



# Newsletter

Monday, 17th  
March

### Attendance

We are on the up again! Last week saw a weekly increase to 97.1% and our year-to-date is up to an incredible 95.98%!

If our year-to-date hits our 96% target, the whole school will get a fantastic attendance reward!

### Merit Winners

Well done to our winners! As well as having 100% attendance, they have demonstrated strong examples of 'Resilience and Empathy'!



### Share a Story with Me

We rounded off our sessions started in World Book Week with Y6 last Monday morning. It was lovely to see the hall packed once again and for everyone enjoying a good read! Thank you!

### Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Booking goes live this week for the previously given dates (7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April) and we will communicate when it does. We look forward to seeing you all!

### Wheelchair Basket Ball

Our players had a great time and demonstrated great skill and control.



### Greatham Church

Our Y3 pupils had a great visit to Greatham Church as part of their RE and Geography topic, featuring a field study.



### Football

A huge shout out to our Y6 players who took part in Friday's competition. Well done lads – you did yourselves proud!



### Aqua Splash Festival

Well done to our pupils who took part in the Aqua Splash Festival last Thursday. A great time was had by all!



### Red Nose Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

We will celebrate Red Nose Day this coming Friday with a non-uniform day. We look forward to sharing some top jokes from the children with you on next week's newsletter!

Below is the link to use to donate to Comic Relief on ParentPay, should you wish, which this takes you straight to the donation page. It shows on ParentPay as a payment item.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18396>



### Arts Award

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Art Gallery last Wednesday as part of the Arts Award programme.



### Star Writer and Pen License Awards

Well done to four of our Reception children. Their knock-out narrative writing on the Princess and the Pea blew us away!

Congratulations to one of our Year 4 children who has earned her pen licence. She has demonstrated exemplary handwriting across the curriculum. Well done!



### Aspire2Be

It was great to welcome Paula McMahon back into school for her third visit with us. Paula, from Sir Robert McAlpine, worked with our Year 1 children. The children enjoyed learning about her role as a civil engineer through story telling. Her books are aimed at inspiring and encouraging young girls (and boys) in engineering and STEM subjects. Thank you Paula for visiting and working with us again this year.

Our Year 3 children met Keeley from NERAP who works with Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teesside Universities. Keeley supports primary schools by introducing the concept of university, while encouraging enthusiasm surrounding education and further study. Our children took part in a fun and interactive workshop where they explored different aspects of student life and the exciting careers open to post graduates in areas such as Science, Arts, Media, Sport and Humanities.

The children enjoyed completing a quiz to see which career might suit their personality and preferences. Thank you to NERAP and Keeley for working with our children and for introducing them to the idea of further education.