

AUCKLAND PREP NEWSLETTER



Key Dates

Monday 15th April - INSET Day - Holiday Club
Tuesday 16th April - Summer Term starts
Tuesday 23rd April - St George's Day
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed
Week commencing 13th May - Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th May - Year 5&6 Residential Trip
Friday 24th May - Half Term
Monday 27th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May - Holiday Club

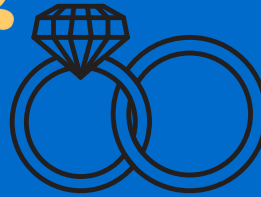
Deputy Head's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,
What a term it has been! There have been so many fun and exciting things happening throughout the Prep department, which I look forward to you reading about as you make your way through the newsletter.

I'm immensely proud of the hard work and determination demonstrated by our students, teachers and staff this term. The past half term has been filled with incredible achievements, memorable moments and invaluable learning experiences for our students. As we break now for the Easter holidays, I hope you can relax and enjoy yourselves and make many more memories.

The summer term has so many exciting opportunities to bring and I look forward to us sharing these together.

Best wishes, Miss Kelly
Deputy Head, Prep



Important Notices

School Uniform

Can all families please ensure that students have their full school uniform each day. In particular that the correct PE kit is worn, this includes the school branded black PE sweatshirt. It is important for the students to have pride in the school and part of this is being ready to learn in the correct uniform. Please also ensure all items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Jewellery

Please note students must not come to school wearing jewellery including: rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches connected to the Internet. A simple watch and small earrings are the only permitted jewellery. Jewellery may be removed from students and kept safe.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a super busy half term. They have enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day; they made us laugh with their jokes on Comic Relief Day and only this week, they explored and investigated some amazing plant life at Ness Gardens.

In English, this half term the children have been working hard on their presentation skills. All the children are developing their pre-cursive handwriting and are making some amazing progress.

The children have explored a range of topics, including writing book and poem reviews; understanding the key differences between fiction and non fiction books, and learning what a prediction is and how to make one in relation to the ending of a story.

In Maths, the children have consolidated their work with Number and place value. They have also visited mass and weight. This has involved practically exploring mass and weight, comparing mass using balance scales, and also using non-standard units to measure mass.

In Science, the children have been learning about what plants need to grow. They have enjoyed watching their own plants grow in class too. The children have discovered how important plant life is for the whole of humanity and how trees and plants provide oxygen for us to breathe. They have been fascinated by this.

The year is whizzing by and the children in Year 1 have made some incredible progress throughout the course of the year so far. We are looking forward to seeing what the Summer term brings. We hope everyone has an awesome Easter Break.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Gordon, Miss Martin and Miss Monaghan



Year 2

It has been another jam-packed half term in Year 2! We have celebrated World Book Day, raised money for Comic Relief and have enjoyed a WILD day out at Knowsley Safari Park.

This half term the children have been immersed in our Geography topic, Sensational Safari. We have learnt all about the beautiful country of Kenya. The children have explored the country's national parks and now understand the culture and traditions of the Massai Tribe.

In English, the children have transferred their knowledge to create a range of safari inspired text from safari letters and fact files to acrostic poems, all developing a range of language features.

Our Science topic this half term, of Animals including Humans, came in handy on our school trip to Knowsley Safari Park. The children applied their knowledge of animal types and life cycles to gain a greater understanding of the animal kingdom.

In Maths, the children expanded their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and have moved on to looking at fractions. By the end of this half term the children will feel more confident identifying halves and quarters. I look forward to seeing them apply this knowledge next half term when we introduce time.



Best wishes,
Miss Hanson and Miss Thompson

Year 3

Year 3 has had a fantastic half-term! Throughout this time, the children have been studying 'Extreme Earth'. The children have used the skills they have been building upon throughout the year to write fantastic newspaper reports and diary entries. They also produced some beautiful shape poems to complete the topic. The standard of language used across all three pieces was remarkable!

This term we also celebrated World Book Day, enjoying lots of book-related activities. The children had fun getting creative and discussing their favourite characters and stories.

In Mathematics, we have been doing a terrific job of identifying different amounts of money, learning about length and perimeter, and grappling with fractions.

In Science, children have been fascinated by the wonders of the ocean. They have learned how to identify ocean animals, classify them, and describe the functions of their body parts, such as fins and gills. Particularly, the children loved their trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium. This was a wonderful opportunity to see the animals up close, to ask questions to experts, and to experience new things. The pupils especially loved the diver show and the shark tunnel!

Best wishes,
Miss Duvall, Miss Stables &
Miss Lett



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very action packed term with lots of learning taking place. Both classes have been producing some amazing stories and poetry. We have also had a few themed days this term including 'World Book Day', where both classes decorated their classroom doors for their favourite book and many pupils came to school dressed for the occasion.

