



Summer Term Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Sunny Weather

As the weather gets warmer and the rain finally stops, please ensure that your child brings a water bottle and hat to school every day. If your child brings suncream, please make sure that it is named and that they are able to apply it themselves. We do not permit children to share suncream in case there are allergies. **Please note that staff can supervise but are not permitted to apply suncream to children so your child must be able to do it themselves.**

Hackathon Success

This week some of our children took part in this year's 'Social Hackathon' run by Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form College. During the day, the children received a presentation about the future impact of AI from Dr Oli Buckley, Professor of Cyber Security at Loughborough University, as well as a talk about cyber security from John Greenwood who is the Regional Cyber Protect Coordinator at ERSOU (Eastern Region Special Operations Unit).

With multiple schools from the region present, the children were split into 2 groups of 5 and each were given a problem to solve using coding which would be judged by a panel of experts in the field of Computing.

Both our groups had some truly inspired ideas involving coded robotics. They did so fantastically and clearly the judges agreed, as one of our groups received the UEA Innovation Award which is an incredible achievement! Furthermore, our other group received special commendation from John Greenwood who made it clear they were second in the 'Teamwork' award.

We are so proud of the children who took part. They are excellent ambassadors for our school and show a great deal of promise in the field of Computing. Hopefully they will take inspiration from the day and consider pursuing the subject further in secondary school and beyond.

Early Children...

We have had a number of children recently being left at school at 8:00am before school opens. Please note that staff are not available to supervise your child until breakfast club opens at 8:15am. If your child is not coming to breakfast club, they should not be dropped off until 8:30am.

... And Late Children

We also have a small number of children regularly arriving late to school whose lateness does not involve traffic. Please ensure that your child arrives **BEFORE** the door closes at 8:50.

Head Lice

Recently, some cases of head lice have been identified, particularly in KS1. Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- Check your child's hair once a week.

- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Traveling Books

The Traveling Book Company will be in school next week selling books. As in previous years, we will be open between 8:15 and 8:45 every morning for children to come to buy a book if they wish.

Sports Day

We will be having our Sports Day at Norwich School for Girls on Thursday 18th July. Last year we had a fantastic turnout from parents, many of whom were really good sports taking part in races themselves (encouraged but not compulsory!). This year we will follow a similar format with children in EYFS and KS1 having their sports day in the morning from 10:00am and children in KS2 in the afternoon from 1:45pm.

School Art show and Fete

We are holding our annual art show on Friday 26th July. This is always a really popular event and attracts a lot of parents. This year we will be combining it with our school fete so there will be even more to see and do. I know that the Friends of the Free School have been working very hard to organise the fete and have some fantastic tombola prizes. More information will be provided as we get nearer to the day.

Amazon Wishlist

We love Reading! We want that love to continue and grow! We know that to help that occur, we need to continue filling our fantastic indoor, and soon to be launched outdoor library, with inspiring and high-quality books. At this time of year, we get asked by so many kind parents what gifts we would like as their children move classes. While of course completely unnecessary, if you insist, please could we encourage you to buy a new book for the library from our Amazon Wish List.

Please click on the link below to be taken to our Amazon Gift List, your book will be sent directly to school, please ensure you complete the gift note, so we know who has kindly bought the book.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1H53OWPFNIFOO?ref_=wl_dp_view_your_list

National Read-Aloud Challenge:

Join us in the exciting National Read-Aloud Challenge from June to August! Click the link below to learn more and get involved.

<https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/YI-VY-PQ9P-ADXJ>

Useful Dates:

Monday 1st July- Friday 5th July – Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Thursday 18th July – Sports Day at Norwich School for Girls

Friday 26th July - School art show and fete

Kind regards,

Darren

Stars of the Week

EYFS

Last week's Star of the Week went to Theo for making interesting comments and asking lots of questions in our class discussions about King Charles and Buckingham Palace. This week it goes to Velan for being an outstanding mathematician and thinking creatively.

Year 1

The Star of the Week for last week was Bradley for being a brilliant independent learner this week. This week it goes to Freddie, for using local produce to make a fantastic salad in science independently.

Year 2

Last week's Star of the Week went to Hanna, for writing a superb story about a mischievous mouse, a gentle dragon, and a princess who becomes the dragon's friend. This week it is Phoebe-Jean for mature and thoughtful answers to questions during this week's PSHE session

Year 3

Star of the week last week went to Jude for a great start to this term's Maths. This week it is Isabella for great contributions to the class internalisation of our text.

Year 4

Star of the Week for last week was Yolandi for superb resilience in her times tables practice. This week it goes to Lyla for her bravery talking to a large audience and her co-operative team work at the Computing Hackathon.

Year 5

Last week, Star of the Week went to Lincoln for creating interesting and unique sentences using similes and metaphors. This week it goes to Aarav for giving it his all in creating an advert in geography to promote the Mediterranean.

Year 6

Last week's Star of the Week went to Priscilla for being an incredibly gifted writer. This week it goes to Charlie for demonstrating fantastic leadership skills during the 'Social Hackathon'.

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