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Spring B - Week 5 - Thursday 29th March 2018



Easter Eggstravaganza



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Easter Eggstravaganza or sent money in with their child/ren last Friday. It was an amazing success with the total raised reaching £586.25. This money will help pay for a professional poet to spend the day in the school, the butterfly hatchery as well as helping us purchase starter plants for our vegetable plots! Thank you!

The winners of the Easter Raffle were the families of Toby-Jay, Harry, Fleur, Lannie, Tay, Oscar and Lacey, well done everyone!



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The quantity and quality of the Easter Gardens and decorated eggs was breath-taking and judging was a tricky job! We asked Miss Kenny (student TA) and after lots of deliberating here are the winners ...

	Winner 1	Winner 2
Reception Robins	Cara	Oscar
Year 1 Blackbirds	Mollie	Emily
Y2 Barn Owls	Maxx	Olivia





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Well done to everyone who entered and thank you for going to such fantastic efforts.

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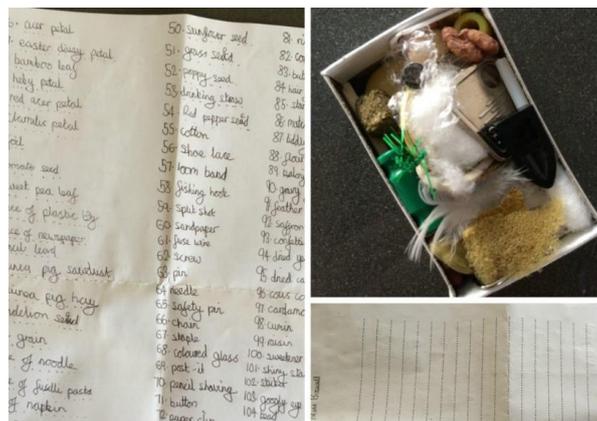


50th Anniversary Celebrations



As communicated on the 50th Anniversary Calendar that was sent out a couple of weeks ago, our very first activity was sent home in the children's book bags yesterday. The children's challenge is to see....

How many things can you pack in a matchbox? More than 50?



We have included lots of ideas with the matchbox that we sent home but take a look at this video for some more creative thinking!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKBOaHue42I>

We look forward to seeing how many children have risen to the challenge over the Easter holidays. Please bring the matchbox back into school w/c 16th April.

Continuing the theme of our 50th Anniversary, we have come across an amazing piece of history written by Sue Kay who was a teacher here many years ago. Here's this week's excerpt....

Part Three. The 1970's cont.

Here Sue Kay writes about a teacher called Mary Williams...

"On another occasion I certainly did not envy Mary who, when we took as our theme 'Christmas Gifts' decided that instead of the usual gift for mum or dad her class would produce gifts for all their brothers and sisters. Now this would have been fine had Mary not





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had in her class Mary Welby who was one of ten children! Every play-time and dinner-time saw the two of them busy making but the near impossible was achieved and nine gifts were produced by the end of term. Every year at Christmas we would put on a play/carol service

for the parents of the children. This was usually used to collect funds for people less fortunate than we were and to help the children begin to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas"



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School Uniform Reminder



This is a gentle reminder that any hair accessories worn by girls should be red and of an appropriate size. We encourage the children to be proud to wear their uniform and consistency is key in making sure that every child feels that they 'belong'. Please save the beautiful glittery, large bows and hair accessories (such as Jo-Jo bows) for special times such as discos and parties. Please could I use this opportunity to also remind everyone that long hair needs to be **tied back** and that tattoos and nail varnish should also be saved for special days and events. Thank you for your support in this.

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Our High Meadow Superstars!



Here at High Meadow we know the importance of rewarding and recognizing the fantastic efforts your children go to, to be the best they can possibly be. However, due to the Good Friday Bank holiday the awards will start again after the Easter holidays.



Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'



Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved 96.5% so we just missed it!

Position	% attendance	Class
JOINT FIRST PLACE	97.1%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT FIRST PLACE	97.1%	Y2 Barn Owls
THIRD PLACE	95.4%	YR Robins

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School Events and Activities

LAST DAY OF TERM - Thursday 29th March at 3.00pm. Back to School Monday 16th April.

APRIL/MAY 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 16 th April	All day	Andy Tooze - Professional Poet workshops for all classes
Friday 27 th April	All day	Sponsored 'Dancing Through The Decades' for our 50 th Anniversary
Wednesday 2 nd May	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Parents Online Safety Meeting - Keeping Your Child Safe Online
Thursday 3 rd May	All day	The Flying Potter - creating a collaborative piece of pottery for our 50 th Anniversary
Thursday 3 rd May	6.00pm	New Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 8 th May	All week	Eggs and hatchery being delivered to school for children to watch hatch over the following 10 days
Tuesday 8 th May	tbc	Year 1 Film Club
Monday 14 th May	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Reception Robins Storytime
Wednesday 16 th May	12.00pm - 1.00pm	1968 GROOVY LUNCH for our 50 th Anniversary

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June Inclusive

STAFF TRAINING DAY - Monday 4th June - ALL DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5th June



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are gentle; we don't hurt others

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In PSHE this half term we are learning about



Healthy Me!



We are learning that to be Healthy we need to...

- Learn how to keep our bodies healthy
- Know what makes us relaxed or stressed
- Learn how medicines work to make us better
- Learn which foods our bodies need to keep healthy
 - Learn to make healthy snacks
- Learn how to keep ourselves safe from harm and abuse

Kindest regards and Happy Easter

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Keeping your child safe from sexual abuse -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMIKUsZjirA>



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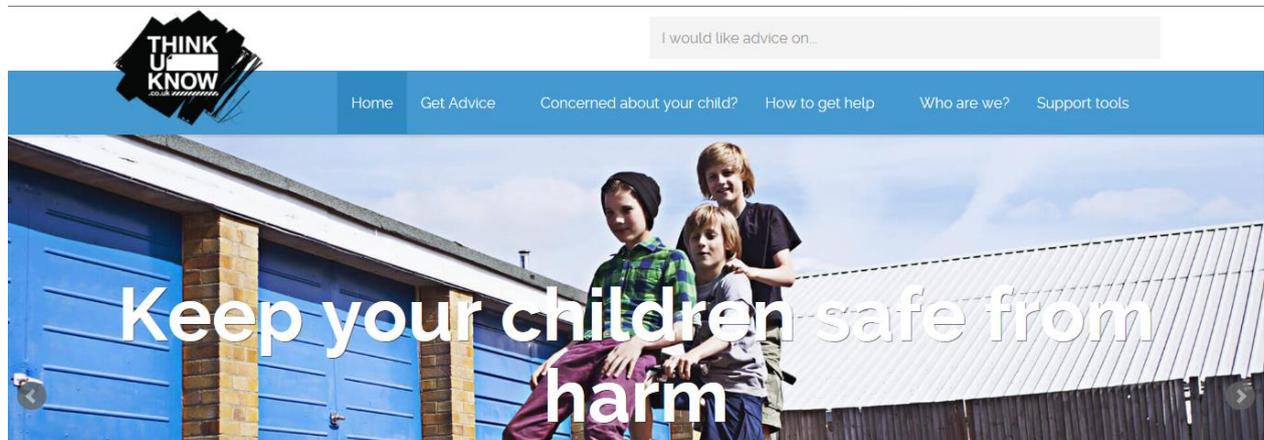
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Keeping your child safe on-line -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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