



Head's lines...

Everyone has certainly made the most of the beautiful weather over the last week with learning sessions and story times taking place outside as well as PE and the daily mile. I am sure that, like me, you are hoping the sunshine continues on into the half-term holiday.

As usual I need to say lots of thank yous - firstly to the many parents who gave up their time last Saturday to help on the maintenance day and to Tracy and Peter for their help and expert supervision. Then also to the PA for organising another very successful comedy night and of course to Jarlath Regan for hosting and making sure we all had the promised laughs on the night. It was great to see the newly painted hall absolutely full of parents and friends and raising lots of money for the school.

Year 6 conducted themselves perfectly last week during the National tests and I know did their very best. I was surprised but pleased to be told by one that it was 'the best week ever' and to overhear another pupil say he didn't want SATs week to ever end. I think the relaxed breakfast every morning and Friday party certainly helped. Well done Year 6 we are proud of you and wish you a wonderful time away at Conover Hall in Shropshire after half-term.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing half-term holiday. With best wishes - Sharon Barton



Important Dates

27 th -31 st May	Half-Term
3 rd -7 th June	Year 6 week @ Conover Hall
4 th June	JTA Regional Awards
9 th June	Half Marathon
10 th -14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Week
19 th , 20 th June	KS1, KS2 Parent Consultations
28 th June	INSET Day
2 nd July	KS1,KS2 Sports Day
4 th July	Open Evening
5 th July	Early years Sports day
9 th , 10 th July	Years 5 and 6 Performance
11 th July	Transition Day
19 th July	School Finishes at 1:30 pm

Talent Show

We all enjoyed watching the talent show earlier this half term and sharing in the acts that each class had voted through to the final. We also raised some more money for Red Nose Day charities. However all 3 judges (myself included) decided it was impossible to judge and declare a winner so all the participants have now been given a small prize to enjoy.

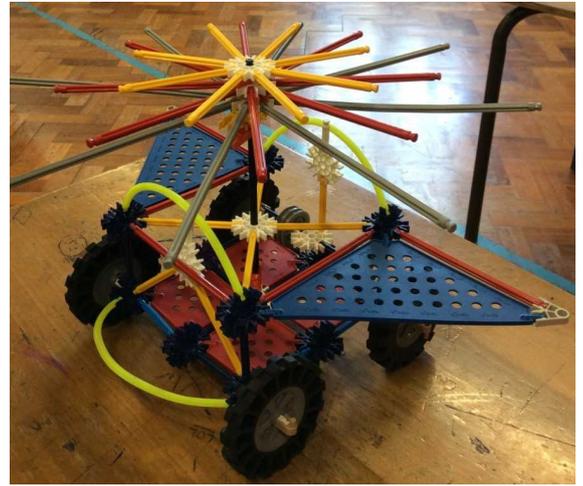


Hopefully many of you will have noticed the improvements from maintenance day last Saturday. Not only does the hall look very fresh and clean we managed together to tick lots of other jobs of the list. We really appreciate the time given by parents on the weekend to support the school—there was such a lovely atmosphere as we wielded our paint brushes and brooms.

K'nex challenge

Year 5 and 6 took part in a K'nex challenge where they had to design and make a flying machine of the future. The requirements the models had to include were wings, wheels, a seat for the pilot and a space for cargo. The winning model in Year 5 was created by Lucy C and Grete and in Year 6 Sara and Vicky.

Well done to all of Year 5 and 6 for their creativity and enthusiasm!



Walk to school week

What a busy walk to school week. Thank you for supporting the events including meeting Buster the dinosaur on the playground Monday and wearing your groovy shoes on Tuesday. Year 4 also went out and about on Wednesday to improve their pedestrian skills.



Basketball

On the 15th May, eight Year 4 children (Anna, Aysha, Emily, Julia, Charlie, Lewis, Sam and Zak) went to a Mini Basketball Festival at Oaklands College. They took part in different skills, drills and games during the event, and were coached by players from the Oaklands Wolves Basketball team.



Everyone is very proud of Maddie and Mathilde in Year 5, who represented the school so confidently on Radio Verulam last night.

They talked about their role on the Eco-Committee and future plans for Clean Air Day coming up in June. Please do use the link below to hear them (from 27 minutes in).

<https://www.radioverulam.com/show/the-parents-show/>

As the weather heats up please can we ask that you send the children to school cream already applied, wearing a sunhat and with a named water bottle. These can be kept in the classroom and then refilled as the children need. We also have a water fountain, so the children can access fresh water when they need to outside.