



THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER VOLUME 3 - NOVEMBER 2023



COMING UP

Open House Evening

Wednesday 29th November 2023

Christmas Jumper day

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Pantomime

Thursday 7th December 2023

Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 12th December 2023

Year 3 will visit the National Gallery

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Year 5 will visit the National Gallery

Tuesday 19th December 2023

Christmas Holidays

Thursday 21st December 2023

Peace



NOVEMBER

Love

LOVE

DECEMBER

THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

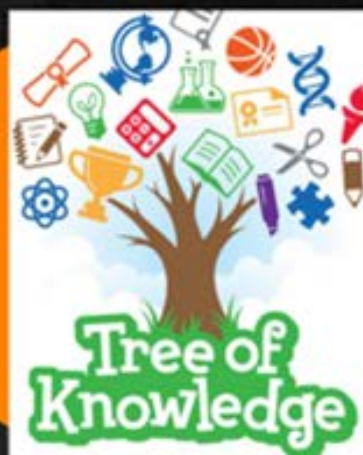


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ATTENDANCE STARS

The attendance stars for

November:

For good attendance over the course of the month with 96%

Congratulations goes to BLUE HUB!

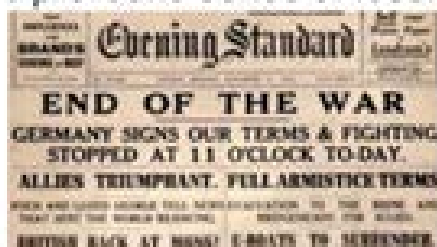


School Values

The value of Peace is observed and celebrated not only in our school but the world over in the month of November.

Do you know why?

On 11th November 1918, at exactly 11 am, the armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany to end the First World War. The world greeted this with relief, celebration and a profound sense of loss.



The school value of the month of November is Peace.

Bible citation:

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:1

How can we observe the value of Peace at school?

We must try to solve any disagreements and arguments with our friends peacefully.

We must work as a team (also called collaboratively) in our learning.

We must model kindness and empathy.

Even if we disagree with our friends, we must do so politely.

Peace begins with a smile.

Mother Teresa

CONGRATULATIONS

✦ Lia (Green Hub) congratulations on your winning Christmas card design. Your design will be manufactured into a real card to be sent out to our community!

This design was chosen by Mr Saunders, Mrs Green and Mr Francis because they felt it represented our community better than some of the other stunning designs that were submitted.





We invite you to donate a prize for the tombola stall e.g. a bottle of soft drink, box of chocolates or unopened cosmetics within the sell by date.

Alcohol must be handed to an adult.

These donations will go towards the school fayre's tombola on the 7th December.

All proceeds will go to improving the children's experiences at school.

Thank you for your support.

Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring the fascinating world of cave paintings. These prehistoric works of art, crafted by Stone Age people, have been discovered all across the globe, with the oldest examples dating back to Europe.

As part of their exploration, Year 3 had a hands-on session with Mr Saunders, recreating cave paintings.

The children first used watercolour paint to create a backdrop that mimicked the natural environment of a cave. Afterwards, they used pencil and charcoal to draw their envisioned images to life! Have a look at the final pieces below!

The end results were truly impressive, showcasing the creativity and effort our children put into this activity.

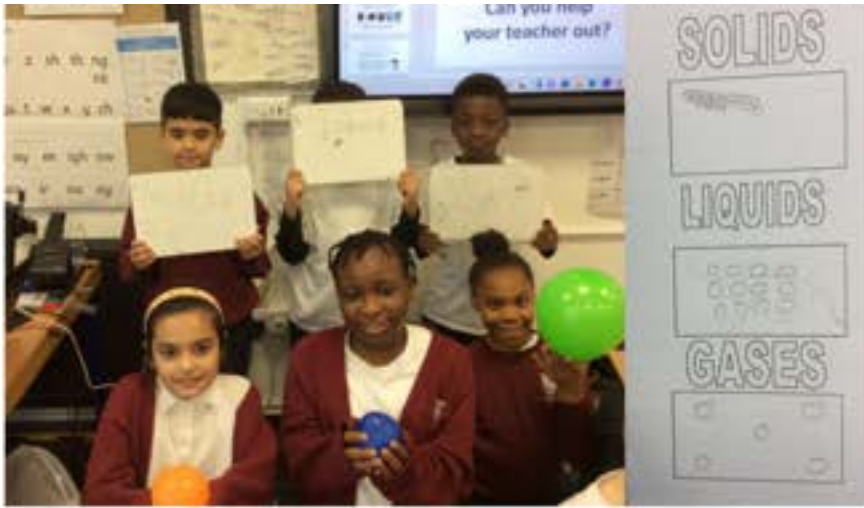




This is a real-life example from Cueva de las Manos. It is located in Patagonia in the southern part of Argentina and contains cave paintings that were created between 13,000 and 9,000 years ago.



