



W/E 31st March 2023

The Fortnightly

Issue 11

'Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' John 11:25-26



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parent/carer,

It is the last week of the spring term! I can't quite believe that we will soon be entering the summer term. Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that our new starters began. At the start of April (tomorrow), we will find out the names of 20 new recruits to the Cottingham team. The summer term is a great term with so many things being planned in the background. It will soon be that time when we announce the title of the end of year performance to the year 6 children. As always, keep a look out for news that will include dates and time of so many events. The Year 6 leavers will certainly enjoy their last term to include their special party on Thursday 20th July (Date for the diary!)

This newsletter was due to be sent out on Friday so rather than have a lovely weekend, I hope you had a lovely weekend. To all the mums, aunties, grans and sisters, Happy Mothers Day! My mum was away in Devon so rather than flowers, I was able to treat her to a meal out that of course included scones and cream (Oh and jam but which way round?)

I have been able to find out from the trust the INSET days for 23/24. They are as follows and are also included further in the news. They will hopefully help you to plan work arrangements and holidays. As always, I ask that you do NOT book holidays during term time. You will have read in the recently provided attendance policy - that term time absence for holiday purposes is unauthorised. I thank you for your understanding.

INSET Days 2023 to 2024

Mon 4th/Tues 5th Sep

Thurs 4th/Fri 5th Jan

Mon 26th Feb

This week has been a success for our musicians who performed to their parents/carers and peers. I mentioned to the choir, that their lunchtime session will again be offered next term (See the letter) with payment made in the usual way please. I hope to see more children inspired and wanting to join Cecilia and her choir. Once again, we will be offering the chance for children to enjoy guitar, drum, keyboard, ukulele and vocal tuition. If this is of interest to your child, please do email me. Joe and Jamie will contact those of you whose children are already involved in tuition. (Places do get snapped up!)

As you know, I wrote to you recently with regards to the children's disappointing and unacceptable use of both the KS1 and KS2 toilets. I am pleased to say that, with your support at home and our words in school, the message seems to have hit home. KS2 monitors are also ensuring proper use of the toilets. We will continue to monitor next term but in the meantime, thank you.

The children have enjoyed a number of Easter events this week. Collective worship this term has been gearing up to Easter and I am so pleased that the children have a good understanding of why we enjoy chocolate eggs (and bunnies) for example. They have a good knowledge about Lent and Palm Sunday - please do ask them to explain at home. A huge thank you to the PTFA for providing the children with a lovely breakfast and egg hunt. The Easter bonnets (what a turn out) looked lovely also. I do hope that you all receive a chocolate treat during the holiday.

Please take the time to read through this version of the news and do share with friends and family. Please share the pictures with the children and do signpost them to TEAMS where they will see my Easter message.. Hawthorn class will NEED to visit Teams to keep up with their SATS prep. Year 4 certainly need to spend time on TTRS!

See you all soon when we return in the summer...

Mr Scott

Do check out the summer term learning planners that will appear on TEAMS in class files sections as and when staff have completed them. The children will also be able to read their class news and check out spellings for the summer term. All of these docs will also be available on the school website. Please read them and use to help at home with learning. (Links below to relevant locations at www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk)

Learning Planners - [Medium Term Overviews - Cottingham Primary](#)

Spellings - [Literacy - Cottingham Primary](#)

Class News - [Newsletters - Cottingham Primary](#)

In addition to this news. Please look out for news of a football fundraiser that Mr Stafford is hosting alongside the PTFA. The last football fundraiser was very popular. You might want to begin collecting sponsors during the holiday! A sponsor form will be sent home soon and paper copies provided upon our return next term.

Safeguarding



Safeguarding trumps everything we do. Through the regular newsletter, website and posters around the school, we believe you are kept well informed of who to contact when you have a safeguarding concern. All schools have a DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and that is Mr Scott. He is joined by a DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) who is Mrs Wilson. Mrs Cox (Pictured) and Mrs Lloyd are now also DDSL's as from last week, who you can also contact with any concerns. More info can be found at [Safeguarding - Cottingham Primary](#) Always remember that **Safeguarding is 'everyone's responsibility.'** The safeguarding team meet at least three times per term and discuss any open safeguarding concerns ranging from poor attendance to pupil welfare and safety. We use an online reporting system called My Concern which allows us to track and look for patterns for any pupil in the school past and present.

Road Safety!

