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Newsletter
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SATs

Well done to all of our Y6 children who took the new SATs tests a couple of weeks ago. We were really proud of the way they tackled the new tests. The increase in expectation of what children need to know by the time they leave KS2 has become increasingly harder to achieve. For reasons only known to the government, our current Y6s were tested just two years into the new national curriculum when it should take four years to cover. It has been a difficult time for the government in regards to primary assessment and as a school we can only work within the system that is presented to us. Rest assured that we do everything in our powers to make sure that the children have every opportunity to succeed by supporting the whole child. Our aim is that they leave Reedham happy, confident individuals who make the best possible progress during their time with us.

Acle Academy

Gerry Batty, executive head of the Wensum Trust and acting head teacher of Acle Academy, came to school and met with some of our Y6 children. He explained to me about the current situation at the school, which is obviously going through some restructuring at present. He was positive in his outlook, detailing a clear plan to turn the school around from its current Ofsted grading. I know he would welcome contact from parents if they have questions they wish to pose and was keen to come back after half-term to meet with our current Year 5 children. There looks to be better liaison and opportunities for transition between Acle Academy and the primary feeder schools in the near future.

Y6 Trip

Last Friday, Y6 children attended the 'Crucial Crew' event in Norwich. They had a great time, learning about lots of ways to keep safe in a range of situations.

School Trip

On Monday we took the children to the Time and Tide Museum and Jump Warehouse in Great Yarmouth. The Time and Tide museum fitted in perfectly with our explorers/pioneers topic for the Summer Term. The children had lots of fun meeting Ida Flower, Randall and a British Columbian tribesman who taught the children all about artefacts, respecting cultures, planning expeditions, story-telling and much more.

After lunch, and a short walk, we made it to Jump Warehouse for the afternoon session. Following a safety video, the children put on their non-slip socks and away they went into the arena. Unfortunately for Abigail it wasn't such a great afternoon as she fell awkwardly and broke her arm.

We immediately took her to a safe and quiet area until the paramedics arrived and she was taken to the James Paget Hospital. We were incredibly proud of how brave she was, never once crying and answering the questions put to her by the paramedic.

She has since had a successful operation to set her arm and we expect to see her back after half-term, resplendent in a colourful cast no doubt! We shared a quiet moment in assembly the following day, sending her our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The other children continued to enjoy the trampolines, basketball hoops, dodge ball area and air bag. Miss Fletcher particularly impressed with her somersaults onto the air bag! It must have been a tiring experience for the children - I cannot remember such a quiet bus journey home. Hopefully they slept well that night too!

Diary Dates

Monday 6th June - School Starts

Thursday 9th June - Queen's Birthday Lunch (Red, White & Blue Day)

Friday 10th June - Mahogany Opera Company at Reedham Village Hall

Monday 13th June - On Road Cycling Y5

Wednesday 15th June - Open Event Technical Rehearsal

Thursday 16th June - Open Venue Performance 7:00pm start

Friday 17th June - Y5 On Road Cycling 1:00pm (Volunteers needed)

Friday 17th June - Whole School Photo

Monday 20th June - Y5 On Road Cycling 1:00pm (Volunteers needed)

Monday 20th June - Y3/Y4 Cluster Cricket Competition

Tuesday 21st June - Y1 & Y2 Pedestrian Training 9:30am start
(Volunteers needed please)

Wednesday 22nd June - Y5/Y6 Cluster Cricket Competition

Thursday 23rd June - Y6 First Aid Training

Friday 24th June am - Y6 First Aid Training

Tuesday 28th June - Sports Day

Monday 4th July - Transition morning including Y6 to Acle Academy

Tuesday 5th July - Cluster Sports at UEA Sports Park

Friday 8th July - Mrs Smith's Summer Music Concert (and last day for
Mrs Smith's music lessons this term)

Wednesday 13th July - Summer Fete

Wednesday 20th July - Last Day of Summer Term

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September - Staff Training Days

Monday 5th September - Autumn Term Starts

Mr Edwards