



# NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all looking forward to a rest and recoup over the Easter Break. We have had lots of coughs and colds recently and hopefully a break will help.

We have had a very active half term, although very short! We have really enjoyed the fun activities of comic relief and world book day and am sure the children did too.

Highlights of this term have to be the super class assemblies and drop in sessions for parents. We have got some much positive feedback from you about these and it really does help that you see what your lovely children are doing at school. We also welcome the opportunity for you to get to know the staff and us you, better!

As this newsletter goes out, I am finding out more about on-line safety and the current issues that I know are apparent both here and most other schools across the country. You may have heard on the news that there have been issues with Whatsapp and Smartphones resulting in many calling for them to be banned for under 16's. I don't believe this is possible, but we do need to help our young people to use them responsibly as they grow up. To this end, I will be increasing the online safety aspects in our curriculum, and adding a further selection of workshops, speakers and videos for parents so that we are all aware. I am running two information sessions for parents, which I would urge you to attend if possible, particularly parents of pupils in Year 5 and 6. The first of these is just for Kingfishers class, and will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 17th April, and again on Thursday 18th April at 5pm (please note the change of date for the latter). I will be releasing dates soon for the rest of school and sending information leaflets home too.

Please be aware that we have asked children not to ride their scooters or bicycles on school premises, as they enter from the gate on the public footpath—this is as we have had some issues with safety. It is quite a narrow pathway and is not safe with the age range and number of children and parents using the space. Please remind your children.

We look forward to supporting Year 6 in their SATS in May and the rest of school during the summer term, so please do support them too by ensuring they are at school on time. Also during the summer term, we are delivering our relationships education lessons and will send home information for you to respond to. As part of this, we are working on relationships throughout the school and will re-visit our Anti-Bullying Charter that we put together in 2022-3. It is important that we get everyone on board with this and welcome your input too.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the Easter celebrations when they come.

Kind regards,

Mrs Huntington

## Upcoming dates

Monday 15th April	Back to School
Wednesday 17th April	Parent online safety workshop 2pm
Thursday 18th April	Parent online safety workshop 5pm
Friday 19th April	FOSA Bingo at Southerny village hall, doors open 7pm.
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
7th May—10th May	Year 5 Bikeability
W/C 13th May	Year 6 SATS
Sunday 19th May	FOSA Southerny Yard Sale
Monday 20th May	Kingfisher trip to Gressenhall
Wednesday 22nd May	Class photographs
Thursday 23rd May	Cluster cricket competition—selected children only
W/C 27th May	Half Term holiday



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## I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here!

The amazing Miss Cupit planned a treat for all the school on Friday 15th March, when the children got to vote for which teachers they wanted to take part in I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here! Challenges included drinking green cricket smoothies and fishing stars out of yucky tubs of bugs, all to earn stars which equated to extra minutes of playtime for their class. Big thanks to all the teachers who took part, to the children for voting and cheering their teachers on, and to Miss Cupit for a super fun morning.



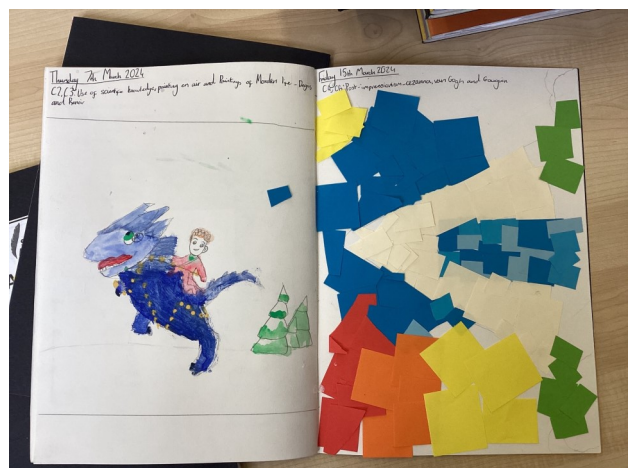
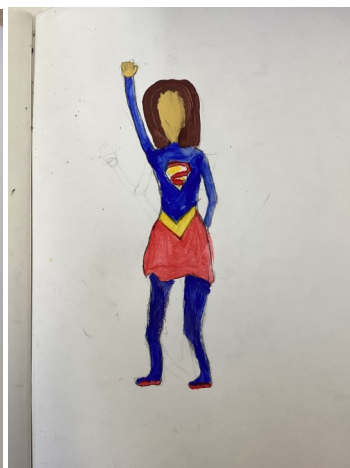
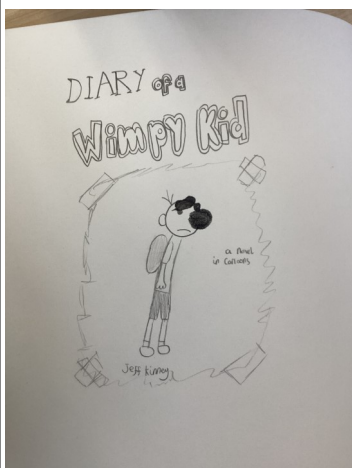
## This month's spotlight is on Kingfisher Class:

