



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear St Paul's Families,

The latest information from the government suggests that the earliest schools will return to face to face learning for all pupils is 8th of March. We have been advised that if this is the case, we will receive confirmation by 22nd of February. As soon as we receive confirmation, we will let you know and we will begin preparing for the return of those pupils who have been learning off site. In the meantime, thank you for encouraging and supporting your child, only a few days remain until half term when, hopefully, everyone will take a well-deserved break from school work. Thank you for your continued messages of appreciation for the efforts of the staff, they continue to give our team a much-needed boost!

Schools are not expected to provide learning for pupils over half term. Therefore, all live lessons and assignments will cease from Monday 15th until Friday 19th February and our Keyworker School will be closed.

During half term, where pupils or staff attending Keyworker School test positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please contact admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk straightaway so that we can identify close contacts and advise them to self-isolate, as the individual may have been infectious whilst on site. In this event, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk on receiving a positive test result.

We still have 8 laptops available and if your child is having to share a device, please call 0118 978 5219 and we will arrange a loan which you will be able to collect the same day. If you need stationery for home learning, please let us know. We are able to make referrals to the Wokingham Food Bank, for support with food and energy costs. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

To all of our families who will be celebrating Chinese New Year on 12th February, **新年快乐!**

Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival. It is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. This year, it falls on Friday 12th February. Each year is named after one of 12 animals, which feature in the Chinese zodiac: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. 2021 is the Year of the Ox. Some things are considered especially auspicious in the Year of the Ox.



Among these are:

- lucky colours for the ox: blue, yellow and green
- lucky numbers for the ox: 1 and 4 - and any number combination thereof
- lucky flowers for the ox: lily of the valley and lucky bamboo.

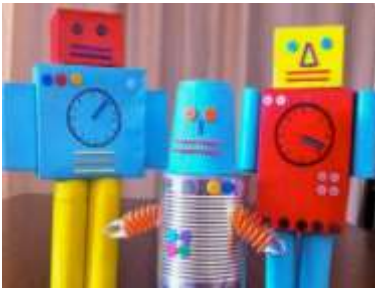
Were you or anybody in your family born in the year of the ox? The last 'ox' years were: 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973 and 1961. To find out more about this special celebration visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/chinese-new-year>.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs. J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

Recycled Robots - Whole School Competition



We have some lovely prizes and are hoping that lots more of the children will get busy over half-term, turning recycling into robots!

Photos should be emailed with your child's name and class in the subject line. The competition closes on Friday 19th February.

