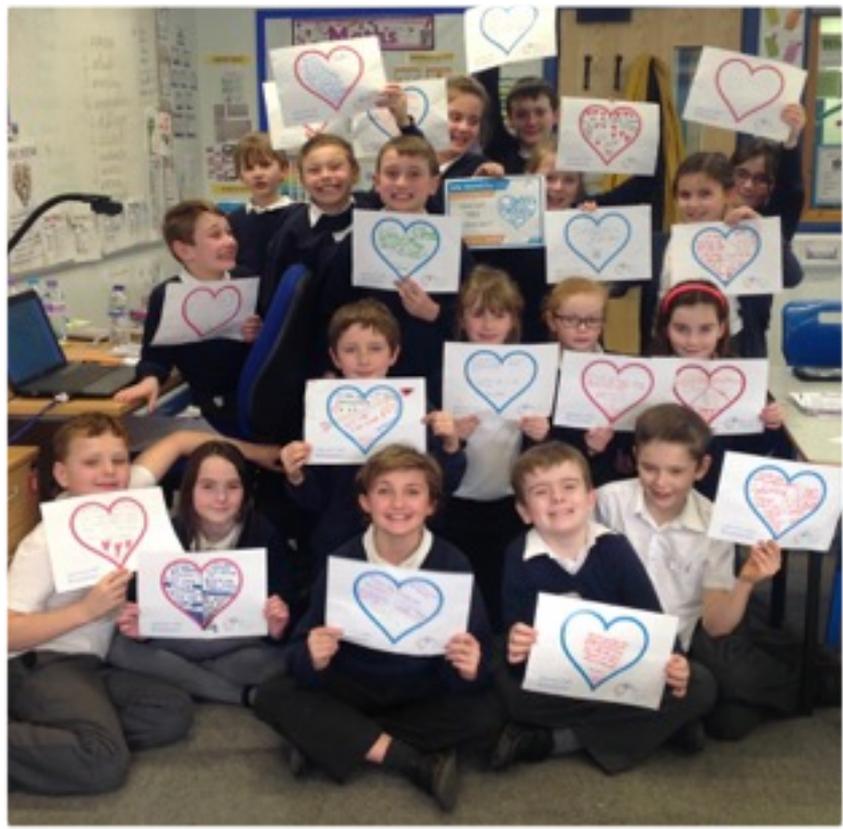


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Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February Class 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in 'Safer Internet day', co-ordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration saw over a thousand organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

They joined hundreds of individuals supporting the #SID2016 social media campaign to play their part and 'share a heart', which trended throughout the day and reached over 4 million in a mass tweet.

Throughout the day our pupils talked about how they would feel if they received or saw any unkind comments online and found out the best ways to report this if they did. They created their own hearts and

filled them with ideas of how they could make the Internet a safer place. Finally creating their own digital Magna Carta, detailing the rules they should adhere to when online and what they will do, to make the Internet a safer place.

This learning will continue through the year as part of their computing studies.



Have a great half term, We are back to
School on:
Tuesday 23rd February

Merit Awards:

The following children have been awarded with half termly Merit or Courtesy awards and will be given their certificate at the end of half term assembly:

Reception: William B
Year 1: Emilia A
Year 2: Leon B
Year 3: Owen C-M
Year 4: Liam S
Year 5: Lilyana B
Year 6: Abbie W

Courtesy Awards

Reception: Joseph T
Year 1: Molly C
Year 2: Tillie M
Year 3: Connie-Mae L
Year 4: Madeleine W
Year 5: Chloe M
Year 6: Marley W

Accelerated Reader Smashers:

The following children have all smashed their Accelerated Reader targets this half term:

- Class 1: have smashed their Class target
Class 2: Daniel H, Tyler B, Grace H, Ethan R, Isaac B, Tillie M, Leon B, Alfie H, George W-H, Isabella H, Daisy H, Poppy H & Matthew G
Class 3: Ollie S, Evan Q-B, Issy C, Oliver R, Lucyanne.Q-B, Owen C-M, Ocean W, Isaac J, Lauren K, Darma B, Ellie-May B, Jack Q, Elizabeth H, George R-L, Lottie M, Thomas F, Amelia P, Henry L, Rhianna F, Connie-Mae L & William P
Class 4: All of Class 4 smashed their target!
Class 5: Abigail P, Esme C-C, Samuel J, Bertie R-L, Jacob H, Lilyana B, Chloe M, Thomas B, Anya M, Harry W, Reuben L, & Finley S
Class 6: All of Class 6 smashed their target!