I am pleased to announce the Installation of a new speed aware sign along the bend towards and from the direction of Bringhurst. I have wanted such a sign for sometime and it can now be seen - warning motorists of their speed as they approach the school. Along with the clearly marked zebra crossing, working pelican lights and sensible parking! This is another method to ensure the safety of everyone including the children. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the planning and funding stages for the speed sign. We are lucky to have such caring volunteers within the community.



Year 6 Easter revision



SATs revision

Hi everyone- as promised at parent day, Mrs Wason has put a number of revision resources for SATs on Teams- in the files section. Please access these over the next few weeks to allow your child a chance to practise for our reading, grammar and maths tests. There are also numerous past papers available to download for free and practise on the following site: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-2-past-papers> A reminder to all that the dates for the SATs test this year is the 9th- 12th May with tests taking place on each of these days. We will send a letter nearer the time with precise details.

Please do contact Mrs Wason with any questions etc on f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Many thanks for all of your support and have a great Easter.

Governors Update



A key role of being a School Governor is to monitor various aspects of the school which includes; Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Staff Wellbeing, Community Engagement amongst many others.

Recently, a review of the school's **Equality Information Statement** took place. Overall the aim is to eliminate discrimination, advance equality and foster good relations. Our school has established five objectives to be assessed against and currently includes; cultural development, pupils to all be given similar opportunities, creating an accessible environment, eradicate prejudice and close gaps in pupil attainment. More details can be found here;

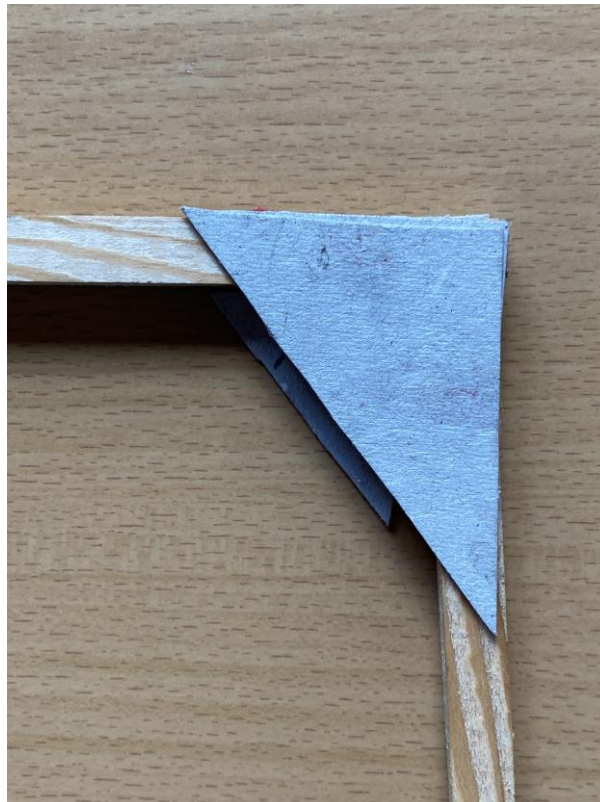
[equality information objectives policy \(sept 2019 - sept 2023\).pdf \(cottinghamprimary.co.uk\)](#)

This statement is due for review this September, so please let us know how well you think the school is achieving its objectives and also put forward your thoughts for how we can improve going forwards.

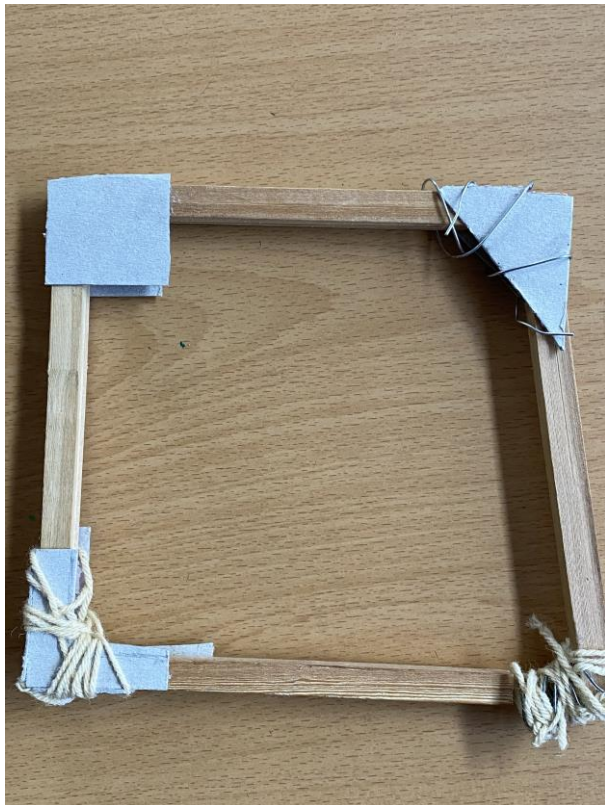
Please direct your feedback to David Sharman at d.sharman@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

