

Newsletter

09 February 2024

To all our families,

What a busy week in school we have had! It has been lovely to have so many parents and carers in school to allow the children to share their learning with you. We hope you were able to attend but if not, we have parent consultation evenings coming up where you will also be able to see your children's books.

Parent/carers consultation evenings booking

On Monday 11th March and Wednesday 13th March we look forward to welcoming you into school for our second parent/carers consultation evenings of the school year at Caister Junior School. Our SEND team will also be available should you wish to talk to them. You will also be able to visit the classrooms to see your child's books either before or after seeing your child's class teacher.

We ask that no children come along to parents' evening appointments to allow for an adult discussion about how the children are doing in school.

Please [click here to request a preferred date](#) and time for parent consultation evenings.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Dojo behaviour parent/carers Q & A sessions

Please join us **8.55am, 3.20pm or 5.00pm** for one of our informal Q & A sessions to talk about how we are using Class Dojo to enhance our Relationships and Behaviour policy. Here we hope to also be able to share how you can access the app at home to support your child and us in school and to see how your child is doing.

We would like to thank Mrs Blake-Smith and family and the Marina Centre who have organised two clip and climb vouchers and two aqua play vouchers for our Dojo rewards cabinet! These will start to appear in the cabinet as prizes in the coming weeks.

The children have been patiently waiting the prizes to be labelled with prices and we are now able to start labelling. We will be opening the shop after half term between 8.30am and 8.45am on a Monday morning every week to begin with. This will start from Monday 4th March 2024. The children can come to the office to be let in but must only visit the shop if they know what they would like and are intending on cashing in their points that day.



Thank you!



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Non-uniform day – Friday 16th February

The children can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation.

have done something exceptional. This week they are awarded to **Logan M** (Year 5) and **James** (Year 3).

Our next celebration assemblies are:

Thursday 29th February 8.55am

Year 5 & 6

Friday 1st March 8.55am Year 3 & 4

Celebrations

Pupil of the Week is awarded during our celebration assembly on a Friday. Awards are given to one child in every class by their teachers. The awards celebrate good work and behaviour, as well as examples of good citizenship and friendship to others or for any behaviour or activity that positively reflects the school values and show a good example to other children in school. This week...

Pupil of the Week	
3D	Teddy
3E	Layla
3S	Fletcher
4BW	Ayse
4B	Scarlett
4H	Milly-Marie
5JK	Jessica
5M	Oceania
5B	Ezme
6T	Ryder
6B	Casey
6W	Henry

We also award two 'Recognition Awards' weekly which are children chosen by Miss Watling and Miss Cambridge because they

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance 94.47%

Class	%	Congratulations to 4B who are our Attendance Winners this week!
3D	96.00	
3E	94.44	
3S	93.33	
4BW	97.33	
4B	97.44	
4H	95.11	
5JK	94.64	
5M	91.77	
5B	94.25	
6T	94.24	
6B	92.46	
6W	96.71	

Supporting your children at home with learning...

Please could your child read daily and record in their reading diary. They also have spellings weekly in their logbook to practise. Please can these books come into school each day. Please see the PDF attached with this newsletter about the benefits of reading daily.

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Gardening



We are working with the children in school to develop the garden to grow plants and food which will support the children's learning.

We would be very grateful for any unwanted seeds, bulbs, plant pots, small greenhouses or similar to help us.

Ask me about.....

Year 3

Maths	We have completed our maths day looking at codes and created our own codes. We have also continued with length.
English	We have been continuing with our book 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have watched what was likely to have happened and discussed and written a description of the volcano.
Science	We have begun to investigate and record information about different types of rock. We focused on whether the rocks could be marked and if they were permeable.
History	We have looked at how people in the Bronze Age lived. We have

	learnt about their homes, diet and clothing.
PE/Games	We have completed a Year 3 handball tournament. We have also continued with our dance.
Computing	We marked Safer Internet Day by discussing our digital footprints and how to stay safe online. We also looked at technology through time and designed a piece of our own technology that could help people in the future.
Music	We have continued to learn how to play the recorder. We can now play 'Hot Cross Buns.'
Art	We chose our favourite fossil or motif drawing from last week and started preparing our string printing model.

Year 4

Maths	
English	We have been working on the book 'Cinnamon'. We have written descriptive paragraphs about settings.
Science	We have been looking at different melting and boiling points of different materials.
History	We have looked at King Athelstan - the Saxon King that united England.
PE/Games	We have continued working on our netball skills, dance and fitness.
Computing	We have continued to use the probotix programme to give instructions to a vehicle to draw different shapes of size and colour.

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RE	We have been looking at Vaisakhi celebrations in Sikhism.
PSHE	This week we have been looking at mental health, what we are proud of and what matters to us.

