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Primary School

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Diary Dates	
March	27 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 parent meeting (Multiplication Times table Check, 6pm) 27 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3 class café 28 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS ‘Cuppa & Cakes’ 30 <sup>th</sup> – Mothering Sunday
April	4 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Staff training day 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Pupils return to school 29 <sup>th</sup> – Y2 visit to London



### Red Nose Day

It was wonderful to see so many of children (and staff!) wearing their funny accessories today for Red Nose Day. We saw some really amusing items including crazy wigs, funny headbands, beautiful bows and lots of hats! We raised £83. Thank you for your support.

### Clubs

Next week will be the last week of clubs, there will be no clubs during the last week of term (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April).



There have been a few exciting learning opportunities in school this week.

Here’s our highlights;

### Year 5 Youth Engagement Service Workshop

Badgers class had a wonderful opportunity on Friday of last week when they were visited by the team from The Youth Engagement Service. The main purpose of the Greater Cambridge Youth Engagement Workshop is to provide local youths with the opportunity to have a genuine input into the design of a proposed development and to learn how designs develop being from the proposed plan through to completion. Year 5 visited the site of the development which forms part of Dales Manor Business Park off Babraham Road.

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The children are now looking forward to working with an artist to create a piece of artwork which will become a fence alongside the area. On the afternoon of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April year 5 parents will be invited into school to hear more about the project.

#### Ducklings visit space!

Ducklings had a fantastic planetarium experience on Tuesday where they learnt all sorts of facts about our solar system, including the names of the planets, the different constellations, the moon landing and how astronauts explore space. The children especially enjoyed the stargazing!

The organiser was very impressed with the children's knowledge. Gracie said, 'The sun is a star!' Rey stated, '1 million earths can fit into the sun!'



#### Active learning event

A group of children from years 3 and 4 went to an Anglian Learning Active Learning festival on Tuesday morning which was held at Marleigh Primary School. The children were using their mental mathematics skills and agility to solve problems. They worked with pupils from other schools and had a fantastic experience. Well done to all of you!

#### Year 5 Sabbath Celebrations

On Wednesday this week Year 5 had the wonderful opportunity to observe the Sabbath in a special way. They spent the day without using technology, allowing the children to experience the concept of holy time, which is deeply important for Jewish people. Through this experience, they gained a better understanding of why the Sabbath is considered a time for rest, reflection, and connection. To conclude the day, the children enjoyed some delicious challah bread together, a traditional treat associated with the Sabbath. Elzbieta from Year 5 said "On Wednesday we celebrated Sabbath. We ate sweet bread and drank some red wine (blackcurrant squash). We switched off the lights and didn't use technology all day!"

#### Multiplication Tables Check

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Year 4 parents are invited to a meeting with Mrs Liber and Mrs Arnold where information about the up-and-coming Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) the children will be completing in the summer term. The meeting will take place at 6:00pm in the Year 4 classroom.



#### FIPS 'Cuppa & Cake'

We will celebrate Mothering Sunday at the end of the month and to share this with you, FIPS are inviting parents (both Mums, Dads and Grandparents) to join them for a chat and a catch up over a cuppa from 2:45pm in the hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Trainer Donations

If you have any trainers that are too small for your children, we please ask that you donate them to school? This will enable children who have forgotten their trainers to still take part in their PE lesson. Thank you.

#### Premier Easter Holiday Camp

With Easter fast approaching our friends at Premier Education are offering holiday camps for children. This is a perfect place for children to meet their friends and make new friendships while staying active. Camps will run from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April [Please follow this link to book your place.](#)

## Big Wheel & Walk



Next week we are encouraging everyone to not use the car to get to and from school. The Big Wheel and Walk initiative aims to encourage pupils to be more active and to make more journeys using their own energy. This is good for both our emotional and physical wellbeing and will also improve air quality whilst making us more aware of the world around us. Children and parents are invited to come to school on scooters or bikes or just walk to school!



## Lunch ordering

Could we please remind parents to remember to pre-order school lunches for their children via the Innovate lunch system. We have recently experienced a large number of pupils who have arrived at school with no packed lunch and no pre-ordered meals booked. Meals should be booked by mid-night on the Saturday before. Please visit [www.ifg-psm.co.uk](http://www.ifg-psm.co.uk)

## Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.



## JHC – Administrative Assistant

Our friends at John Huntingdon's Charity are looking for a part time administrative assistant, providing administrative support for the Charity's activities, undertaking a range of duties, including reception work. The role is for a minimum of 12 hours per week, working 12 – 4pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information and an application pack please email [office@johnhuntingdon.org.uk](mailto:office@johnhuntingdon.org.uk) or call (01223) 492492. Closing date is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April.



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