



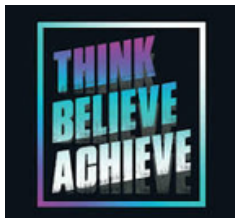
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY UPDATE!

Dear parents and carers,

January has been a very special month for me as I joined the school community at the start of the new year. Over the past few weeks, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth, kindness, and support shown by staff, children, parents, and carers. Everyone has been so welcoming, and it has been a real pleasure getting to know the school and becoming part of such a positive and caring community.

Although my time here has been short so far, it has certainly been busy! Together, we have already begun to make some exciting changes aimed at making school an even better place for our children. One of my first priorities was to work closely with the School Council, and I have been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, ideas, and sense of responsibility. They have played a key role in introducing new routines for walking safely around the school and for "super sitting". They have also chosen songs they enjoy for assemblies and are now beginning conversations with their classes about introducing class names—something they are very excited about.



We have also been working to make lunchtimes more enjoyable for everyone. New lunchtime activities have been introduced to give children more choice and to ensure that every day offers something fun and engaging. It has been wonderful to see children getting involved and enjoying these opportunities.

Listening to parents' voices is extremely important to us. Following a recent questionnaire, many parents shared their wish for more after-school clubs. I am delighted to say that we are already planning to introduce netball, drama, and choir after half term, with more opportunities to follow.

Alongside these changes, we have been reviewing and strengthening our curriculum. We have introduced a behaviour curriculum that focuses on clear routines and high expectations, helping children feel secure and ready to learn. We are also in the process of introducing new maths and English curricula, which will be phased in over the next half term and fully adopted after Easter.

Finally, we have invested significantly in resources and support for children with SEND, particularly for those who benefit from sensory breaks to help them regulate and succeed in school. It has been an exciting and positive start to the year, and I am very much looking forward to continuing this journey together.

Mr Ratcliffe

Headteacher

Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic



Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic!

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed reading Paddington.

they have enjoyed orange jelly, playing in Paddington train station, small world train set, writing invitations, shopping lists and information about London landmarks.

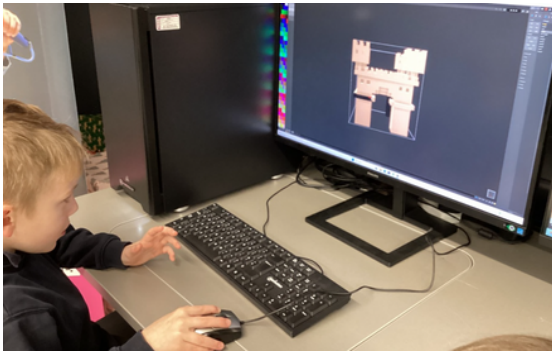
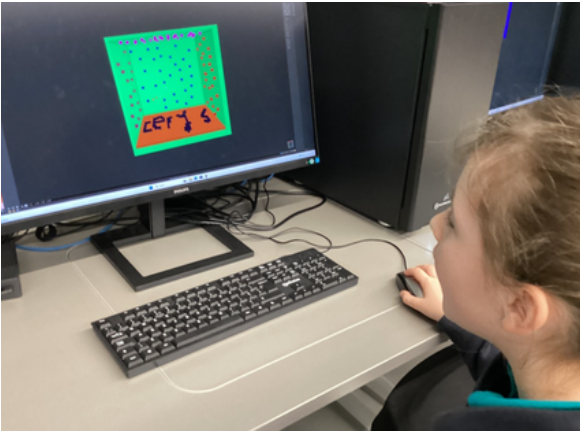
At their picnic, they enjoyed making marmalade or jam sandwiches.

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Year 3 Skills Escalator



Year 3 attended the Skills Escalator Day (SED) this half term.

The day focused on computer science and technology, with activities ranging from Lego coding to exploring the world of augmented and virtual reality. We were very excited to take part in so many hands-on activities.

Although we were tired by the end of the day, everyone thoroughly enjoyed having a go. The Journey of Atom virtual reality headsets were the overall favourites. Well done Year 3!

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SPORTS STARS



Well done to the year 5 and 6 children who represented the school at futsal this week. The children came second overall in the competition, but also individuals won a number of awards for effort, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. We win with pride and lose with grace, and it was lovely to see the children model these behaviours in a competitive environment.

Thanks to Mrs Brafield and Ms Spurgeon for organising and taking the team.



Well done to our basketballers who represented the school so admirably at their recent tournament. The feedback from staff and organisers was terrific, with the children complimented on their efforts and respect to opponents and officials.