In English this half term we had 2 main focusses, poetry and The Iron Man. Both Miss Thomas and Mr. Coate were impressed to see the poetry that the children were creating, as well as creating/continuing the Iron Man story either through a different viewpoint or creating an alternative ending.

Maths this half term was focused around fractions in the beginning and then using our knowledge of fractions to help with decimals, especially tenths and hundredths. The children have grasped their knowledge of dividing numbers by both 10 and 100.

Science has been very electrifying this half term. Both classes have been learning about electricity and having a go at making their own circuits, exploring complete and incomplete circuits as well as learning about switches and their uses.

We look forward to another busy half term and hopefully a lot warmer half term.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Coate and Miss Thomas.





Year 5



We have had another fab half-term filled with many fun activities!

We have celebrated National Storytelling Week, where we tuned into an online live session with author Steven Camden. The children loved his session about how to create a story and they were so motivated to have a go at writing their own. I was impressed by all of their creative ideas. We also celebrated World Book Day where we took part in many book activities, such as design a book cover competition; guess the teacher hiding behind the book quiz, and reading with the year 3s; I was impressed with how wonderfully the class helped the younger children.

For World Poetry Day, we read the Magic Box by Kit Wright and got creative by writing our own versions of the poem and in our art lesson the children painted a part of the poem that inspired them.

We also had fun taking part in World Science Day and Comic Relief day all in one! The children had some great funny outfits and we took part in a competition all about time.

In English, the children have been writing discussion texts and persuasive letters to Mrs Livramento and more recently have been performing poetry. I have been super impressed by their performances!

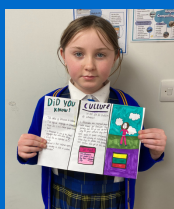
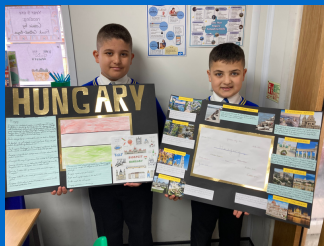
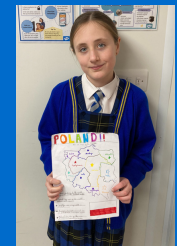
In Maths, the children have been learning about fractions and decimals. It has been a long unit but the children have persevered and done tremendously.

In topic, we have been learning all about different countries in Eastern Europe using our research skills in computing to find out key facts. We have ended the term with children in the class presenting their projects about a country of their choice; they all did so well.

To end the term the children have enjoyed some Easter treats and taking part in a design an egg competition.

I hope you all have a wonderful, blessed Easter break.

Best Wishes,
Miss Read



Year 6



Year 6 have had a very interesting half-term! The children have been studying a graphic novel called *The Arrival*, a story centred around a man who immigrates to another country to start a new life. I've been impressed by Year Six's insights about the complex narrative, and their understanding of how imagery can convey meaning. The children have used the skills they have learned to write flashback scenes and poetry. I've been in awe of their creative writing, particularly their use of description and metaphor.

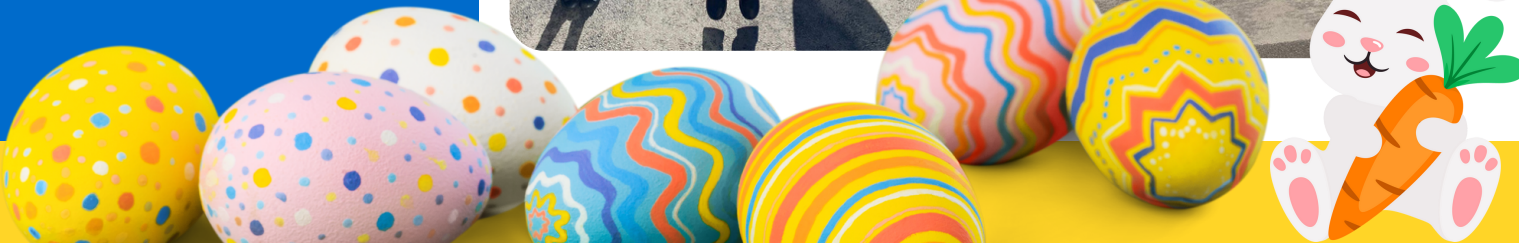
This term, we also celebrated World Book Day, where Year Six partnered up with Year Three Children and read to each-other. The children also enjoyed playing games, and dressing up as their favourite characters.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about Shape and Measure. Year Six have put fantastic effort into their Science work, finding all about the human body! We've also done some excellent presentations, too.

Finally, as SATs week draws closer, Year Six have shown fantastic commitment and resilience during their SATs mocks tests.

Thank you for a wonderful half term, Year Six and thank you to Mr. Nathan and our new assistant, Mr. Brown, for supporting our class. I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer Term.

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End of Term Awards

