handwriting Day where the children created their own name designs; Children's Mental Health Week where they created their own 'What matters to us' posters and National storytelling week where we joined a fabulous storytelling workshop online by Steven Camden. The class were so inspired by the story-creating process and came up with some really exciting story ideas of their own!

To those who celebrate Chinese New Year: Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Best Wishes,
Miss Read and Miss Kayleigh.



Year 6



Year 6 has had a wonderful term so far! In Maths we have been focusing on decimals, percentages, and algebra. The children have worked fantastically in class, recently trying out to work out different formulae and missing numbers.

Science this half term has been filled with lots of work about Adaptation, Evolution, and Inheritance. The children have discussed the types of features that we can inherit from parents, how different animals have evolved, and the ways in which animals adapt to their climate.

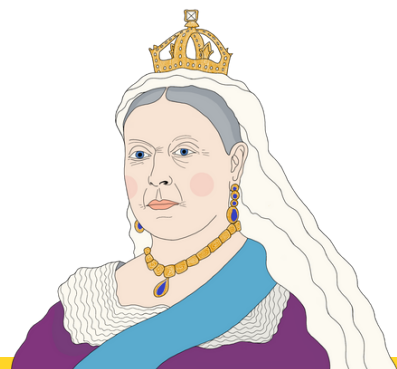


In History we have been learning all about the Victorians – from the Workhouses to Victorian Schools, with the children planning and creating some fantastic Victorian schoolhouses of their own!

In English, we have been reading the novel ‘Street Child’ by Berlie Doherty. They have created character profiles, completed freeze-frame activities, and used their wonderfully creative minds to continue the story of Jim, Emily, and Lizzie.

The Year 6 team is very grateful for the continued support from parents throughout this term and we are excited about what the upcoming months will bring for the children. We can’t wait to get started on our new topics after half term.

Miss Cooke



LATEST NEWS

Auckland Football

The Boys' and Girls' Football teams have made great progress this season competing against other south Liverpool schools. They have done us all proud and we look forward to hearing how they get on for the rest of the year.



Auckland Celebrates A Special Birthday!

On the last day of term, pupils and staff celebrated Mrs Livramento's birthday. This is a big birthday year for our headteacher and it was wonderful to see how excited pupils and staff were to celebrate this. Throughout the day there was lots of special surprises, including a performance from Year 4 of 'happy birthday' on the Boomwhackers; secondary pupils presented her with a piece of art they have been working on of her pet dog, Bentley, and children throughout the day delivered special cards they had made for her.



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Chinese New Year Celebrations in Prep

Children and families throughout the prep department took part in Liverpool's Lunar New Year celebrations, both in and outside of school. Lots of Auckland families gathered in the city centre to join in with celebrations. Miss Kelly bumped into several families whilst watching the Dragon & Pearl Water show at the Albert Dock.

Mia and Jordan (Year 1 & Year 4) held a Chinese New Year Lord Mayor charity event with dragon and lion dances. The family also hosted a vintage car show event and arranged lots of donations to food banks in Liverpool to help people in need during this special time of year. We are very proud of Mia & Jordan for their kindness and hard work. It is wonderful to see our pupils doing acts of kindness and helping others in the city.

PTA Key Stage 1 Disco!

Auckland PTA hosted a Key Stage 1 Disco for pupils in Year 1 & Year 2 in the last week of term.

The Disco was held in Grace Family Church and the party host company 'Angels & Scallies' led the entertainment and music. School staff and PTA members supported the event and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with party games, dancing and a fashion catwalk.

We look forward to holding more events for pupils throughout the school during the year.