Year 4



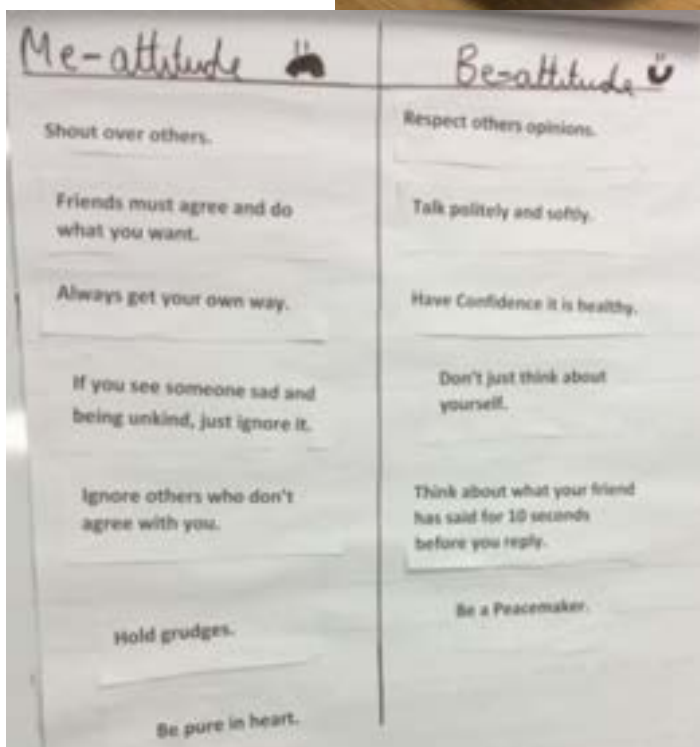
In Year 4, for our Science lessons, we have been looking at the different States of Matter and considering what makes something a solid, liquid or gas.

We acted out as these particles in our PE lesson and identified the three states of matter in an ice balloon, water balloon and a balloon filled with air.



For our RE Lessons, we explored the Beatitudes, considering the people who Jesus expressed as being 'Blessed' in Matthew 5:3-12.

We debated how the Beatitudes are different from having a self-centred 'Me' attitude before sorting statements into two groups. Lastly, we considered how we could live out the eight Beatitudes through creating chatterboxes to remind us of different ways we can express them in our lives.



Year 5



Whitgift Science

**REVERSIBLE AND
IRREVERSIBLE CHANGES!**



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Science at Whitgift goes off with a bang!

At Whitgift, we all sat in a science laboratory for the first time!

We discussed chemical reactions 'irreversible and reversible reactions.'

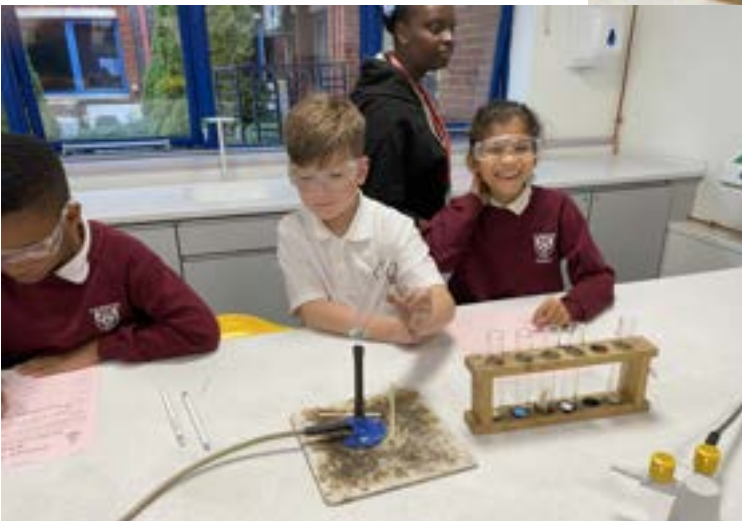
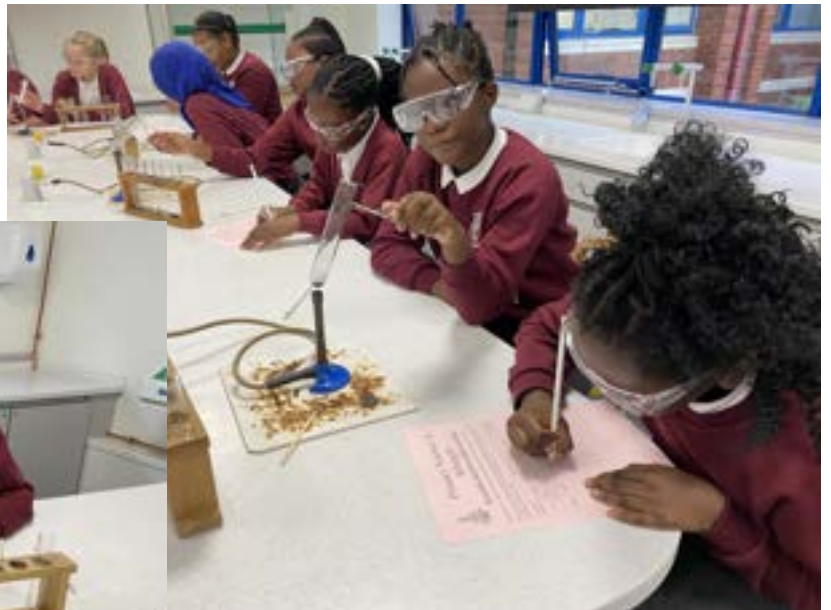
First, we had to light our Bunsen Burner on our own (this made Miss Frois very nervous!) Then we clasped a test tube with prongs and heated the substance inside the tube. We found some things could be reversed and other things were just irreversible.