competitionentries@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk,



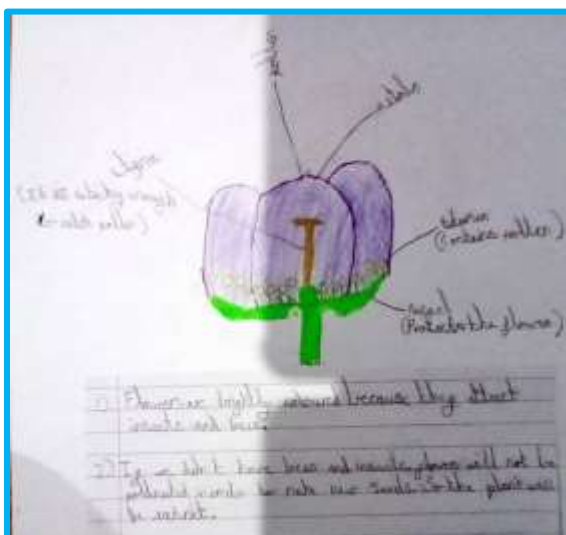
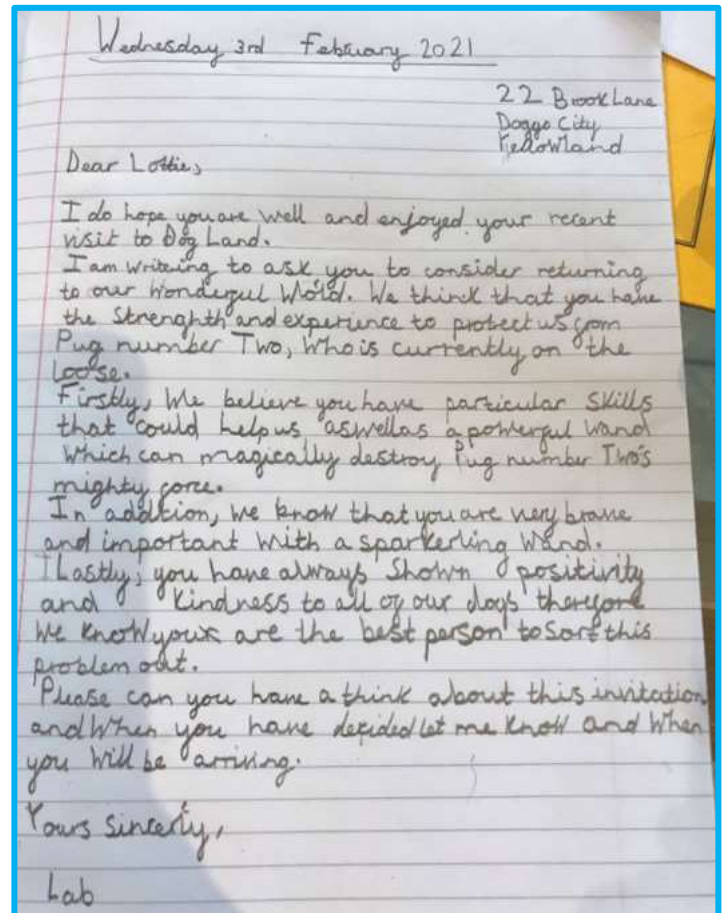
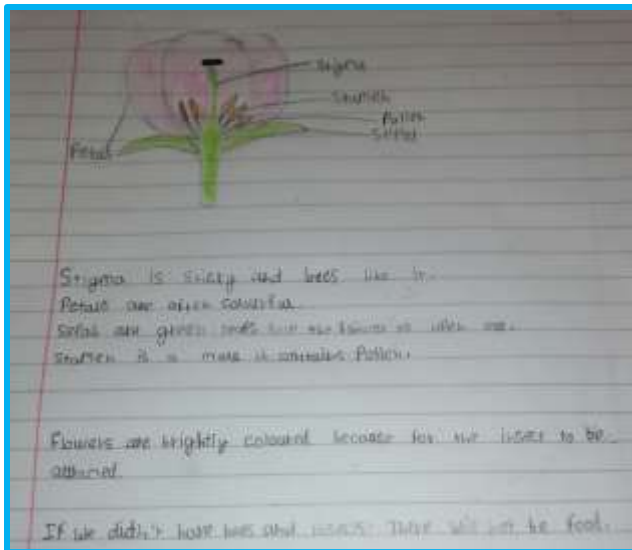
Wonderful Work!

So many children are producing excellent work and should be tremendously proud of their efforts. Here are just a few examples that have been chosen by the class teachers.

