



Comberton Update

Friday 10th March 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Miss Lewis with 97.7% 4th week in a row! Amazing!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 Miss Jeavons with 95.4%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

Reception children were busy learning about the Easter story this week, explaining their understanding through rolling the picture dice to describe the different parts of the story. They were also counting with currents and current buns and using their fine motor skills to build characters from the Easter story using playdoh.

Year 3 have been carefully selecting appropriate vocabulary to describe a picture and build suspense. They made some really relevant language choices and were very enthusiastic to share their writing with me.

There has been lots of geographical learning across school. Year 4 have been learning about rivers and year 6 continuing with their understanding of biomes. Miss Fairhurst (Geography Leader) and Mrs Phillips spoke to children from across the school who were keen to share their Geographical learning from their books. The children showed excellent knowledge that clearly builds on their previous learning and were able to use geographical vocabulary accurately to articulate their understanding.

Science workshops year 1-6

Ask your child about their science workshops from this week! All children from years 1-6 have visited the hall/classrooms to take part in a science workshops lead by a visiting expert. The children showed great collaboration and a real passion for science through these practical experiences.

Safer Internet Day Competition

Mrs Bennett (Computing Lead) met with our Digital Leaders this week to have the very difficult task of choosing the winners of our internet safety competition. The quality and creativity of the entries was incredible and this made for some very serious deliberations! With some many wonderful and varied entries to choose from, the Digital Leaders requested a few extra prizes!

We are delighted announce our winners:

Phase 1 First place – Emma Bennet £20 voucher

Phase 1 Joint second place – Eli Boyes £10 voucher, Sophie & Phoebe Richards £10 voucher

Phase 2 First Place – Alexia Edwards £20 voucher

Phase 2 Joint second place – Amy Platts £10 voucher and Max Simmonds £10 voucher

In addition to this, there are also 12 children who have been selected as runners up and they will receive an invitation to attend a mini celebration event with Mrs Bennett during school time (along with the prize winners). All children who entered will also receive a certificate in recognition of their hard work and efforts. The staff and Digital Leaders were so impressed with everyone! Thank you.

Industrial Action Strike Days – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

As we know currently, the strike days will still be going ahead, unless we hear any differently from the Government or NEU. As previously, school is only open to those children who have been invited separately and have informed school that they wish to accept that place. We thank you for your understanding around what have been some really difficult decisions.

Sibling Collection

We understand that some children need to be collected by older children who are coming from the high school. Unfortunately, we have had several reports from parents and staff regarding large groups of siblings and their friends coming onto school site from 3pm and being quite loud whilst they wait, which is disturbing the learning in the nearby classrooms. There have also been reports of offensive language being used at these times. If you have an older sibling who collects your child, please could you ask them to come quietly onto site whilst they wait and ensure their language and behaviour is appropriate around our younger children and families. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Support for Children and Families

We have a new document which outlines the wider support that we are able to offer to our children and families as a school. This was previously known as our Early Help Offer. Please find the document attached to the email.

Dates:

Mon 13 th March	Pm - Year 4 swimming
Tues 14 th March	Peter Cooper assemblies
Weds 15 th March	Industrial Action Strike Day - School open to invited pupils only
Thurs 16 th March	Industrial Action Strike Day - School open to invited pupils only
Fri 17 th March	2HL Harriers

Looking Ahead

21/03/23 – Open the Book Assemblies

27/03/23 – Year 4 visit to the Hindu Temple

30/03/23 – 2pm -3:15pm Easter Fayre (more information to follow)

31/03/23 – Break up for Easter

17/04/23 – Return to school

18/04/23 – Phonics Screening workshop for year 1 children and parents 8:45 – 9:45

26/04/23 – Year 5 visit to EnviroSort

01/05/23 – May Bank holiday – school closed

02/05/23 – start of 4 week window for SATS for year 2 children

08/05/23 – Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed

09/05/23 – Year 6 SATs week

15 – 17/05/23 – Year 6 Residential visit

26/05/23 – Break up for half term

05/06/23 – Return to school. Start of 2 week assessment window for Statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

09/06/23 – The Animal Man visiting Nursery and Reception

12/06/23 – Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screening Check week

21/07/23 – Break up for Summer

Have a great half term

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost