



THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER VOLUME 6 - 28TH FEBRUARY 2022

COMING UP

Year 4 swimming starts
W/C 28th February

World Book Day
Thursday 3rd March

Parents Evenings
Thursday 17th March



Honesty



FEBRUARY

Faith



MARCH

ATTENDANCE STARS

The attendance stars for February:

WITH **97.22%** ATTENDANCE IS **CURLEWS!**

Congratulations to the
100% pupils who
achieved a family
ticket to Crazy Golf!



School Values

The school value of the month
of February is Honesty.



'The wicked flee when no
one pursues but the
righteous are as bold as a
lion.' Proverbs 28:1

The dictionary says:

Honesty: 'noun'
the quality of being honest

Synonyms are:

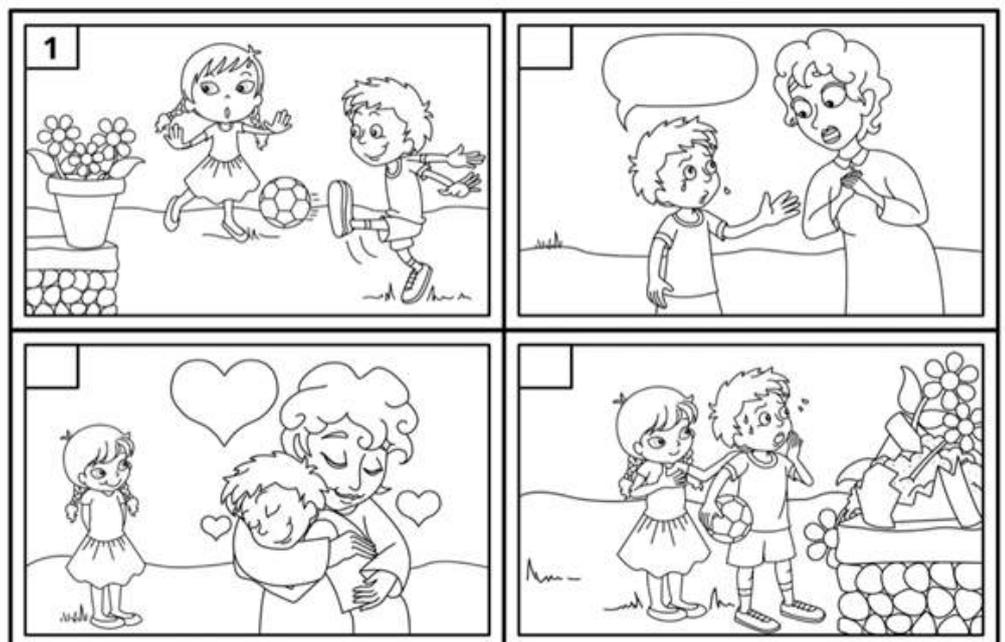
honour, integrity, honourableness,
uprightness, moral code

How can we show honesty at home and at
school? Can you think of at least 5
situations like the one below?

I believe in being honest (2 Corinthians 4:1-2).

Put the pictures in order by placing numbers in the small corner boxes.

Share the story with someone, and tell why it is important to be honest and to forgive others.



When we are
honest, we feel
light, free of the
burden of lies and
closer to our God.
Jesus describes
himself as "The
Way, The Truth,
The Life."

Year 3



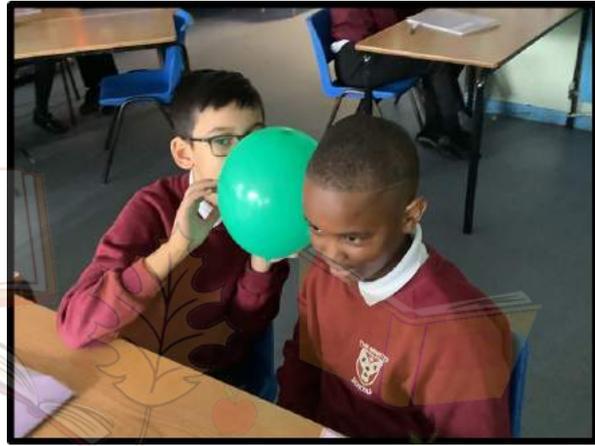
To deepen Year 3's understanding, the children engaged in a series of lessons which were focused on volcanic eruptions.

The children had opportunities to discuss the recent Tonga eruption and was able to relate their understanding to a real-life perspective. From this, the children consolidated their newly acquired knowledge to design a non-chronological report all about volcanoes!

Additionally, many of our children engaged with the Home Learning this month and created their very own volcanoes! The children brought their creative volcanic masterpieces in to school and had the chance to erupt them for the whole class to see.



