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Newsletter 10

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We are now well into the Summer Term and, in spite of a few attempts by the weather to spoil our plans, we have been enjoying lots of different activities already! Our Year 4 children spent a night at Castleton at the start of May and our Year 6 children spent the weekend at PGL at the end of SATs week and I know both the children and the staff had a great time on both trips. I am sure you'll join me in thanking the staff who gave up their evenings and weekends with their families (unpaid) to allow us to continue to run these trips for the children.

A huge thanks to all those who donated via the school collection or directly onto the Just Giving site to support Logan, our brave Year 6 pupil who had his head shaved just before half term to raise money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. The last time I checked, Logan had raised an amazing £1,178.92.

Thank you also to those of you who sponsored your child for Backwards Day. We had lots of fun trying to do things the wrong way round and all enjoyed the challenges Mr O'Donnell set for us. Please send in any remaining sponsor money as soon as you can if you have not already done so.

We have a small amount of valuable lost property in the school office, including four pairs of glasses and a set of keys. Please pop in if your child is missing any of these items!

A reminder that our INSET days for next year have now been finalised:

INSET 1 Friday 6th September—Term begins on Monday 9th September

INSET 2 Monday 4th November

INSET 3 Friday 20th December

INSET 4 Monday 6th January

INSET 5 Friday 3rd April



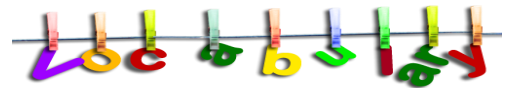
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Vocabulary Development

Rally Quiz is this month's Talk for Learning focus activity:

it's great for recapping previous learning quickly and

involves all the children. Children work in pairs to ask and answer questions on the board about a previous topic or lesson to check what they have remembered before learning something new.



Communication

Many of you have now downloaded the school app and are using it to report absences and send back permission forms for trips—thank you! It was also nice to use the app to keep Year 4 and 6 parents up to date with Castleton and PGL news while their children were away in May.



Remember that we send a tweet out on a Friday to remind you all of the dinner menu we will be using the following week to try and help you plan at home with your child the days when they will be having school dinners. The new menu seems to be a real hit with the children and staff so far—please have a look if you haven't already!

Year 6 Theatre Trip

We had the pleasure of taking our Year 6 children to Derby Theatre this week to see Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. We thoroughly enjoyed the show and, most importantly, were so impressed with the polite and thoughtful behaviour of the children towards other members of the audience. Our staff had so many compliments from the other theatre-goers we felt it was worth a mention so that our Year 6 parents and school community know how proud we were of them all—they were an absolute credit to the school!



Relationships Education

You will have heard a lot in the press over the last few months about the new Government plans for making RSE compulsory in schools from 2020. It is only Relationships Education that is being introduced at primary level, to put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships of all kinds. This will start with family and friends, how to treat each other with kindness, and recognising the difference between online and offline friendships.



Next year, we will be working closely with Ridgeway and you, as parents, to develop and review our policies for Relationships Education and RSE, enabling us to make a decision on when and how certain content is covered.

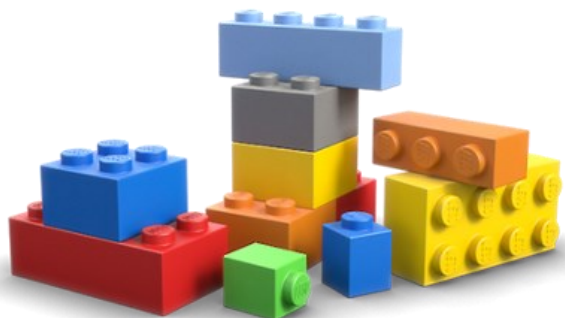
STEM Day

We had a great day last week on STEM Day. Miss Lloyd arranged for an explosive start to the day with the Big Bang assembly. During the day, the children got to have a go at a range of fun experiments, finding lots out about how things really work—I'm sure they've filled you in on the fun they had during the day!



BRICK HISTORY: A WORLD OF LEGO® AWAITS

Derby Museum and Art Gallery are hosting a Lego exhibit from 24th May to 8th September — **and it's free!** Why not pop in one weekend or in the holidays during normal opening times? The museum is closed on Mondays, open from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday to Saturday and from 12pm to 4pm on Sundays



Brick History takes famous moments from history and imagines them in LEGO® bricks: how many will you recognise? From DNA and the Big Bang to Mozart, Martin Luther King and mobile phones, LEGO® artist Warren Elsmore and his team have created a celebration of our shared stories, struggles, and triumphs, made from everyone's favourite Danish toy.

From tiny recreations of Concorde and the Titanic that could fit in your hand, to a 1.5m square medieval castle bustling with activity, there are models to make you smile, to make you think and to inspire you to build a better world.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 27th June	3:30pm	Relationships Education Talk for Year 6 Parents (Class 10)
Monday 1st—Thursday 11th July	Various Times	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 1st—Wednesday 3rd July	All Day	Year 6 Transition to Secondary Schools—Days may vary, please check information from your child's new school
Tuesday 2nd July	All Day	All Change Day
Thursday 4th July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to the Adventure Farm
Thursday 4th July	Morning	Year 4 DCFC Activity Morning
Friday 5th July	3:30-5.00pm	Summer Fair
Friday 5th July	7:00pm	Year 5 Camp
Thursday 11th July	9:15am	Lower School Sports
Friday 12th July	9:15am	Upper School Sports
Tuesday 16th July & Wednesday 17th July	6pm	Year 6 Production to Parents
Wednesday 17th July	All Day	Year 4 trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 18th July	Morning	Year 3 DCFC Activity Morning
Friday 19th July	All Day	French Day
Tuesday 23rd July	5:30-7:30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 24th July	All Day	Treat Day
Thursday 25th July	3:30pm	End of Term—School Closes for Summer!
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
Friday 6th September	All Day	INSET Day 1
Monday 9th September	8:55am	Back to School
Friday 25th October	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 4th November	All Day	INSET Day 2
Tuesday 5th November	8:55am	Back to School
Thursday 19th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Friday 20th December	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 6th January	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 7th January	8:55am	Back to School