DT Journey

The children in KS2 have all been travelling along a DT journey this term. All learning in Oak, Beech and Hawthorn has included investigating joins. Oak class for example began by deconstructing a range of packaging to see how the 3D shape had been made. They then used their observations to design and put together their own nets. Children in Beech and Hawthorn began by looking at joins used in real life structures such as the Iron Bridge in Shropshire. They then investigated further to see which joins were the stronger. You can see from the picture stacks how the learning has developed. You will also have seen the DT journey in Oak and Beech over the last week. The children have certainly enjoyed their DT learning.

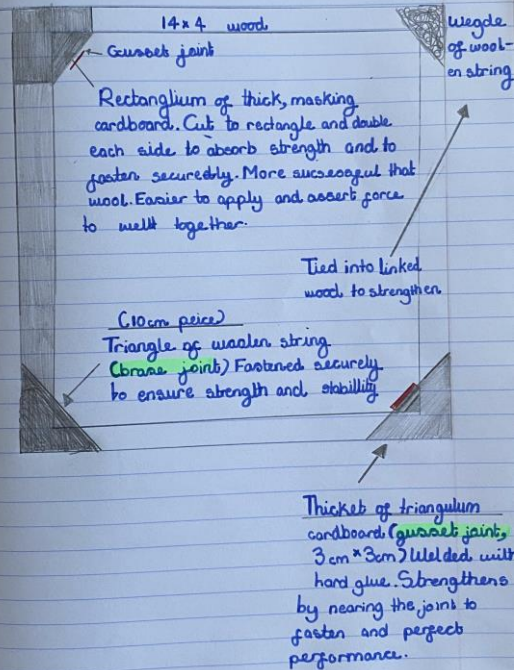






Wednesday 22nd March, 2023

WAO: How designers know how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce 3-D frameworks. || = Symbolizes gusset joint

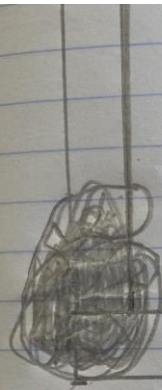
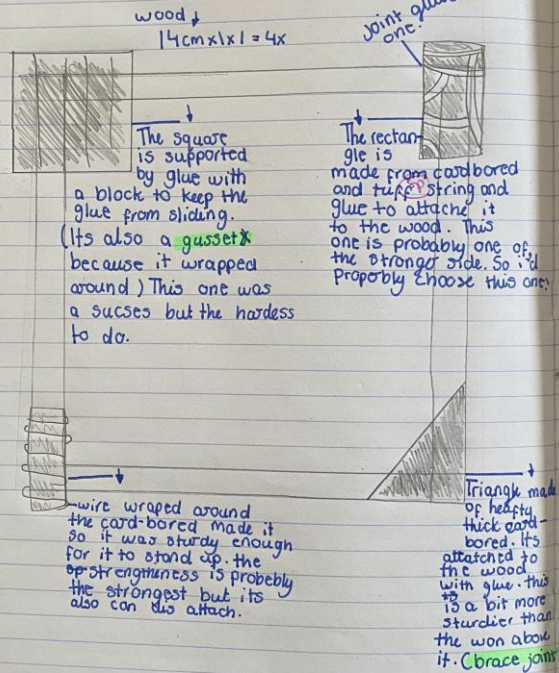