Year 3

Neve, 3B

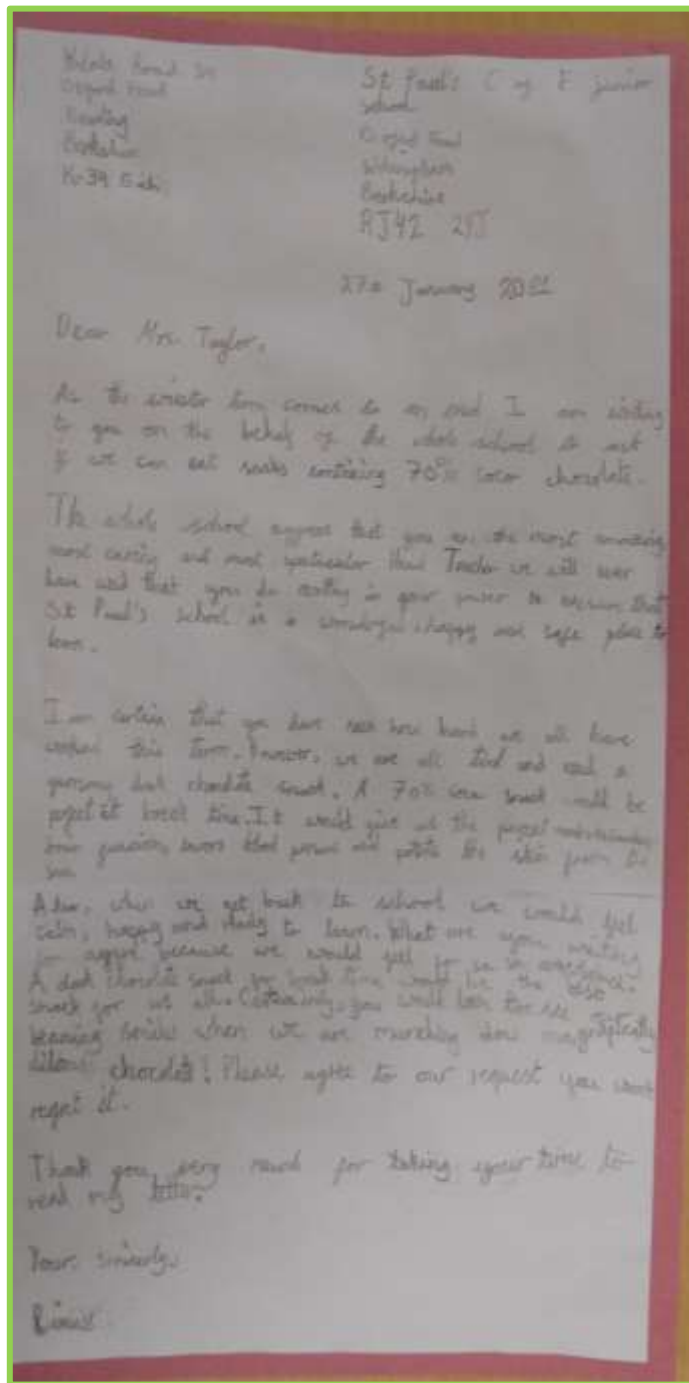
Vanya, 3D



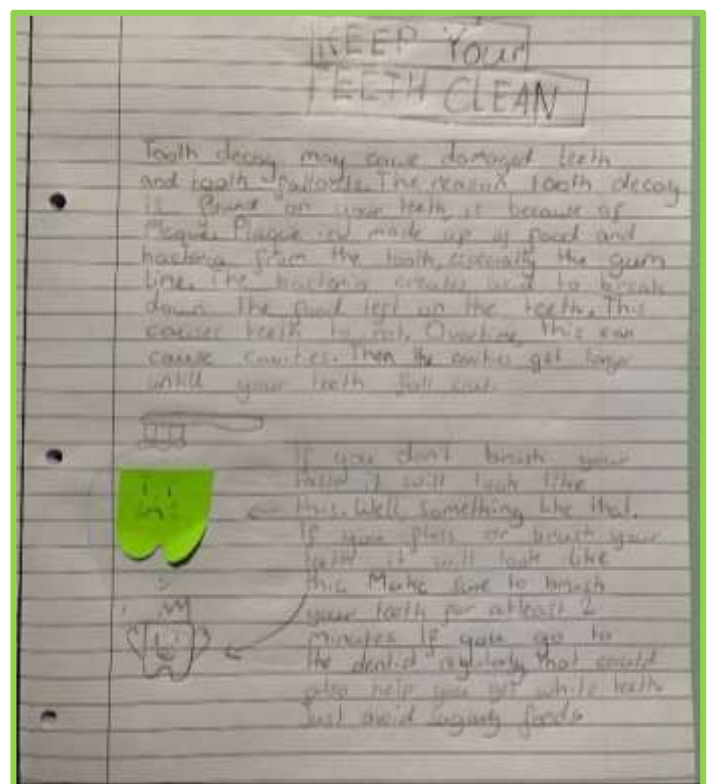
Nimalan, 3L

Year 4

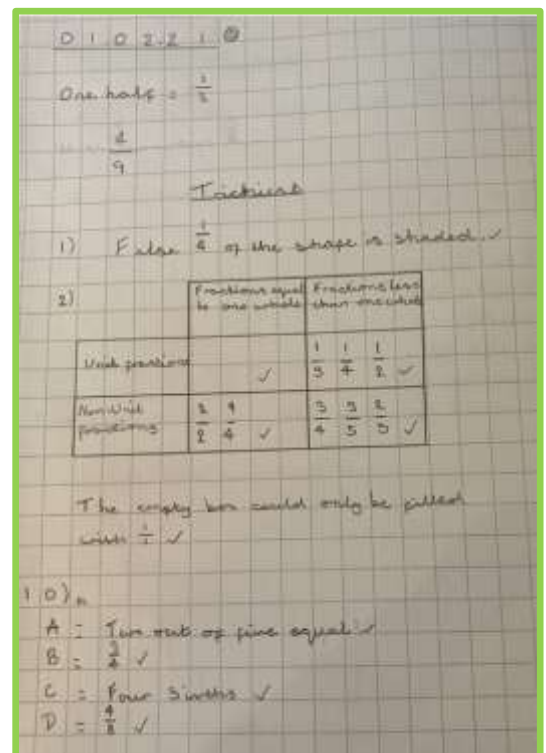
Rimass, 4C



Hayley, 4L



Harrison 4M



Year 5

Freida, 5S

Supposed	What would happen if it was changed?	What would happen if it was changed?	Is it a reasonable or unreasonable change and how do you know?
Chocolate	It would melt and then it is too hard.	It would melt and then it is too hard.	It is a reasonable change because it is a common thing to happen.
Water	It would evaporate and become a gas.	It would evaporate and become a gas.	It is a reasonable change because it is a common thing to happen.
Candle	It would melt and then it is too hard.	It would melt and then it is too hard.	It is a reasonable change because it is a common thing to happen.
Butter	It would melt and become a liquid.	It would melt and become a liquid.	It is a reasonable change because it is a common thing to happen.
Egg	It would turn into a runny mess.	It would turn into a runny mess.	It is a reasonable change because it is a common thing to happen.
Carrot or other vegetable	If you heated a carrot it would rot do anything.	If you freeze a carrot it would not go moldy.	It is a reasonable change because you can change it back.
Another item from home?	If you heat chicken the outside will change colour.	If you freeze it, it will be cold.	It is a reasonable change because you can't de-heat a chicken.

Evangelos, 5K

2.7.21

$\frac{4}{3} \times \frac{13}{5} = \frac{52}{15}$

2 apples = 3 apples
2 apples = 10 apples, 10 apples + 3 apples = 13 apples

Index:

$2\frac{1}{2} = 13$ apples