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On our first day, at Whitgift we used BBC Microbit for all sorts of cool creations! Microbit is a handheld, fully programmable computer. The little device has an awful lot of features, like 25 LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights that can flash messages. There are two programmable buttons and an R button on the back which is a system button.

Here's a quick quiz that we did on our first day.

1. **How many LED lights are there?**
2. **What do the letters LED stand for?**
3. **How many programmable buttons are there?**
4. **What is the name of button R?**

We hope you got 4/4- well done if you did!

Later that day, we programmed the Microbit to work like dice. Every time, we shook the device it picked two random numbers between 1-12. We had fun programming its variables!

During our time, we also completed different shapes using LOGO. This was also interesting because we had to be confident to use basic commands such as forwards 50 steps (fd50) then turn clockwise 90 degrees (rt90)

The most fun though was still to come! We made small movies using stop animation!

We had a camera and two toy cars. We took photos of the cars and then once we had all the photos each frame became a movie clip! We added sound effects such as police sirens. It was funny to hear the car chases all around the room!

Year 6

Swimming Lessons

Some classes in Year 6 have begun enjoying their swimming lessons at Waddon Leisure Centre, while other classes begin their lessons later this term. As well as being an important life-skill, fun and an excellent form of exercise, swimming is a compulsory part of the P.E. curriculum, with all children expected to be able to swim at least 25 metres by the end of Year 6.

Greenwich Maritime Museum Visit

Blue Hub and Green Hub were fortunate to be the first Year 6 classes to visit Greenwich as part of our project and geography learning this term (Orange and Yellow Hubs visit later this month). During the visit, the children had a chance to look around the 'Atlantic Worlds' gallery, which examined the impact of the 'triangular slave trade', and explored the giant world map, which they could all walk on! The highlight of the visit (apart from eating packed lunches, of course) was exploring the world-famous sailing ship 'The Cutty Sark'. As well as learning about where the Cutty Sark visited on its voyages, the children explored the decks and learned how sailors used to navigate without the modern technology we have today.



RECOMMENDED READ!

Why should you get lost in a good book?



The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle

When Fionn Boyle sets foot on Arranmore Island, it begins to stir beneath his feet.

Once a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new keeper will rise.

But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the Island's next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war.

Increases
knowledge and
vocabulary by

50%

Lowers
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68%

Can lengthen
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2
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MATHS

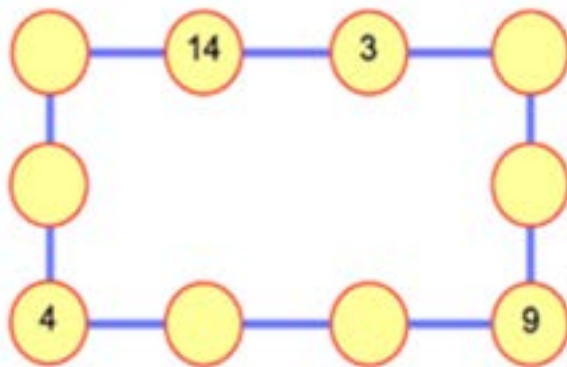
“Maths is an essential skill that helps us to make sense of the world around us.”



Puzzle time

Add up to 20

Using any whole numbers as many times as you like make each line of the rectangle add up to 20.



Can you find more than one way to do this?

Can you make up your own puzzle like this?

Mathematics is the
**music
of
reason.**

-James Joseph Sylvester

Why not practise your Maths problem solving skills?
Do you know your number bonds and shapes?
Are you up-to-date with your multiplication and division strategies?

Let's start practising...

MATHS WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

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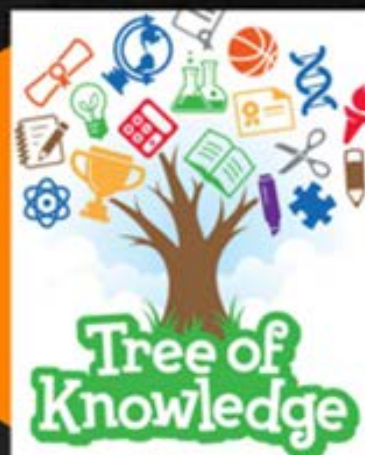


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A message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

I extend heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support this term, it was marvellous to see you at the recent Parents' Evening.

Your involvement in our school community is invaluable because we need to work in unison to achieve the best outcomes for your children. Your continued engagement enriches the learning experience for our pupils.

Please try to attend one of the upcoming events as it enables us to gain a deeper understanding of each other.

If anything is causing you concern please make an appointment to see the class teacher. By sharing, we are able to be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and do good.

Together we aspire, together we achieve.

Hoping to see you soon.