



We are looking forward to Science Week next week. There are lots of exciting science-related activities planned so do talk about science with your children!

Neal Zetter

Neal Zetter is a poet who is our 'author in residence'. He comes in half termly to work with the children and this is what he said about working with 2L this week: *"2L did some good work on a 'paired work' poem focussing on adjectives, nouns, verbs and adverbs. I was impressed by their vocab, especially on the tricky adverbs. They also performed my Martian Kids poem to me which they had learnt for assembly. Impressive! Probably the best KS1 performance of one of my poems ever."*

Y3 trip to London

Y3 had an amazing trip on Wednesday, which included a boat ride down the Thames and a visit to the Tower of London. Thank you to Ms Van Eeden for taking 3H at the last minute after Mr Howland hurt his ankle.

Netball and Football

We took part in our first ever netball competition last night. The Y6 team were very competitive and while we didn't win any games, we definitely held our own! The Y4 football team were also very competitive – a particular mention to Blake and Qassem for their great goals!

A famous author tweets

Mr Cooper's Y6 literacy group tweeted Marcus Sedgwick this week with this message: **We are really enjoying Floodland! What inspired you to write the book? Can you recommend another (similar) book for us to read? Thank you!**

And he replied: *The inspiration? Our changing climate... Another book similar? Well in a year or two you could try the classic: Lord of the Flies. It's referenced in Floodland after all.*

School Improvement

The Y6 team met yesterday to discuss each child's learning. We are really determined for each child to do their very best in Y6 this year. Please help us by making sure your children come to school every day on time, and by making sure they have a quiet space to read at home. Thank you to all the parents who came to parents' evening this week. I hope you were able to find out about the progress that your children are making with their learning.

Baby News

Apologies that I haven't shared this with you sooner, but Mrs Chapman (Y6 teacher) had a baby boy called Oscar last month. Mum and baby are both doing well. And you may have noticed that Miss Etienne (Reception Nursery Nurse) is pregnant. She will be here until the summer when she will start her maternity leave. Many congratulations to both Mrs Chapman and Miss Etienne.

Attendance

You will see below how low our school attendance was last week. Much of this was due to the snow and while I understand this made things difficult for some families, everyone needs to try their hardest to get into school - even when it snows. We will need to work extra hard to make this lost attendance up please!

Whole School Attendance 26th Feb – 2nd Mar: %

	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
RL	78.43% ↓	5 ↓	RB	79.0% ↓	2 ↓
1B	89.0% ↓	6 ↓	1M	86.4% ↓	6 ↓
2L	85.4% ↓	9 ↓			
3M	91.0% ↓	3 ↑	3H	90.0% ↓	3 ↓
4R	87.0% ↓	11 ↓	4T	84.9% ↓	5
5D	92.7% ↑	4 ↓	5B	94.6% ↑	4 ↓
6C	83.2% ↓	5 ↓	6B	83.3% ↓	6 ↓

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Wednesday 14 th March	Science workshops for Nursery 1M, 3M and 4R Trumpets	Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Performing Arts – Mr Meghie Y3/4 Cooking – Mrs McNamara
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