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JANUARY SPECIAL MENTIONS



Congratulations to the children who have received special mentions for their January efforts. we are so pleased to reward them with their Prestige Sport club on a Friday lunchtime, and hope they have a great time.



Park Run PB

Solomon in Year 5 has smashed his junior park run PB two weeks in a row, and earned his half-marathon wristband at the same time (11 times completed)!

Park run is a free, timed weekly event where the children can run or walk the 1.25 mile course. It is 9am Sunday morning at Ten Acre Field.

Adults from school have even been spotted with their children there from time to time...

Huge congratulations to Solomon who embodied our value of resilience.

Times Table Rockstars

Your child will have their TTRS login glued onto the back page of their homework book. Please look out for this and let class teachers know if it is not there.

Little and often is best with TTRS — studies show that just 3 minutes a day can lead to great progress in arithmetic.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Huyghe



SEXTON'S MANOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY



OUR NURSERY WELCOMES CHILDREN FROM THE TERM AFTER THEY ARE 3 YEARS OLD.

OUR SESSIONS ARE FROM 8.40 – 11.40AM.



We offer a unique opportunity to be a part of an Ofsted rated 'Good' school, with the Nursery led by a qualified teacher.

We have opportunities to use the whole schoolsite for exploring and using indoor and outdoor play equipment.

Our Nursery class site has a large outside area for super-fast car races, muddy kitchen recipes, sand for digging and special role play moments!



Our aim is to develop the whole child through moments to take risks, grow confidence and become independent learners through play. Children are nurtured and inspired; laughter is encouraged; friendships and trust are formed.

'OPENING MINDS, IN A CARING, REFLECTIVE ENVIRONMENT'

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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Safeguarding plays a crucial role in our school community. We remain vigilant and committed to educating all stakeholders, ensuring they are kept informed with the most relevant information. Each month, we will provide important resources to help enhance your understanding of safeguarding.

Safeguarding at Sexton's Manor

At Sexton's Manor Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our children are paramount. We have a whole-school commitment to the safeguarding of children. Our Child Protection and safeguarding principles apply to all adults who work for us, or on behalf of us. We have a number of safeguarding measures in place to support us with this:

- weekly safeguarding meetings with the DSL team;
- safeguarding training and updates during weekly staff meetings and briefings;
- daily vetting of internet activity for children and adults;
- controlled entry and exit points to school;
- clear procedures for signing visitors in and out of school;
- a black- red- yellow- green lanyard system for identifying which adults can be on the premises and where;
- strategically placed staff on gate duties;
- twice-daily attendance checks;
- attendance monitoring and pattern-spotting checks;
- pupil voice and wellbeing checks;
- a clear and validated system for logging concerns and record keeping;
- clear behaviour routines and expectations;
- strong links with outside agencies, such as the PCSO and Educational Welfare Officer;
- monitoring dietary requirements and no-photo permissions;
- curriculum foci on aspects of safety, being safe and wellbeing.

If you have a safeguarding concern, please ask to see one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Mr. James Murray



Mrs. Danielle Ballam

KEY DATES

Friday 6th February: parent sharing afternoon.

Tuesday 9th February and Thursday 12th February: parents' evenings.

Friday 13th February: Valentine's PTA Disco.

wb 16th February- 20th February: half-term.

Tuesday 24th March: Easter service at All Saint's Church

Friday 27th March: break up for Easter holiday.

Please monitor Class Dojo for the most up to date information.

CLASS REMINDERS

Whole school	Please remember snacks should be fruit or vegetables only, and water not squash in bottles.
Nursery	Please help your child to put on their coat, socks and shoes to encourage independence.
Reception	PE- Monday Wellies to be left in school and come in coats, hats, gloves for outdoor provision If you are able to have a change of clothes in a named bag to be left on a peg, that would be useful (in case of accidents or getting wet).
Year 1	PE- Monday (PE kit will be kept in school for the half term). Spellings- these will be tested each Friday. Reading books- these will be sent home Friday and collected Monday.
Year 2	PE- Tuesday and Friday.
Year 3	Homework and spellings- Friday PE- Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	PE- Wednesday and Friday Homework and spellings- Wednesdays. Forest Schools- Wednesday (please bring Forest School clothes in a named bag on a Wednesday morning).
Year 5	PE- Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Year 6 Homework- Fridays, Spellings- Mondays, PE- Wednesday morning for both indoor and outdoor