$4\frac{1}{2} = 25$ apples

$4\frac{1}{2} = 15$ apples

$8\frac{1}{2} = 26$ apples

Trickiest:

1) $3\frac{1}{2} = 17$ apples

$5\frac{1}{2} = 27$ apples

$4\frac{1}{2} = 3$ apples

$7\frac{1}{2} = 3$ apples

2) a) Area: 3×5 or 15 and 15
b) The only one 3×5 and 15 is 15.
c) There was money because the total $3 \times 5 = 15$ when it is 15.

3) Spot The Mistake

a) There should be 12 apples, because $5^2 = 25$ and $27 - 25 = 2$ $5\frac{1}{2}$
b) They don't have their 3 apples, $27 \div 3 = 9$ not 8 $\frac{27}{3} = 9$
c) They couldn't get 9 apples, whole number at 4×5 they should've done $5 \times 5 = 25$
d) They thought that every number was 16, but it's 27

4) $2\frac{1}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$ $2\frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$ $2\frac{3}{3} = \frac{9}{3}$ $2\frac{4}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$ $2\frac{5}{3} = \frac{11}{3}$ $2\frac{6}{3} = \frac{12}{3}$ $2\frac{7}{3} = \frac{13}{3}$ $2\frac{8}{3} = \frac{14}{3}$ $2\frac{9}{3} = \frac{15}{3}$

Bethany, 5P

Monday 1st February 2021

To begin with, a recent survey has been conducted to show that 25/32 students would like you to improve our changing rooms. As head teacher, it is your duty to make sure that your students are safe while in the changing rooms. Myself and my peers, have to say that the changing rooms are extremely dark, if you lose an item of clothing, then you probably won't find it. (The changing rooms are also homes to many spiders). Our parents would also be angry, because their children won't come home complaining about how unhygienic and unpleasant the changing rooms are.

