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Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has mainly been about food and textiles. My Mum is an ex-home economics teacher and I know that she would be very impressed with the skills that I have been seeing this week.

My first visit was to Y1 and Y2. I walked into the Magpies classroom just to say 'Hello' and was greeted by the most amazing smell. They had been making cheese scones and they had just come out of the oven. The children were excited to talk about how they had made the scones and although they really wanted me to try one, they had only enough for the class. I then went into Wrens and Swifts and met Mr Street on his way out with a tray of scone mix ready to go into the oven. The Y1 and Y2 team would like to say thank you for the donations which have helped us to do this activity with the children.



On another day this week I was 'interrupted' by a knock at the door which I am very pleased that I answered. Y3 had been making pasta sauce and had brought some warm sauce for me to try. It really was tasty and had a tomato and basil flavour. The children were able to tell me about the methods that they had used and were very confident in using the vocabulary of chopping and blending ingredients.

On Thursday I visited Y6 and saw the Design Technology lesson where they were making a blanket for the youngest children in the school designed to teach them skills and develop fine motor control. They had been sewing on buttons, ribbons to tie bows and a variety of buckles and belts to practice opening and closing them. Everyone was working well to produce something with a real purpose.



Sadly, we also say goodbye to Mrs Holland who works in our kitchens. She is moving on to a new school. We will miss seeing her every day, but I would like to say a huge thank you for her hard work preparing meals for the children. Good luck in your new school.

Finally, I had some visitors that wanted to show me something completely different. Ronnie and Rachael from Y6 were very proud of the atmospheric story writing that they had been doing. They had been looking at the animated clip Alma and using that to write their own piece. I was very impressed with their use of language with sentences like 'blue eyes that shimmered like diamonds' and 'snow danced a white ballet to the tune of the whistling wind' The Year 6 staff have thought hard about how to inspire the children to write and it has worked.

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Outside Achievements:

Scarlett achieved her 200m at swimming this week. We are so proud of her, she has been working so hard to pass this swimming stage.

Ella and Elena have been busy since last term running Origami Club. We are really proud of what they have managed to teach Y5 and Y6 lots of different structures. Here are a few of them; fox, frog, bird butterfly



Monday 30 January	Tuesday 31 January	Wednesday 1 February	Thursday 2 February	Friday 3 February
Menu 2 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm			Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm)
Monday 6 February	Tuesday 7 February	Wednesday 8 February	Thursday 9 February	Friday 10 February
Menu 3 Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunchtimes) Y4 Violin Lessons KS1 Stop & Read 3pm			Crochet Club Y6 (lunchtimes)	Class Group Photo's Netball Training Years 5&6 (3.25pm-4.15pm) Friendship Disco KS1 4.45pm - 5.45pm KS2 6.15pm - 7.30pm
Monday 13 February	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February	Friday 17 February
HALF-TERM		HALF-TERM		HALF-TERM



Dinner Behaviour Awards



The winners for this week are **Robins** (for good behaviour in the dining room and being polite) & **Buzzards** (for showing consideration to others on the playground).



Attendance Cup



The winner for this week is **Owls**.

Term Dates Academic Year 2023

13 February 2023 - 17 February 2023	-	Half-term Holiday
Monday 20 February 2023	-	INSET Day 4-school closed to pupils
3 April 2023 - 14 April 2023	-	Easter holiday
Friday 26 May 2023	-	INSET Day 5-school closed to pupils
29 May 2023 – 2 June 2023	-	Half-term Holiday
Friday 21 July 2023	-	Last day of term
24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023	-	Summer Holiday

Class	Sessions Missed
Owls	6
Hawks	14
Buzzards	17
Harriers	18
Kestrels	19
Parrots	21
Magpies	22
Falcons	22
Swifts	23
Red Kites	28
Robins	34
Eagles	37
Wrens	45