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Friday 8th May

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Ofsted Inspection

Ofsted inspectors visited the school this week as part of the routine inspection cycle. We were incredibly proud of our children who, as always, demonstrated calm, polite and positive attitudes, approaching their learning with determination and enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for your support during the inspection, including completing the Parent View survey and sending messages of encouragement. We are also very grateful to our staff for their hard work and continued dedication to our pupils, and to our Governing Body for their ongoing support.

We expect to be able to share the inspection outcomes with our school community in approximately one month's time.

School Trips and Visitors

The children have enjoyed a busy and exciting first half of the term, with many opportunities to learn and to take part in enriching experiences.

Year 5 represented the school fantastically well at *Northwich Sings*. Working alongside other local primary schools, the children sang, danced and recited poetry as part of a musical performance of *Kitty Whittington*. Our Year 5 pupils were absolutely brilliant throughout rehearsals and during the final performance – well done to them all!

Reception visited Xplore in Wrexham for a day of hands-on, science-themed problem solving. The children took part in activities involving construction, logic, patterns, crafting and engineering. They engaged wonderfully with all the activities and had a marvellous day.

Reception and Nursery also welcomed a visit from Animals Take Over as part of their Bugs topic. The children learnt about a variety of creatures and mini-beasts, including snakes, tarantulas, cockroaches and millipedes, with some children even bravely handling them!

Year 4 participated in a Maya-themed day led by the Red Queen! The children learnt to count in the ancient Mayan language, designed masks, explored ancient rituals and ceremonies, and developed their understanding of Mayan society, including hierarchies, food, clothing and homes, through practical activities.

This week, Helen from the Canals and Rivers Trust visited the school to teach the children about water safety; an especially important message for children living in our area. Information for families can be found [here](#).

Parent Speakers in School

Thank you to Mrs Freeman, who visited the school to speak about her work creating adapted toys for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, and to Mrs Forrest, who talked to the children about her role as a dietitian. The children found both presentations informative and inspiring, and there were many thoughtful questions afterwards.

We continue to welcome parents and family members into school to talk about their careers and help demonstrate the wide range of opportunities within the world of work. Please speak to a member of staff if you feel you could support this initiative.

Healthy Snacks

At breaktime every day, the children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 are provided with a selection of fresh fruit for a snack if they are hungry. The children in Key Stage 2 can either bring a healthy snack from home or buy a slice of toast (30p) or a bagel (40p) from the kitchen. Fruit is also available from the kitchen if children do not have any money with them and are hungry. Unhealthy snacks provide the children with a temporary energy burst, but this does last until lunchtime and does not help them concentrate on their learning after breaktime so please do not provide crisps and chocolate bars as snacks. Thank you for your support [Healthy Snack Advice](#)

Attendance

A reminder that all holidays should be booked outside of term time. Good attendance and punctuality at school are essential if children are to make the most of their education. All absences for holiday will be unauthorised (unless in exceptional circumstances). Unauthorised absences may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued.

SATS Week Year 6

Next week, Year 6 pupils will complete their statutory assessments. The children have been working incredibly hard and are well prepared, so there is no need for them to worry. Whatever the outcomes of the tests, we are — and will continue to be — very proud of every one of them.

A restful weekend and plenty of sleep will be the best way to support the children ahead of next week. We look forward to seeing the children at Y6 breakfast club from 8.15am each morning.

Have a lovely weekend,

Your sincerely,

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