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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had many sporting successes in the last three weeks and our thanks go to the parents who have been able to offer transport. Without this support, we would not be able to enter as many competitions as we currently can.

Alarum Productions have worked hard with our Year 4, 5 and 6 this week, and you should have received an email explaining how you can get involved if this is of interest to you.

More dates have been added to the diary including our Easter Service at the Church on Wednesday 29th March at 2.00pm, and our Spring 'Drop In' session on Thursday 30th March at 2.15pm. This will be an opportunity to see your child's work, admire classroom displays and enjoy a piece of cake – donations will be very welcome and will go towards new lunch time equipment.

The children in school have enjoyed playing in the snow today and memories have been made. I appreciate that for some of our children who do not live in Braunston, decisions were taken regarding safety and challenging travelling conditions, and that this meant that some of our children remained at home. Thank you for communicating this to us, safety is our number one priority. Risk assessments were carried out this morning and all our staff were able to make it to school. For this reason, we have been able to remain open today. A reminder that we will only communicate changes, always assume that the school is open. The children have had too much disruption with their education in the last few years and we are determined that the children at Braunston are given every opportunity to 'catch up'. Every day matters. We will give you as much notice as we can if we have to close the school for any reason.

Reception Class – Inkpen

We have begun this topic of dinosaurs by verbally constructing sentences of what we could see through our binoculars. We used some great vocabulary to best describe the dinosaur scenes! We have also been busy crafting some Pterodactyls using pegs and learning what symmetry is by completing symmetrical patterns on some dinosaur eggs. We have been busy practising our cutting skills, holding the scissors correctly to cut along lines.

In our knowledge and understanding of the world lessons, we have been learning about the past and recording key events in our own lives to record on time lines.

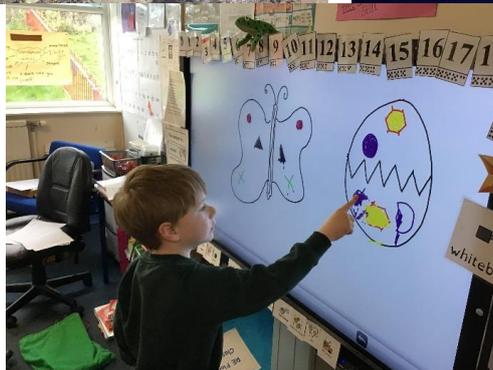
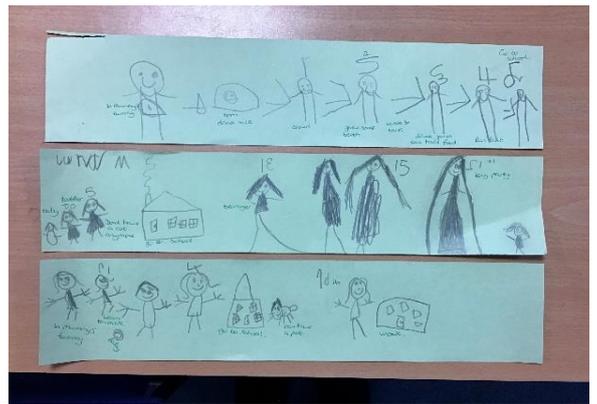
In phonics, we are continuing to revise all set 1 and 2 sounds and reading CVCC words using 'Fred in our Head.'



I did a 3D triangle. It's a square-based pyramid.
Willow making a shape using construction blocks.

The sun is drying the puddles making them disappear.
 - **Zachary**

The alligators look vicious!
Louis describing a scene from land of the dinosaurs.



Class 1 - Donaldson

Our current art topic in Year 1 is learning about the Scottish artist, Steven Brown. We have evaluated his work and like the animals he uses and his use of colour. Inspired by his artwork we have drawn our own McCoo. Using the technique of crosshatching, we added colour to our drawings. Next, we will use paint to create a colourful masterpiece.

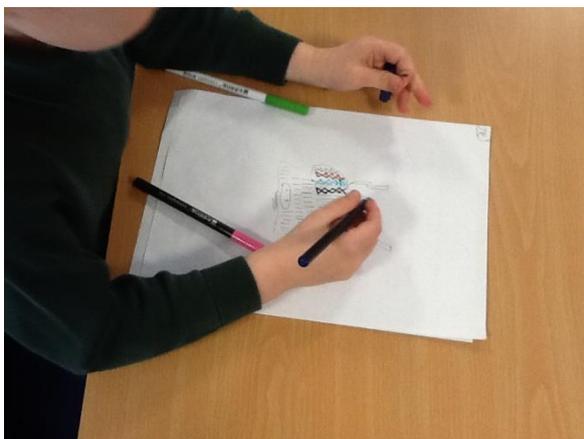
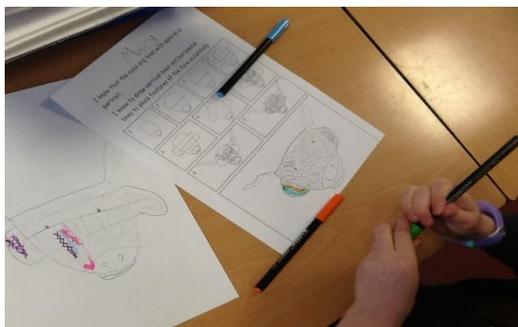
I liked drawing a highland cow.
 – Abigail