Lunchtime Superstars:

The following children have been nominated as lunchtime superstars and will be given a certificate in the end of half term assembly:

Reception: Luke G
Class 2: Poppy H
Class 4: Zain B
Class 6: Marley W

Class 1: Zara B
Class 3: Annie H
Class 5: William H



Rainforests

Class 3's learning about rainforests have continued this half term. They all brought in their creative homework which took many formats, ranging from presentations, to collage.



Eco-warriors

This half term Miss Jackson asked for nominees for a team of Eco-Warriors as she wanted to do some work with the children about becoming a more eco-friendly school.

Each class were asked if they would like to help and a representative was selected. Our 'Warriors' are: Freddie A, George W-H, Amelia P, Thomas R, Esme C-C and Neve B. They have had a couple of meetings where they have discussed what their role should be and decided what eco-issues they would like to tackle and will over the coming weeks, be looking at what we can do to make our school more eco-friendly, supported by Miss Jackson.

Runes

Year 5 have been learning about Anglo-Saxon Runes and as part of this created runic messages for their friends to decipher this half term.

They then learnt about King Offa (an Anglo Saxon King) and designed their very own coins. They decided whether they wanted to depict a King (Rex) or queen (Regina) on their coins and then converted their names into Runic writing, carving this into the clay.



Chinese New Year

On Monday 8th February we celebrated the start of the Chinese Year of the Monkey in school.

Pupils in Year 3 and 4 coloured Chinese patterns, assembled lanterns and created some origami figures.

Year 5 looked at the Chinese Zodiac and found out about the different characteristics of the animals within it.

Out of the 12 they then chose 9, ranking them in a diamond 9 grid (including justifications), with the top being the most important qualities, bottom being least.



PE provision

Mr Ennals and Mr Vickers continue to support PE teaching in school, using the government's PE Grant. This half term the pupils have had the opportunity to use the apparatus in the school hall.



Multi-skills festival

Both the Reception and Year 3 children were invited to attend PE multi-skills sessions on Tuesday 19th January, together with pupils from other local schools.

The Reception children headed to Misterton Primary School, while Year 3 went to Retford Oaks Academy.

The Reception children took part in many different activities using their skills of throwing, aiming, balancing, jumping and crawling. Year 3's activities focused on speed, agility and balance. Both trips were funded using our school PE grant.

All of the children behaved impeccably and had a fantastic time. This was the first school outing for the Reception children who were especially excited about going on the coach with their friends.