As you can see, there are compelling arguments about the changing rooms and whether we should keep them or not. Please consider the points that I have raised in this letter carefully. I hope you understand that we would much like it if you found a way of improving them.

Yours sincerely Bethany

Year 6

Emilia, 6G



1. Which mountain gets the hottest?
2. Which mountain gets the most precipitation?
3. In your opinion, which mountain would you prefer to climb and in which month?
4. Compare the amount of precipitation in June for both mountains. Which mountain had less rain?

1a) Aconcagua (July)

2a) Aconcagua (May)

3a) I would rather climb Denali in April

4a) Denali had less rain in June than Aconcagua (Denali= 55mm, Aconcagua= 105mm).

THE LEOPARD

By Evelyn

Glistening fur in the light of day,
Through the desert in search of prey.
A formidable creature watching all,
Prowling the land, powerful and tall,
Roaming on and on through the sand.
Every creature scatters from the land.

Razor-sharp teeth for shredding kills,
Focused eyes scanning distant hills.
Over boulders and bushes, gnashing its jaws,
Dust engulfing its padded paws.
Creeping, crawling, across the plain...
Sneaking, prowling, never to be slain.

Then, out of the shadows, it appears!
Up onto its hind legs the beast rears
And onto its victim it will fall,
Devouring it up, bones and all.

Robin, 6B

Roaming the expanse of the hunting ground,
Far, far in the barren landscape,
The vile beast's endless hunt,
On sight of such creature, all does flee,
At the bottom of its grand, tiered torso,
All prey is ground and their secrets found,
Countless coats of sun come rushing down
While smog and dust dance in the wind,
The beast's legs are mountainous in width,
Crumpling the ground with its immeasurable strength,
Here hath it hunted and for years will it hunt,
Has it only feasted on meat and metal,
When it spots an insect so small and sweet,
Which hadn't happened in many o' year,
The beast dashes and chases and tears down its prey.

Evelyn, 6B

Year 3 A team – 4th place
 Year 4 B team – 19th place
 Year 4 – 5th place
 Year 5 – 13th place
 Year 6 – 8th place

It was fantastic to field two Year 3 teams and two Year 6 teams – I shall be hoping to see you all running in person next year at the TVRL races.



Well done to the following runners who came in the top 25!

Evan (11th) – Y3 Harry (22nd) – Y4 Lucas (14th) – Y6

Theo (18th) – Y3 Lucas (23rd) – Y5

Well done to everyone who took part: Year 3 A Team: Evan, Theo, Luca and Megan.
 Year 3 B Team: Aarohan, Isaac, Amelia-Jane, Yogan. Year 4 Team: Harry, Olivia-Rose, Lola, Eleanor and Harrison.
 Year 5 Team: Lucas, Elliott, Lola, Sam and Eloise. Year 6 Team: Lucas, Hugo, Maya, Nathan, Finn, Ruby, Freya, Sienna and Evelyn.

(Mrs Foster – Sports & Games Coordinator)

Wokingham Borough Library Click and Collect Service

You can register online and reserve up to 10 books using their [Spydus](#) website or order by phone. Order online – all you need is your library card number and PIN number.

Wokingham Library: Call 0118 978 1368- Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm

Lower Earley Library: Call: 0118 931 2150- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 5pm

Woodley Library: Call: 0118 969 0304- Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



Thank you for supporting the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the NHS - Message from Father Richard

Can I thank everyone at St Paul's for the amazing donations to the NHS? We have now taken well over £600 worth of food and drink to the RBH, Wokingham Hospital and two local GP Surgeries which are doing Covid vaccinations, and over 120 letters or notes of encouragement. We have received some lovely messages back from Doctors, Nurses and support staff- it has really helped- thank you for being so amazing.

Prospect Estate Agency - Free IT Support and Printing Services



Follow the link below for Prospect Estate Agency's latest initiative, Home Schooling in the Home Counties, which can provide parental support by offering free IT support, laptop repairs and printing services. All these services and more can be found on their Facebook page below.