I like the hair on the highland cows.
 It is very colourful. -Kingsley





I liked the fact he was using nature in his art. – Mary



Class 2 – Ahlberg

We have had a lovely 3 weeks in Year 2. We are reading the story 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes in English and we are writing our own 'LOST!' narratives. We finish them this week and I am really hopeful that they will be our best pieces of writing of the year.

In maths we have been working on finding fractions of quantities and shapes. We are experts in finding halves and quarters now, so only thirds to go!

In geography we have travelled all over the world. We have sailed to South America to see the Amazon Rainforest, Africa to see the Sahara Desert and North America to see the Grand Canyon. Tomorrow our destination is Asia and we will be plotting our sailing routes using our knowledge of directions, the oceans and the continents.

In art we have been studying African animals and we will be using clay techniques and skills to produce our final models next week. The whole class are really excited about this project and we are all hoping for a super outcome! Well done Ahlbergs. I am, as ever, very proud of you.

Hanna: I really like doing division in maths.

Avery: I have found out that using the end of pasta as a tool makes a good pattern for a giraffes skin on my clay.



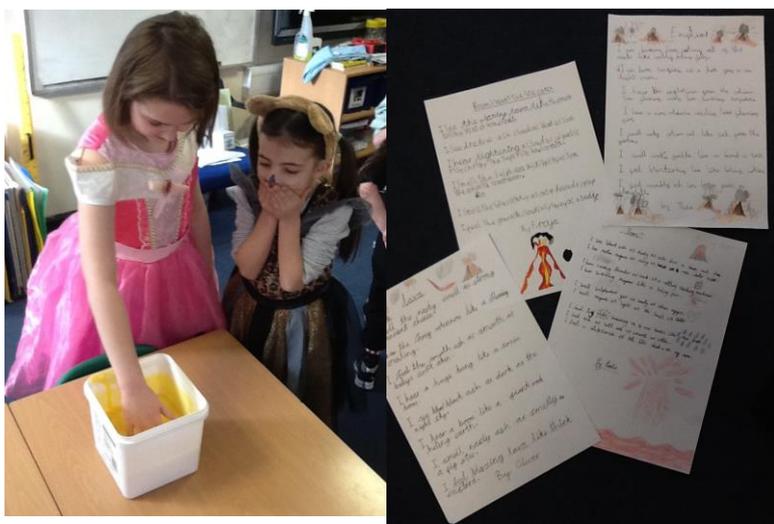
Alfie: I rolled my pasta and it made a pattern like elephant's skin.



Class 3 - Jamila



This term, Year 3 have been writing poems about erupting volcanoes. We have used our senses to help create similes for our poetry. We had great fun smelling ash, soil and hard boiled eggs, which helped us think about what we might smell during an eruption. Our favourite activity was for our sense of touch, where we used warm custard to imagine what touching lava might be like. We created some fantastic similes based on smell, hearing, touch and sight, which we used to write our own poems. Everyone has worked so hard with their poems and particularly their presentation. We are looking forward to performing our poems to Year 1 on Friday.



The custard was lumpy like lava.
Oliver





My favourite thing to smell was the eggs because it really felt like I was smelling something from a volcano.
Sophie

I enjoyed smelling the ash. I didn't really know what ash smelt like. It was really helpful because then I could describe it.
Alfie

Class 4 – Morpurgo

At the end of last half term, we finished our 'Pattern and Symmetry' art unit of work and our Roman topic by creating symmetrical patterns using tiles to make a mosaic coaster. It was very messy getting the grout between the tiles but we are pleased with our final outcomes. We also had our final gymnastics lesson and enjoyed climbing the apparatus. We have moved onto our River unit of work in geography and have found out about the different stages of a river and the features that appear at each part. Linked with our English, we have written some lovely Haiku poems about Rivers.

Here are two of our Haikus:

Gently floating by,
Bubbles going up ready,
To meander by. By Hope

Racing down from high,
Starts to bubble in the deep,
It goes twisting down. By Annaliese

In maths, we have moved to the fiendish fraction unit. We have already progressed well in this area, understanding terminology of numerator, denominator and mixed fractions. Whilst, some of us have been doing Forest School, some of us have been researching and designing fruit crumbles. We tasted lots of different stewed fruits to help make our designs.

