With every week that goes by it feels like we are getting a little closer to "normality"; however it is especially important, now more than ever, that we continue to be vigilant and not become complacent about continuing the good work in keeping Coronavirus at bay. The government have not made any significant changes to their guidance for schools and I will keep you updated if they do. In the meatime you can help by making sure that you don't send your child to school if they have any Covid symptoms – a temperature, persistent cough or loss in taste/smell. You must also get a PCR test (not a lateral flow) and keep any siblings off until a negative result comes back. If in doubt, please contact us or ring 111 and we will do our best to advise you on the best course of action.

I am now resuming my half-termly meetings with the Inclusion Officer (formally Education Welfare). During these meetings I have to justify any authorised absences and discuss any individual child whose attendance is less than 90%. The expectation moving forward will be that families taking unauthorised absences of 5 days or more will be issued with a fine.

Our whole school attendance continues to be strong at 97.4% and I thank you for your support in this, especially given the last few months. As ever, if you have any concerns or require support regarding attendance, absence or punctuality then please do get in touch.

Oscar Shaw in the Finches was a runner up in the Breck Foundation's e-safety competition. Lots of children across the country entered back in February during e-safety week. The children had to create an e-safety superhero as part of their home learning and now the picture he drew is on the website: https://www.breckfoundation.org/competition Well done Oscar for getting involved in spreading such an important message. Oscar's entry is "Nice Girl".

Jo White, Headteacher

Olympic Times Table Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the last Olympic Times Tables Challenge. We have lots of winners to announce this time, which is fantastic to see! Congratulations to the following children:

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Olympian	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Olsa Bytyqi (Y3)	Joyce Cheng (Y3)	Fraser Douglas (Y4)	William Cliff (Y4)
Jessica Donnelly (Y3)	Esme Lennon (Y3)	Oliver Gibson (Y4)	Ryan Hu (Y4) – 2 nd time
Finn Harrison (Y3)	Irina Bush (Y4)	Christian Zupnik (Y4)	Ayaan Ansari (Y5)
Tom Scrivener (Y3)	Run Niu (Y4)	Emily Alsop (Y5)	Amelia Bahrani (Y5)
Soraya Ansari (Y4)	Charlie Parker (Y4)	Daniel Egbe (Y5)	Abi Barathy (Y5) – 3 rd time
Junseo Bae (Y4)	Poppy Parker (Y4)	Leo Gordon (Y5)	Katie Moores (Y5)
Borka Baksa (Y4)	Eva Whittingham (Y4)	Ewan Jones (Y5)	Leo Papa (Y5) – 3 rd time
Austin Bird (Y4)	Jack Jarvis (Y5)	Medhaa Rahulan (Y5)	Annabelle Saunders (Y5)
Nina Caunter (Y4)	Isaac Jennings (Y5)	Abdullah Dar (Y6)	Daniel Gregson (Y6) – 3 rd time
Pratyusha Gurung (Y4)	Nicholas Jennings (Y5)	Noah Lewis (Y6)	Joshua Guda (Y6) – 4 th time
Ellen Malaos (Y4)	Chloe Long (Y5)	Jacob Montlake (Y6)	Alex Lau (Y6) – 4 th time
Olivia Olsson-Short (Y4)	Bay Robinson (Y5)	Jacob Robinson (Y6)	Sophie Lennon (Y6) – 2 nd time
Faith Robinson (Y4)	Alice Saunders (Y5)	Junze Wang (Y6)	Isabella Parker (Y6)
Amber Williams (Y4)	Isla Stevenson (Y5)		Harley Scott (Y6) – 2 nd time
Angelika Hausler (Y5)	Evie Hoskin (Y6)		Emma Vine (Y6) – 3 rd time
Riley Huber (Y5)	Zoe Kwong (Y6)		
Samuel Read (Y5)	Nathaniel Munday (Y6)		
Ella Smith (Y6)	Vicky Neumann (Y6)		

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on Thursday 27th May.

Class Pages



The **Owls and Nightingales** have been learning about animal habitats in Science. We have explored the woodland habitat in our Wild Area and have thought about why different animals which live in a Savannah habitat are adapted to its particular conditions. We looked closely at the different animals that lived in a marine habitat and recreated this in a shoe box. Have a look at how creative we were.

















This half term, in Science **Year 4** have been exploring the human body. First, we started by looking at the Digestive System and the function of each part, even having a go at recreating the journey of food through our bodies, which got very messy! This information also helped with our English as we wrote a diary entry of a nutrient on its journey through the Digestive System. We also explored what our bodies are made of and learnt about the skeleton and muscles. The children were able to show off all their fantastic knowledge by creating some life sized chalk drawings of the human body, complete with bones and organs made from objects found in the wildlife area.









From the Office

Planet Soccer Holiday Camps

Planet Soccer are running football clubs over the half term holidays. If you would like information regarding how to book your child on to one of their camps then please see the attached flyer.

Rocksteady Music School

Great news! **Rocksteady** Music School is back teaching in-school rock and pop band lessons. It's an amazing opportunity for the children to join their very own rock band and learn to play the songs they love on either drums, guitar, keyboard or vocals (no experience necessary).

We currently have spaces available for **Year 6** pupils. Band practice takes place in school time every week and boosts children's confidence and supports their progress at school, while enhancing their wellbeing along the way. If they are interested in becoming a drummer, guitarist, keyboard player or singer check out the attached letter with more details.

Lessons are delivered in line with government guidance and our own school's policies. Places are limited and available on a first come first served basis! If you would like to book your child's place sign up as soon as you can. Sign up online at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0330 (Mon–Fri 8am–5pm local rate) for more information.

Boogie Pumps Before School Club

Boogie Pumps still have places left in their before school class every Tuesday morning. If you are interested in signing up your child for a free trial then please see the attached flyer or you can book a free trial via the website here:

https://www.boogiepumps.co.uk/shop/free-trial/

Boogie Pumps also have a YouTube channel to give you an idea of how their classes run: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXi6BCMm-5zULgzG7Ig08vg

Wey Valley Swimming Club



APPEER (Connecting Neurodiverse Girls and Women)

APPEER work with autistic girls and women in Surrey and beyond. Please see attached the APPEER flyer if this is of interest to you or anyone you may know.

Families Magazine



The May/June issue of Families Magazine is available to view or download. Please click on the link below:

http://bit.ly/FamiliesMayJune2021

This issue has loads of useful info for parents:

What's On

Days Out

Parks & Playgrounds Listing

Children's Theatre

Soft Play – when they are opening

Family holiday ideas

DIY Father's Day gifts

Parenting articles and lots more!