

Friday 29 November 2019

### Year 1

We have just started Counting Circles this week. Children are working in small groups to practise counting. We are starting from any number and taking it in turns to count around the circle. Our aim is to count beyond 100 going both forwards and backwards.



### Year 2

In Year 2, we have been writing book reviews of our favourite books. They had a choice of frames and had to describe their likes and dislikes. We are promoting a love of reading across the entire curriculum and sharing our ideas with others.



### Year 3



This week Year 3 had a super time making Stone Age-style stewed fruit, though some

preferred the taste more than others! We also had a great No Pens Day where we practiced finding the perimeter of 2D shapes outside on the playground. It was fun to have a chance to put our learning into hands-on action.

### Year 4

Year 4 began our new science topic in which the children will learn about how humans digest food. The children learnt what a digestive system is and they showed what they already knew by placing all the organs that help digest our food on a life-sized diagram of a human body! We are looking forward to learning how each part of the digestive system works.



### Year 5

For No Pens Day this week, year five tried out a few games from the Victorian times. The boys and girls played: pin the tail on the donkey, blind man's bluff, charades and hopscotch. It was really fun to play some games that involved no technology and encouraged the students to use communication to succeed.



### Year 5 & 6

This Thursday, boys from Year 6 (and some from Year 5 too) took part in a football tournament at Dormers Wells Junior School. On what was a very rainy and muddy afternoon, the boys performed brilliantly and finished as runners-up. Well done, lads!



### Year 3 Photography Project

Just to follow up from an article in October. Year 4 took part in a photography project last year led by the artist and film-maker Steve McQueen. The photos are now displayed at Tate Britain in a free exhibition. The exhibition spans 24 sections in the gallery. Our photos are displayed in section 1.



## ADHD

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a behavioural disorder that includes symptoms such as inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsiveness.

Symptoms of ADHD tend to be noticed at an early age and may become more noticeable when a child's circumstances change, such as when they start school.

Most cases are diagnosed when children are 6 to 12 years old.

If you are worried, you should consider raising your concerns with your child's teacher, their school's special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO) or a GP if you think their behaviour may be different from most children their age.

Source:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-adhd/>

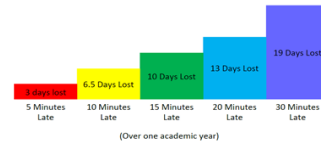
### Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

Please help improve attendance and punctuality at our school. Our target of 97% attendance is set by the local authority. As a school, it is a legal requirement to track attendance and punctuality. This Wednesday, 47 children were late for school.

Thank you to the many families who ensure their children are on time for school every day. Please see the information below to see the negative impact poor attendance and punctuality can have on learning. Being late, also impacts on a child's well-being and readiness to learn. Help us to help your children by being on time for school.

### Every Minute Counts

If your child arrives late to school everyday, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.

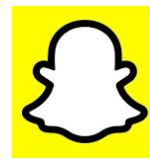


Just 17 days absent from school a year could mean a drop in a GCSE grade in all subjects!

### Online Safety

#### Snapchat

<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/snapchat-checklist.pdf>



The South West Grid for Learning has produced a helpful checklist to help parents understand about Snapchat. It is a visual messaging app that allows users to take photos, record videos, then add text or drawings to send them to Friends. The Snaps disappear after viewing or within 24 hours. Once all the Friends have seen the Snap, it will be deleted, automatically, from Snapchat's servers. However, your Friends may be able to take a screenshot or take a screen recording, sometimes without you knowing.

Be aware that **Snapchat is not intended for children under 13 years of age**. You can use the Snapchat settings to restrict who can contact you and who is able to see your stories. You can also turn off location services.

Dates for your diary		
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Derwentwater Christmas Fair!
9:30	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Show
9:30	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas Show
Lunch Time	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch Book with Harrisons
9:30	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Show
All day	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nursery is being used as a polling station. The Nursery will be relocated to the reception block. Only full-time children can be accommodated.
2:00	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Show
All day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	The Nursery is being used as a polling station. The Nursery will be relocated to the reception block. Only full-time children can be accommodated.
9:30	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Show
All-day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Donations are welcome)

9:30	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Decembers	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Assembly
10:45	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery AM Christmas Show
2:15	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery PM Christmas Show
2:00	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term. School closes at 2:00 pm
8:45	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Start of Spring Term 2020
9:30	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Reception 2020 Parent Open Morning

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