Kingfishers have had a typically busy half-term! Year 6 have been preparing for their upcoming SATs and have made some amazing progress. Since September, Year 6 have improved their overall scores massively, but particularly across the board in maths! The children generally have started to see tests as a challenge, which is a great attitude to have!

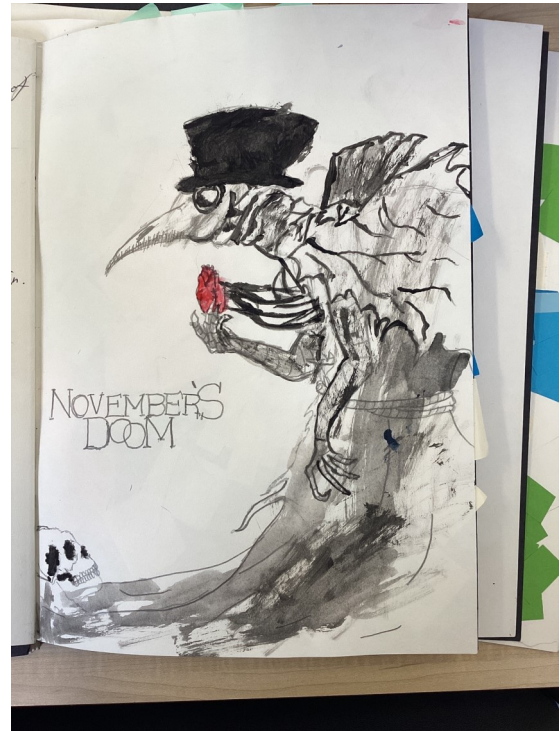
We have been busy with various events this half-term, on top of our normal day-to-day learning. Various events including our paralympic visit with Sean Rose (raising a huge amount of money), World Book Day, Comic Relief, the bake sale and Crucial Crew to name a few! The children behaved wonderfully, and were great ambassadors for the school!

We've also enjoyed getting parents involved with our drop-in sessions and getting to show our independently directed class assembly! Thanks as always for all of your support! We have particularly enjoyed some Science investigations and impressionist artwork this half-term, focusing on the genre of art that typically is a bit less neat and tidy than usual! We experimented with paint and collage to show this style of art, you can see some of this here!

We're looking forward to a fun final term full of sporting events, and fun things such as sports day, the Gressenhall trip and of course; the residential!







### Sports

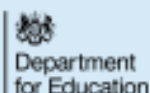
Well done to our sporting teams who have gone to recent events like Dance, Netball and Football.







# Big Norfolk Holiday Fun



## *Spring into action-packed activities!* Join us from 2-12 April

- Fantastic sport, creative and outdoor activities with a free healthy meal
- **FREE** for all children eligible for benefits-related free school meals

We want activities to be inclusive. To ensure the right support is in place, please notify the activity provider if your child has special educational needs or a disability.

The funding from the Department of Education has enabled us to run our four-year Big Norfolk Holiday programme. Share with us your memorable experiences of the scheme so far, email: [bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk)



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# **Easter Family Forest Fun**

**dens, trees, mud,  
crafts, fire,  
bugs, tools,  
hammocks,  
archery (Tues,  
Weds)**



**Traditional Forest School  
9 10 11 April  
Sessions: 10-11.30, 12-1.30, 2-3.30  
£15 1 Child and 1 adult  
£20 2 Children and 1 adult  
£25 3 Children and 1 adult  
£30 4 children and 1 adult  
Additional adults £5  
Under 3's free/ parking included  
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