Year 5

Maths	Our Fractions Unit continues, particularly looking at multiplying fractions.
English	We are reading Percy Jackson, continuing with grammar work and writing descriptions of Camp Half Blood
History	We found out all about Democracy in ancient Greece this week, comparing it to political systems in the modern world
Computing	We continued creating Maze games using Scratch.
Science	Science this week was all about Water resistance, thinking about what it feels like when we move through water compared to air.
RE	This week, we have learnt about Ghandi and how Hindu's feel about the world around us.
PSHE	We have enjoyed talking about Children's Mental Health Week, completed some fun activities and artwork.
ART	As part of our Line, Light & Shadows unit we have been trying out different shading techniques.

Year 6

Maths	We have started looking at ratio. We have learnt about how to use the ratio symbol and how ratios and fractions link.
English	We have been writing our biographies about Georges Melies. We have learnt a lot of facts about his life!
History	We looked at the developments in weapons and technology in World War Two. We found this interesting to compare this to what we learnt in World War One!
Science	We attempted to make batteries out of lemons! We learnt how batteries work and then worked as a class to create a battery to power an LED.
Computing	We calculated pocket money using spreadsheets. We found that it was better to receive 1p each week and then double the amount rather than get £5 a week!
PE/Games	We created routines in gymnastics. In netball we worked on our game technique. 6B concluded their unit in dance.
PSHE	This week we enjoyed talking about internet safety and children's mental health week.
DT	Each class made a tomato pasta sauce which we loved eating!

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This week in pictures...

It has been fantastic to have so many parents/carers in for 'Sit and See' – thank you!



Children have been enjoying taking part in Yoga as part of Children's Mental Health Week.



The first Climate Club session where the children made fir cone bird feeders and hung them in the school gardens.

Internet Safety learning



Year 6 have enjoyed cooking this week.



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Key dates for the diary		
There may be additional dates added which will be highlighted or changes to dates/info highlighted		
Monday 12 th February	Dojo behaviour Q & A for parents/carers	8.55am/3.20pm/5.00pm Join us for one of our informal Q & A sessions to talk about how we are using Class Dojo to enhance our Relationships and Behaviour policy. Here we will share how you can access the app to work with us and see how your child is doing in school.
Friday 16 th February	Non-school uniform day for £1 Last day half term – children return to school Monday 26 th February	
Thursday 29 th February	Celebration assemblies 8.55am	Once a month (usually the last Thursday – upper school/Friday – lower school) of every month, parents are invited to join us for celebration assemblies. In those assemblies we award ‘Pupil of the Month’ awards which are the awards where parents of those children receive a text to invite them along. There will be other celebrations such as golden book and pupil of the week too!
Friday 1 st March	Year 5 & 6 Year 3 & 4	All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Thursday 7 th March Monday 4th Tuesday 5th Wednesday 6th Thursday 7th	World Book Day Year 6 Year 4 Year 5 Year 3	Children can wear favourite book character costume or warm pyjamas for the day on 7 th March – World Book Day. Parents/carers are invited to come along to our Book-tasting sessions where we will look at books from different periods. Join us at 8.50am on your child’s year group day. The sessions will finish at 9.45am. Please see letter sent 9 th Feb for more details about toilet roll tubes and a reading competition!
Monday 11 th March	Science Week	More information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	Science visit	Year 5 will visit Caister Academy to watch a Science show.
Monday 11 th March Wednesday 13 th March	Parent consultation evenings	3.30pm-6.30pm – more information to follow 3.30pm-5.30pm – more information to follow
Week of 18 th March	RSE Teaching Week Playground Proms performance	The children will complete lesson 4 of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons during this week. Whole school music event – more information and consent letter to follow and all children will need to wear PE kit on this day.
Monday 25 th March	SEND Cafe	Parents and carers will be invited by our SEND team to join them for a SEND Café

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Tuesday 26 th March	Year 5 & 6	
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 & 4	All parents are warmly welcome to attend our end of month celebration assemblies – we hope you can join us!
Wednesday 27 th March	Last day of spring 2 – children return to school Monday 15th April	


Half term
fun!



Norwich Science Festival is coming to Gorleston for one day only! In partnership with East Norfolk Sixth Form College, the Festival is bringing a fantastic day of hands-on science, workshops, talks and free drop-in activities for families and young people on Wednesday 21 February.

A Mini Explorium will be open all day, with stands from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Gorleston Apiary, the RSPB and Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life. Booking in advance is advised, but there are plenty of drop in activities to enjoy.

Free parking, hot food and snacks available to purchase on the day or bring your own packed lunch.

📍 East Norfolk Sixth Form College 

Wed 21 Feb  10am-4pm

<https://ow.ly/ix5J50QyiQw>

Digifest at Caister Library during February



During February Norfolk libraries are offering several opportunities for children to get involved in fun activities to get them thinking digitally. Please see the attached posters with this newsletter to find out when these are running. [Click this link to find out more](#) information about what is on, when it is on and how to book!