Year 4



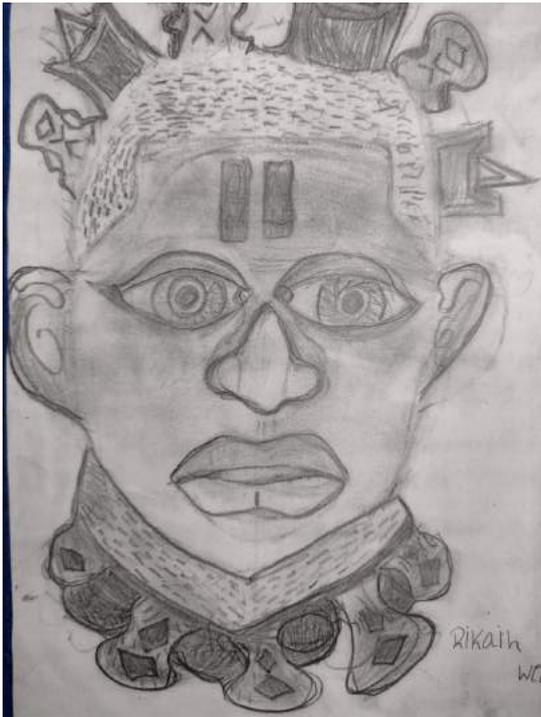
In Year 4 the **BIG IDEA** was to prove- 'Sounds that travel from a source to our ears can be changed by altering the way the source of the sound vibrates.'

So Year 4, got to **investigate** through many different simple tests, where? How? And why... sound was travelling to their ears.

As you can see from the photographs, the tests included **hearing sound through the different states of matter:** gas (air inside a balloon) liquid (a tuning fork in water) and a solid (altering pitch using an elastic band or drum.)



Year 5



As part of Year 5's wider curriculum. Pupils have learnt about the culture of the Benin society (an ancient kingdom located in modern-day Nigeria).

Year 5 have been studying the famous sculptures produced by the kingdom's royal blacksmiths, facilitated by our in-house-artist, Mr Saunders.

Pupils initially completed some detailed sketches of Benin masks and subsequently enjoyed sculpting their own masks out of clay. As you can see, the quality of the children's work was impressive!

As well as learning more about the historical significance of Benin, the children have debated whether museums should return works of art looted from other cultures, as well as touching upon the origins of the slave trade through reading, 'The Kidnapped Prince' by Olaudah Equiano.

Year 6



Freeze-Framing

In preparation for writing a recount on Ernest Shackleton and his crew's epic fight for survival during their 1914 expedition of Antarctica, the children immersed themselves into how the characters would have felt throughout the expedition.

We did this by creating freeze-frames of some of the key events from the expedition.

London Zoo

To conclude our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic, Year 6 visited London Zoo.

The children enjoyed the trip immensely and one of the highlights was watching the penguin feeding session.

All the children behaved very sensibly and were fascinated with the animals they encountered around the zoo.

They even showed their bravery by walking through the spider enclosure!

This trip was a fulfilling end to a very productive half-term.



READING!



The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
Learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



This month, scan the codes to listen to the stories.

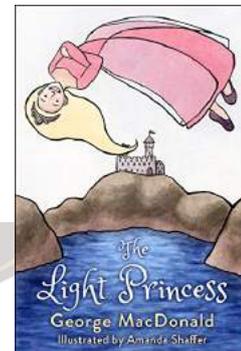
Audio book 'The Music Box'

Written by Nadine D'Souza. A tiny ballerina seeks her place in the world.



Audio book 'The Light Princess'

Written by George MacDonald. A king, a queen, a princess, a prince...and, of course, a witch. The makings of a great story!



READING

is to the

MIND

what

exercise

is to the **BODY.**

MATHS



Maths strategy of the month:

When you are adding and subtracting numbers, you can use one of these methods:

- Column method: arranging the digits in a column according to place value
- Using a number line to count up
- Using number bonds (as a mental strategy)
- Use the bar model to show quantities

Multiplication Practice:

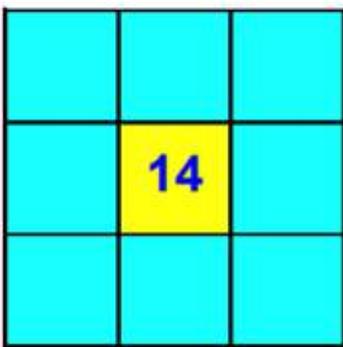
Do you know your times tables with instant recall?

Use SUMDOG to practise times tables. Make sure your SUMDOG username and password are stuck on the fridge door at home so you always have it ready!

Year 4 pupils, please get ready for your multiplication knowledge check in the Summer Term.

This test is held in school and is online.

PUZZLE TIME



Can you put the numbers 1 to 8 in each of the squares so that each side adds up to the middle number?

When you solve the puzzle, please inform Mrs Bhasin in Blue Hub, who will announce the names of the children who get it correct, in worship and in the next newsletter.

MATHS WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



www.mathsblaster.com

Help your child to develop an interest in Maths by playing cool Maths games on this website.

Playing with numbers can be fun! Play games like Hyper Blast, Monster Mutt Rescue and Space Zapper on this exciting online platform. **Happy playing!**

A message from the Head

I hope that you have all had a fantastic half term.

Those of you who drop your children off in the morning will have noticed the increased presence of parking inspectors from Croydon Council. We have been asking Croydon to support us with the dangerous situation of cars stopping on the yellow lines to drop off their children by the gate. Children are then running across the road in front of cars. We ask, again, that if you are dropping your child off by the gate, that you pull over to the left hand side of the road.

My maternity leave is fast approaching! My last working day in school will be Friday 18th March. The Governors will write to you all after half term to notify you of my replacement for the year.

In addition, we are also noticing that an increasing number of children are collecting their food at lunch time and heading straight to the bin to dispose of it. We are monitoring this closely and I will be calling the parents and carers of children who repeatedly do this.

Mrs Farhan

