



A message from this week's editor: Miss Cleaves

A lovely, busy learning atmosphere has filled the school this week, with children settling back into school routines quickly after the festive break. They have returned positively, showing enthusiasm, confidence and readiness to face new challenges as we begin the term together, with staff supporting them throughout. A special welcome to our new nursery children and families who joined us this week!



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Collective Worship

This week in collective worship, we focused on our school value of respect. We discussed what respectful behaviour looks like to each other and the way in which it makes ourselves and others feel. We also looked at how to look after and respect our environment, including making changes to consider sustainability.

Star of the week

Nursery - Manbir
Reception - Selena
Year 1 - Victor
Year 2 - Noura
Year 3 - Finley
Year 4 - Eesa
Year 5 - Salma
Year 6 - Logan

Top Attendance this week

1st - Nursery PM - 100%
2nd - Year 6 - 100%
3rd - Year 5 - 99.6%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



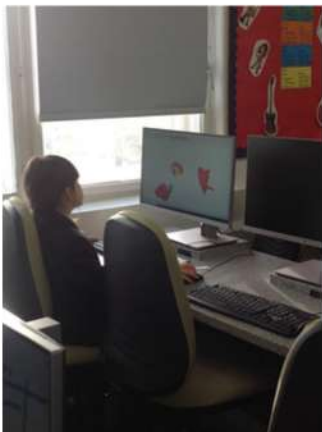
This week Discovery class have been working hard on our Maths skills, counting and ordering numbers to 20, using different visual resources.



In Explorers class the deep, dark wood came alive in our classroom! After enjoying the story, the children created colourful masks inspired by the book's characters and creatures.



Early Years have been reading 'How to Catch a Star' this week and have loved their star themed activities. They have practised their cutting skills, pencil control, letter formation and counting backwards from 10 to set off into the stars!



This week in Computing, Year 1 have been developing their early digital skills with great enthusiasm. A major achievement has been learning how to log onto the computer independently - a very big milestone at just 5 and 6 years old! The children enjoyed exploring the classic application 'Paint', where they learned how to draw, colour, and use simple tools to create their own pictures. This activity helped build confidence, fine motor skills, and an understanding of how to use technology safely and sensibly.



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In Year 2 we are learning about money, including how to add coins together and recognising the values of different notes and coins.



In PE, Y3 have started a new topic on net and ball games. To improve our target throwing, we played a game called 'Catch the Fish' where we had to throw a ball at the cones and try to hit one from different distances.



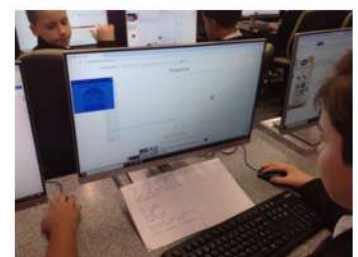
This week Year 4 have been working hard to multiply using the vertical method. In English lessons they have continued enjoying their class reader, 'The Wild Robot,' and started writing a diary entry through the eyes of the main character, Roz. They have started learning about rivers in topic and used an atlas to locate them around the world. This is a picture of Year 4 working hard to include the relevant features in their diary entry.



This week, Year 5 have really enjoyed finding out about the Ancient Greeks. They have been analysing and researching artefacts in order to answer the inquiry question: 'What do these artefacts begin to tell us about life in the different periods of ancient Greece?' They were fascinated to find out how the items were used in the past.



In Computing this week Year 6 have been using Turtle Academy to learn the basics of coding. They were tasked to make different shapes on the screen using various instructions.



PUPIL VOICE

"I was helping my friends
log onto the computer!"

Ahmed -Year 1

"D, d, dog"

Shalom - Discovery

"It's interesting to find out about the
past and how they lived by looking
at different objects. One of the
oldest artefacts was a Dimini vase
made in 5300BC. They were used
in homes to store food and liquid."

Oliver - Year 5

"I am liking Maths as we are
learning how to calculate
Money and I can use this when
I am older"

Mayida - Year 2



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3

23rd January - 9-9:30am - Year 4 Class Assembly

Week 4 & 5

2nd February - PTA Valentines Disco - Early Years to Year 2

3rd February - PTA Valentine Disco - Year 3 & Year 4

4th February - In school workshop: Rocks & Fossils Workshop delivered by Travelling Natural History Museum - Year 3

4th February - PTA Valentine Disco - Year 5 & Year 6

6th February - Year 3 Class Assembly

Week 6

10th February - Colnbrook vs Wraysbury Boys Football match

12th February - Last day of half term

13th February - INSET day - school closed to pupils.

Half term

16th to 20th February

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Breakfast Club needs to be booked via Teachers2Parent app.

IN OTHER NEWS



This term, School Council have confirmed that the treat for being awarded 'Star of the Week' will be a lucky dip prize. The children who were awarded this last Friday and today received their prize today. Well done! Photo of our Year 2 & Year 3 winners.



Message from our Trust Catering Manager: With the cold weather, we would like to invite parents to book a hot meal option for their child through Teacher2Parents app. The current menu can be found on our website and next week will be Week 3.

Lunch orders need to be purchased in the app and transaction completed through to basket stage for this order to be valid. Cut off for lunch orders is midnight the night before. We continue to encourage parents to complete bookings in advance. This helps with managing daily orders and minimise food waste. A parent / pupil survey will be shared and your feedback is important to us to make changes and improvements where needed.



Additional bike and scooter racks have been installed at the front of our school. Please use these correctly - bikes in bike rack and not propped up against hall as we are not liable for any damage caused, with scooters in the smaller scooter rack. Both can be found by the hall and green gate near the Resource Base.



A reminder that e-scooters are **not permitted** on the school site. The law does not currently permit private e-scooters to be ridden on public footpaths and roads, so they should not be brought to school. Privately owned e-scooters can only be used legally on private land.



A gentle reminder that full PE kit needs to be in school with your children every day. PE days have been shared with parents via Curriculum Newsletters, but on occasions these change, so it is essential that PE kits are in school each day.

IN OTHER NEWS

Housing Options Open Day



Residents living in temporary accommodation are invited to attend this open day to explore their housing options.

Thursday 22 January
10am-2pm (drop-in)
Observatory House
(Council Chamber),
25 Windsor Road,
Slough, SL1 2EL

Your future, your home: Meet Slough Borough Council's housing team and our partners Bridge Housing Solutions, Homefinder UK, Lizzie B and Reloc8.

On the day:

- meet the housing providers
- discover other housing options available
- speak to Housing Officers for personalised advice
- learn about support services that can help you relocate to new areas, and much more.

This is your chance to hear and understand about practical information that can help you move and settle into a new home.

If you are currently in temporary accommodation in Slough, this session may be useful for you.

Mrs Smith will be attending, so please speak to her if you have any questions.