12. How designers know how to strengthen frameworks.

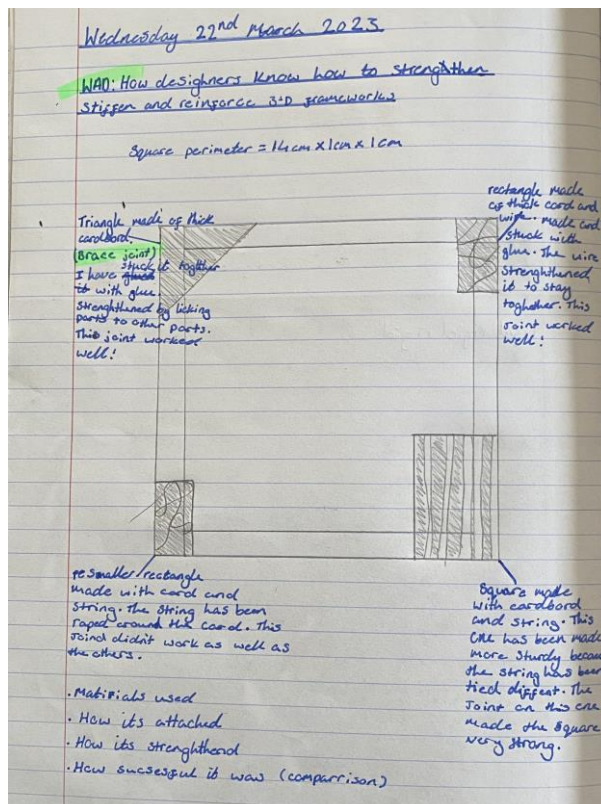
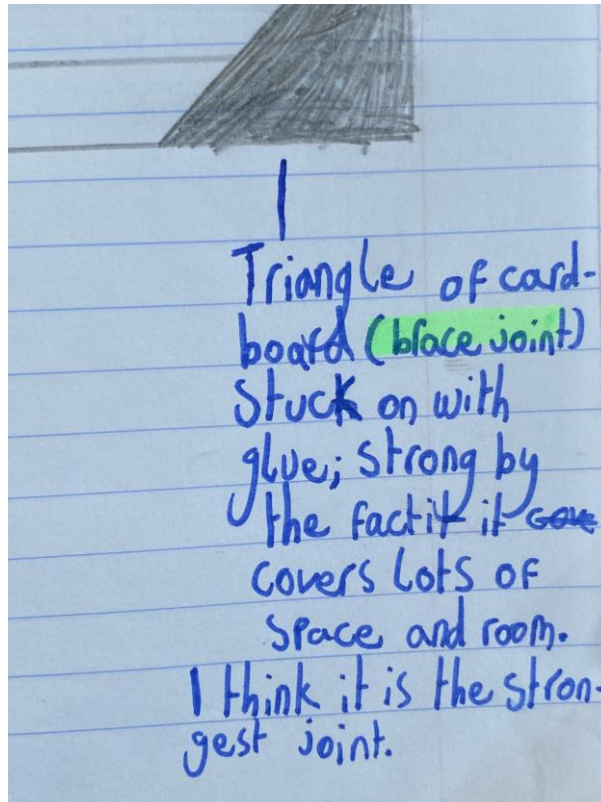
String and wire wrapped over wood. Attached by using the wire to connect and link the joints and the string to secure them together and strengthen them, also by using glue to keep it sturdy. Compared to the other joints this is most linked. This

Wednesday 22nd March

WAO How designers know how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce 3-D frameworks.



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String joint ties the wood together to create a sturdy base to stop the separation of the wood. I think it is stronger than gusset joint.



Friday 24th March 2022

VAO: How designers develop and use knowledge to construct strong, stiff shell structures

Mr Soph and I created a cross joint. We then reinforced it by putting glue on the wood and then placing card-board on top of the glue and finally wrapped rope around the cardboard.





Tuesday 20th March 2023

WAD: How designers investigate a range of existing products Making comparisons between them

Module Sentence

Designers are an important part of product development. They design products that are fit for purpose.

1.

2.

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5.

1. ~~This one~~ This one, is at the bottom it sticks out so you can't pull it out.

2. That, at the bottom

The most secure would be number one.

Friday 24th March 2023

WAD: How designers develop and use knowledge to construct strong, stiff shell structures

I did a cross join.

I reinforced my cross by pushing the 2 sticks together and when I got all the string on the wrapped around the cross I pulled it super hard so it would strengthen and stabilise the cross and stiffen it.

How would you re-engage your join?

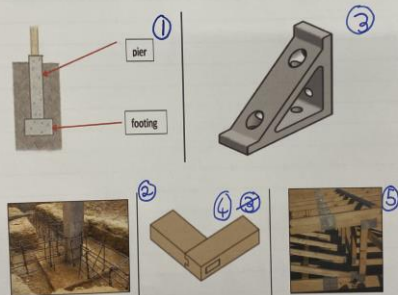
I would wrap the string around the sticks more tightly.



Tuesday 21st March 2023

WAD: How designers investigate a range of existing products making comparisons between them

Designers are an important part of product development. They design products that are fit for purpose.



Hire me?