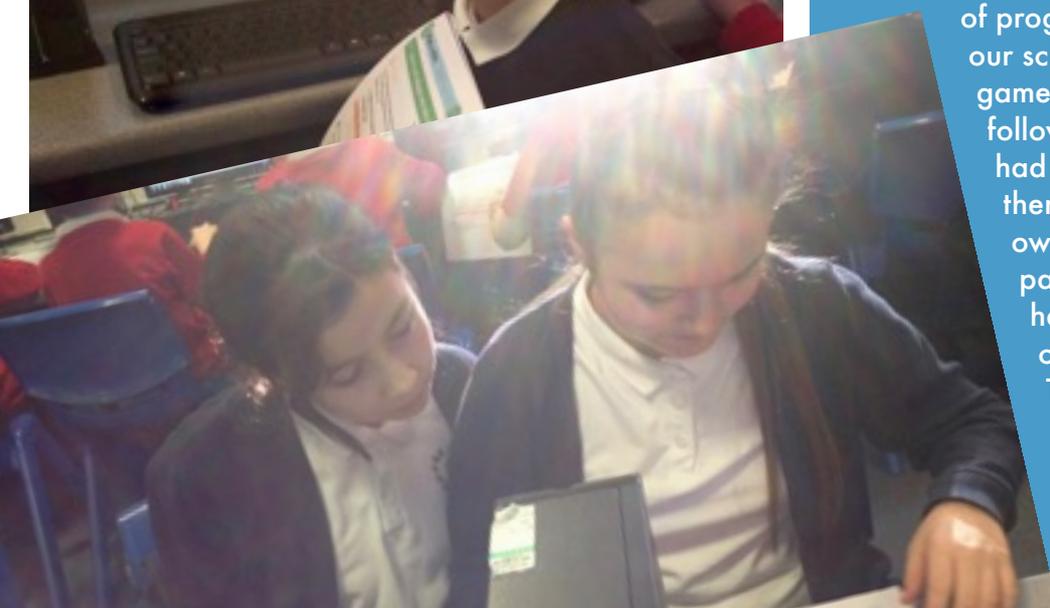
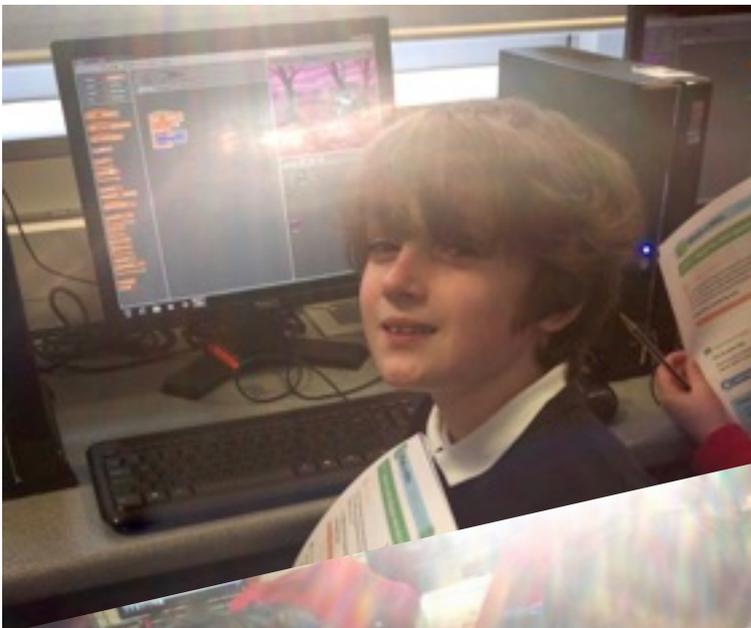
Scratch IT Day

On Thursday 21st January, Class 6 went to Retford Oaks Academy for the day to take part in a Scratch IT day. Scratch is a software program that teaches children simple programming techniques.

When they arrived they were split into two groups and went to work in the IT suite. First they had to practise their programming language by directing another member of their team to specific points around the classroom. They had to be really careful as the person we were directing was blindfolded.

Next we looked at Scratch. This is a piece of programming software that we have at our school too. We had to create a game called 'whack a witch' by following an instruction booklet that had all the algorithms we needed. We then used these skills to create our own game and during the afternoon parents were invited to come in and have a look at what we had been creating.

The day really helped us to develop a better understanding of Scratch and its capabilities - we had a great time.