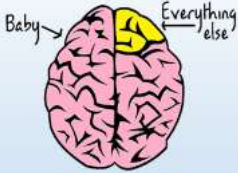
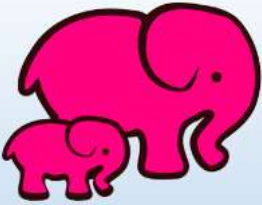
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Can You Help? - University of York Department of Psychology Research Study



Contact:
SleepStudy@York.ac.uk;
07548359133

Website:
<https://sites.google.com/york.ac.uk/the-omg-sleep-study/home>

Social Media:
<https://twitter.com/OmgSleep>;
<https://www.facebook.com/sleep.study.334/>



UNIVERSITY
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Are you a parent with a child under 6?

Research needs you!

We're carrying out research into memory and sleep in parents.

You would be required to complete a memory game on your phone and answer some questions about your daily activities.

You would be entered into 3 prize draws if you complete the study.

PhD candidate in the Neuroscience and Psychology of Sleep

We are running a fully-online research study aimed at better understanding and raising awareness of the cognitive impact of the postpartum period on new parents with a youngest child under 6. If you can help, please contact us.

Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the children in this week's Roll of Honour - well done, everyone!

Year 3

3B

- Freya – persevering and working hard, being the most amazing scientific assistant and showing boundless enthusiasm for your learning!
- David – producing an extremely engaging piece of narrative writing – I look forward to reading your first novel!

3D

- Millie – creatively using household items, including string, strawberries and a tea bag, to paint a beautiful picture.
- Orhan – showing kindness in his comments and feedback about another child's work.
- Rayan – putting great effort into her learning – well done!
- Evan – always taking care to include all of the success criteria in his writing tasks.

3L

- Rohan – phenomenal progress in reading and working more independently in every subject.
- Nicolas – always being focused and ready to learn.
- Brody – listening really well in Maths lessons to help him achieve his learning objective.

Year 4

4C

- ♦ Eloise – her excellent work in Maths, on area.
- ♦ Sofia – her excellent work on multiplication and division, in Maths.
- ♦ Tiana – excellent work in Brainbox while smiling!

4L

- ♦ Mahveen – helping her peers when they had a question about the work.
- ♦ Freddy – working hard and producing some fantastic work.



4M

- ♦ Ajitesh – always trying to do the best he can in every piece of work.
- ♦ Emily H – including descriptive word choices in her writing.
- ♦ Dolcie – some brilliant pieces of English work.
- ♦ Alexandros – producing detailed work for all tasks set.
- ♦ Harrison – giving thoughtful answers.

Year 5

5S

- Maxim – maintaining a very high standard of work at home.
- Arabella – working extremely hard in Maths.
- Daniel – always responding to feedback.

5K

- Charlie – being an all round superstar in his learning this week across all lessons of Home Learning.
- Bruce – writing an amazing persuasive paragraph in English this week.
- Zoe – having a very focused week and producing work across all subject that she should be very proud of.

5P

- Alfie – his very persuasive writing in English lessons this week.
- Fleur – writing a very persuasive and well justified argument in her English work this week.
- Molly – her excellent effort and presentation of work in Maths lessons.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Robin and Vivaan – their incredible poems based on 'The Kraken', and taking inspiration from 'Mortal Engines'.
- ❖ Amnah, Bella and Frankie – fantastic effort in their poetry recital homework.

6G

- ❖ Varad, Evo, Edie, Jack, Freya, Deepti, Callum, Dhir, Oliver, Emilia, Shayna, Joshua, Judy, Maya, Marco and Marcus – their fantastic performance poetry.
- ❖ Konstantin – his contributions and hard work in guided reading.

6N

- ❖ Lucas – trying his best in everything he does and for presenting his work so beautifully.
- ❖ Alfie – working with such focus during this week's Maths lessons.
- ❖ Lisander – a well-enunciated recital of his wonderful metaphor poem.



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

Should you have a concern, we respectfully ask that you raise it with us first to enable us to respond.

The children and staff marked Children's Mental Health Week with a range of activities focusing on emotional wellbeing, including a special assembly and we are in the process of putting together a range of links to helpful advice and resources. More information will follow in our next Newsletter.

Have a good weekend, everyone!

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher



Diary Dates 2020	
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1st April 2021	End of Term: 2.00pm Finish
Monday 19th April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website here	