With the lighter evenings now upon us, we are able to offer the opportunity to hire the all weather surface. We can offer a reasonable hourly rate suitable for 1:1 coaching, small group coaching or

possibly birthday parties. If you are interested, please email head@cottingham.pdet.org.uk for further information. Please do share this information with anyone that you believe could be interested. On the odd occasion we can also look at hiring out the pitch for a birthday party. Again, contact Mr Scott for further details including costs and availability.



Managing Anger

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY (EVENING)

This 4 session course focuses on how you and your child can understand and manage anger in a safe and healthy way.

Date and time: Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm, 19th April - 10th May 2023

Cost: £12.50 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99), additional resources and goodies. **Bursary places are available for parents who qualify (providing a 50% discount on registration).**

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/556624096657>

TTRS

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1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72
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Please encourage children to log into Times Tables Rock Stars at home. In year 4 this week, approx 67% of the children achieved a score of 20+/25..Not only will daily practise improve these scores in assessments, it will improve all round maths knowledge and understanding. Along with My Maths, completing TTRS is a part of our expected homework. Have some fun and set up mini home challenges...At any time your children can challenge their friends or class teacher. Quite often, Mr Scott is challenged and well beaten! Try a home - family challenge? Can the children beat the adults?

Tennis anyone?

Children from Cottingham CofE have enjoyed the tennis centre holiday sessions before. Your child does not have to be a tennis player. They will have a fun time and learn new skills in the super tennis dome that we have on our door step. If children attend we would love to hear about it via Twitter. Who knows - we may have a future Wimbledon winner amongst us!!



ONLY £35 PER DAY

CORBY Tennis Centre

LTA mini tennis HIGHLAND SPINNING

Easter Tennis Camp

EASTER CAMP - 4th 5th & 6th April (10-2pm) £70

COME ALONG FOR FUN AND GAMES THIS EASTER

Corby Tennis Centre Easter camps are run by LTA licensed and registered coaches who are all DBS checked. Each camp runs INDOORS over 2 days and includes skill based drills, exercises, fun and games, competitions and prizes.
No previous tennis experience required.
ONLY £35 per day!

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:
Packed lunch, drinks, appropriate clothing and footwear, and a hat/sun cream (weather permitting).

For bookings and enquiries contact (01536) 407851
Email: bookings@corbytenniscentre.co.uk
Website: www.corbytenniscentre.co.uk




Easter Activities

As we lead up to the Easter break, children in Ash and Willow class have enjoyed a number of Easter themed activities including making chocolate nests and cards. Who remembers making chocolate nests at school? Look out for a fluffy, yellow chick! Also, the whole school enjoyed a super PTFA Easter breakfast. They all looked amazing in their Easter bonnets as they tucked into fruit and a variety of pastries (with jam/syrup). Have a look through these picture stacks to see more of the activities from the week. THANK YOU to our wonderful PTFA for helping prepare the breakfast and egg hunt!







































Award Winners



Well done to all of the latest Headteacher award winners...





Well done to all of the latest Star of the Week award winners...





Well done to all of the latest Playground award winners...



Well done to all of the latest Wonderful Writers...

Parent Days

Mrs Wason enjoyed meeting parents/carers this week. If you were unable to attend or missed your appointment, please email f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk Thank you to everyone who came along to no doubt listen to super news about learning in Hawthorn class.

Bicycle Safety

Children from year 5 have been learning various bicycle safety skills this week. The cycle storage has been well used to house lots of super looking bicycles. The main message being given during the

first session of the week was, 'use both breaks.' We hope that what is learnt during the sessions will then ensure safe and careful cyclists when out and about. The children are all very lucky to have really smart bicycles and helmets too. Please do encourage and support your children to cycle to school anytime. The shelter is there for them to use!









Term Dates



Academic Year 2022 to 2023

The term dates for the 2022 to 2023 academic year have now been confirmed.

Term 1

Thursday 1 September 2022

Friday 21 October 2022

Term 2

Monday 31 October 2022

Friday 16 December 2022

Term 3

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 10 February 2023

Term 4

Monday 20 February 2023

Thursday 30 March 2023

Term 5

Monday 17 April 2023

Friday 26 May 2023

Term 6

Monday 5 June 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

INSET Days 2022 to 2023

- **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022**
- **Monday 31st October 2022**
- **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**
- **Friday 31st March 2023**

Additional Bank Holiday

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8th May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- **Tuesday 9th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)**
- **Wednesday 10th May: English reading paper**
- **Thursday 11th May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)**