Pupil Voice - Hot chocolate sale

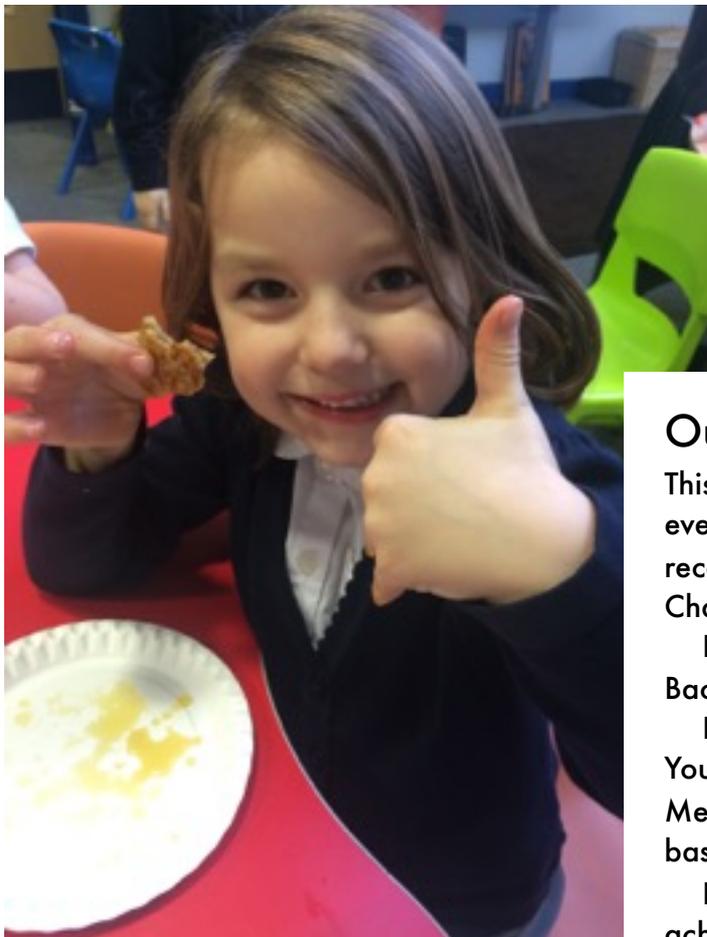
This half term Pupil Voice, our student council, decided that they would sell hot (well, very warm), chocolate to pupils during morning break time. With added extras of squirty cream and marshmallows they proved to be very popular and over £130 profit was raised towards the purchase of the buddy bench for the school playground.

Thank you to everyone who supported the pupil's venture again. The commitment of members of Pupil Voice has been brilliant as they give up their morning break times to serve pupils and some lunchtimes, where they think up their next money making ventures, supported by Miss Green.

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 9th February the pupils marked Shrove Tuesday by enjoying pancakes and 'yummy' toppings which had been very kindly donated by Morrisons of Retford.

The children learnt about why people celebrate Shrove Tuesday by eating pancakes and there were some interesting conversations about Lent and discussions about how it compares with Eid al-Fitr at the end of Ramadan.



Out of school achievement

This half term George O from Class 4 attended a presentation evening at Retford Town Hall, where he was given trophies in recognition of his swims at the Retford Swimming Club, Club Championships.

He had achieved 1st place in the 25m (one length) Freestyle, Backstroke & Butterfly strokes and 2nd in the Breaststroke.

He was also presented with the Sam Mountain Cup for Best Young Achiever in the Club, as well as the Sam Mountain Memorial trop for obtaining the most points in his age category, based on his finishing times.

Don't forget to let us know if your child has any significant achievements that you would like to share with us and we will include it in the newsletter.

Dates

for your diaries

March

April

For dates further ahead please check the School website

February

15 to 19

Half term

22

INSET day

23

Back to school

25

Football vs St Joseph's away

1

Parents informed of secondary school place allocations

3

World Book Day

5

Rotary Club swimathon

8

Football vs Holy Family (home)

18

Sport Relief Day

25

Good Friday

28

Easter Monday

30 & 31

Reception to Y6 Parents evenings

4 to 15

Easter holidays

25

Good Friday

The next Newsletter will be distributed in April 2016.



Holidays

Dates for your diaries for 2015/16

Spring

Summer

Half term

15th to the 19th February
INSET day 22nd February
Back to school:
Tuesday 23rd February

Half term

30th May to the 3rd June
INSET day 6th June
Back to school:
Tuesday 7th June

Easter

4th to the 15th April
Back to school:
Monday 18th April

Summer

INSET day 25th July
26th July to the 5th September
Back to school:
Tuesday 6th September



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