Wow! That is beautiful.
Amelia's Mum to Amelia on the playground about her coaster.

Before: I hate strawberries.
After: I love strawberries!
Sonny

It has been so much fun on the apparatus.
Ben.





Class 5 – Rowing

Year 5 have been challenged by fractions and decimals in maths and have shown resilience in rising to this challenge. We have been looking at why rainforests are so important to the world and this has led to some really meaningful discussions. It has helped guide and drive our balanced argument writing in English regarding deforestation. We have found it can be a challenge to write a balanced argument when we have our own clear opinions. In art, we have practised some of our drawing skills to enhance our artwork. We were able to look at the elements of a piece of fruit and interpret it using shading and crosshatching. We have also been very lucky to have visitors, who have

worked with us in music, to create some songs and actions as part of a canal workshop. We look forward to continuing to build on this over the coming weeks. In PE, we are looking at the skills involved in playing tennis and we look forward to further improving our techniques.

I enjoyed the canal workshop because we all got to sing.
Freddie

The canal workshop was fun as we got to do some actions to the songs. Aerinn

World Book Day was great fun dressing up as Messi and seeing what other people dressed as.. I especially liked Noah's banana in pyjamas!
Freddie



Class 6 – Horowitz

This term Year 6 have relocated to Barcelona!

In English we have been exploring a positive hotel review of Hotel Barcelona 1882; the class are preparing to write their own negative review. There has also been a lot of hard work on grammatical terms! Well done Year 6 you are working with amazing focus.

During our PE sessions, the children have begun to take part in orienteering activities. Our first session, involved working in teams and they showed how working together, talking and listening to each other gives results. The second lesson including drawing a map showing where an unknown item was located on the playground. The partner then had to follow the map with no verbal instruction. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and were all successful. They are looking forward to the next sessions.

I have loved doing orienteering with Mr Webb. The lesson where we drew maps for our partner to follow was my favourite. Georgia

I liked learning about Barcelona because I think that Gaudi's work is very impressive and I enjoyed looking at the positive and negative hotel reviews.
Iszy





I love the orienteering because we use teamwork and sometimes we disagree but it doesn't stop our work.
Ethan



Year 5/6 Basketball Team

Tournament at Parker E-Act Academy



Year 5 / 6s had a chance to represent the school in a Basketball tournament held over at Parker E-Act Academy. There were schools from all across Northamptonshire ready to compete in what was obviously going to be a difficult competition. We had a mixed bag of results: losses, draws and wins. Georgia scored many goals by getting back to the hoop quickly, Alyssia and Chloe moved well down the court and Kayleigh made some excellent interceptions to get the ball back to our team. Ethan moved well dribbling with the ball, Harrison intercepted well and passed thoughtfully, as Henry and Ryan both showed lots of skill knowing when to pass and when to dribble. Henry timed his shots to perfection to get the goal on the whistle, building up lots of suspense. Well done to all the team. We were placed 4th overall and came 1st out all the Daventry schools who were competing.



Year 4 Football Team Braunston V Barby

Year 4s had a chance to represent the school in a football match held over at Barby Primary. It was a very close game and the team played very well. Toby was solid in defence along with Ben, whilst James made some excellent saves. Isaac and Francisco were great in midfield with some fierce tackles. Many passes were made down to Jenson and he made a few good shots on goal. At half term, we were 1-0 down but we knew we could come back. In the second half, we had a few corners and Sonny got his head on one and powered it into the back of the goal. We battled hard, with both teams having some great chances for an extra goal. The final score was 1-1. A great team effort – well done.



Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	24.2.23	3.3.23	24.2.23	3.3.23	24.2.23	3.3.23
R	Axelle	Lily	Erin	Stanley	239	216
1	Grace	Noah	Mary	Polly	145	150
2	Sophia		Georgia		100	120
3	George	Oliver	Lottie	Thea	140	180
4	Ayla	Katie	Scarlet	Ben		213
5	Carlene	Kayleigh	Zack	Harriet	215	190
6	Georgia	Bella	Bells	Christoph	89	210
<u>Best Attendance 4 & 5 Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)</u>						

Pupil of the Week			Our School Value		Most Active Class	
	10.3.23		10.3.23		10.3.23	
R	Eloise		Amelia			
1	Jackson		Noah		145	
2	Hanna		Leo			
3	Aston		Tiffany		400	
4					147	
5	Madison		Jack		240	
6	Ethan		Chloe		153	
<u>Best Attendance & Abis the Ape visits the class with the Best Attendance (Abis stands for always being in school)</u>						

Best wishes,
Lianna Willis, Headteacher