Friday 12th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

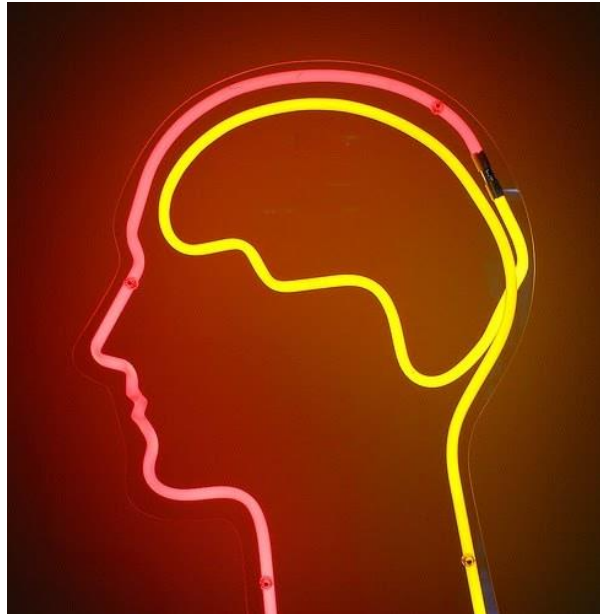
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Mon 26th Feb

Magnificent Minds



Thank you to our 'Magnificent, Magnificent Mind Team' for all their hard this term. Next term we will be starting work towards obtaining 'The Healthy Schools Award'watch this space!!!!

Thank you to Grace in Year 5 for the newsletter that you can read below:

Magnificent minds...

The magnificent minds are a team of brightly intelligent children and, of course, Mrs Southcombe. Every week we come together to create new ideas on how to raise money, give out healthy snacks at breaktime and look at ways to encourage the children to keep a healthy mindset. Recently we have had Children's mental health week and hosted a walking bus for Cottingham primary community to walk down from the Spread Eagle Car Park. Every lunchtime we put on our yellow jackets and bring children who don't have anyone to sit or laugh with together and make new friendships.

The responsibility...

Being a magnificent mind brings a lot of responsibility as there are loads of things that could be going on in the playground (e.g arguments or falling out). Our responsibilities can include:

Raise awareness of wellbeing and spread positivity around school, look out for others-particularly break and lunch time and volunteer for various activities to promote healthy lifestyle.

What do you do to raise money...

To raise money the magnificent minds usually do bake sales (which are insanely popular) and all of the magnificent minds can bring a homemade or shop bought cake in for others to buy. We also host a KS1 and a KS2 love 2 lunch where family member(s) can come and eat lunch with you so you spend time with your loved ones!

King Charles III Coronation - Menu

If at any time your child would like a hot lunch (or packed) please do order with plenty of time. From time to time, children do say that they do not like a particular lunch. When ordering lunches it might be a good idea to do this with children to ensure that lunches ordered are enjoyed.



The menu is titled 'Coronation Celebration' and is for Friday 5th May. It features a table with five rows: Main, Vegetarian, Plant Based, Packed Lunch, and Pudding. Each row has a colored header and a description of the meal. The menu is framed by a decorative border with a crown at the top center.

Coronation Celebration
Celebratory Menu for Friday 5th May in honour of King Charles III Coronation

Main	Great British Fish and Chips with Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup (optional)
Vegetarian	Sandringham Sausages and Chips with Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup (optional) (vgn)
Plant Based	Balmoral Burgers and Chips with Garden Peas Tomato Ketchup (optional) (vgn)
Packed Lunch	Coronation Chicken Roll, Cucumber and Carrot Sticks, Kings Coronation Crown Biscuit
Pudding	Kings Coronation Crown Biscuit (v)

(v) Vegetarian suitable
(vgn) Vegan suitable

Order via your school meals account or go to our below website to register.
Please order by midnight Wednesday 26th April 2023.

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk
KingswoodKitchen / Kingswood Education Catering Ltd

Musical performances

As always, parents/carers, staff and pupils were wowed with a performance by the children who have been enjoying drumming, guitar and singing this term. For some of the children it was their first performance. They are so brave to perform in front of an audience and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to parents/carers who support the musical tuition offer as without it, we would not be able to offer such a range of tuition. Cecilia, Jamie and Joe work hard every week ensuring that the children not only enjoy music but also learn and make progress. Look out for various summer events as you may well be able to enjoy a performance or two! Look out for choir letters that have been sent home this week!

'Really enjoyed the drumming concert today, you have some very talented musicians in the making. Love listening to the whole school getting behind them singing along & wriggling about to the music, fab performances & afternoon of entertainment. Well done all.' We love messages like this showing that our music offer is well received.









Will write again soon.....

