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January's Mantra: Feedback is a gift ~ accept it

Dates for your Diary

January 2024

9 th	Mathletic Club (FREE) 3:15 – 4pm Y2 – Y6
12 th	ICS Multisports 3pm – 4pm Year R – Y 6 for those children who have already signed up
16 th	Mathletic Club (FREE) 3:15 – 4pm Y2 – Y6
19 th	ICS Multisports 3pm – 4pm Year R – Y 6 for those children who have already signed up
23 rd	Mathletic Club (FREE) 3:15 – 4pm Y2 – Y6
26 th	ICS Multisports 3pm – 4pm Year R – Y 6 for those children who have already signed up
27 th & 28 th	RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch To sign up please go to: https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/register
30 th	Mathletic Club (FREE) 3:15 – 4pm Y2 – Y6

February 2024

2 nd	ICS Multisports 3pm – 4pm Year R – Y 6 for those children who have already signed up
6 th	Mathletic Club (FREE) 3:15 – 4pm Y2 – Y6
9 th	ICS Multisports 3pm – 4pm Year R – Y 6 for those children who have already signed up
13 th	Mathletic Club (FREE) 3:15 – 4pm Y2 – Y6
16 th	ICS Multisports 3pm – 4pm Year R – Y 6 for those children who have already signed up



Above and Beyond

Woody – an excellent attitude to learning
Connor – being a lovely friend, playing with others really well and being so positive.



Mathletics w.c 08.01.24

Bronze
Silver
Gold

Maths Marvel

Percy – Amazing fractions work

Writing Certificate

Libby – for a lovely cold task, amazing spelling and content.

Weekly Attendance w.c 08.01.24

Attendance for the year

Our attendance target for this year is 95%

Oulton ~ 92.4%
Ranworth ~ 96.91%
Hickling ~ 90.85%

Oulton ~ 92.36%
Ranworth ~ 96.73%
Hickling ~ 92.35%

Our whole school attendance this year to date is 93.8%
National average currently is 93.8%
Your child is considered a persistent absentee if their attendance is below 90%

School Communication

Attendance

We hope you had a great Christmas break! Get ready to get back to school and make the most of every day. Everyday at school counts, helping with learning, developing skills, and building friendships.

www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

January's Mantra: Feedback is a gift- accept it

Elon Musk said "I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing better."

This month we will be focusing on developing the children's skills in giving and receiving feedback. We will be modelling, for the children, how to provide specific, timely, purposeful and consistent feedback to help them explore the steps they can take to improve and make connections between effort and success.

You can help us:

- Ask the children what they have learned at school rather than what they have done
- Praise the effort that leads to the outcome, not just the outcome itself e.g 'You have worked really hard at that' or 'Thank you for tidying your room without being asked'
- Remind the children that mistakes help us to learn

Multi-sports Club

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up their children for after school sports with ICS. Please be aware that this is a commitment for the half term, children who chose not to attend for one session will disqualify themselves from the rest of the sessions. It is important that our children show commitment to an activity once they have enrolled.

Open to Yr R - 6 12th 19th 26th Jan 2nd 9th 16th Feb (6 Weeks) FREE - 3PM - 4PM

Outdoor Learning

The children will now be doing two hours of outdoor learning each week down on the field, as the weather has turned very cold and wet please make sure that your child has warm clothes to wear on the field including waterproof shoes which could be walking shoes or welly boots, warm trousers and a coat.

Oulton Class – Wednesday afternoon
Ranworth Class – Tuesday afternoon

Reduced Menu

From next week, we *may* be offering a reduced menu there will be no hot main meal but there will be Jacket Potatoes, Pasta and packed lunches. This is because there is an issue with the ovens at Edwards and Blake the hot food providers.

Hickling Class

We have started our new project in Hickling: What if the River Nar had taken a different course? The main focus of this project is geography-based and concentrates on rivers. The class have located major rivers in Norfolk on a map and also looked at the main features of rivers. Using this knowledge, the class were able to have a go at creating a 3D river in outdoor learning.

In maths, we have used knowledge of place value to add, subtract and round. We have learnt our class text in English, ready to 'box it up' and use it as inspiration for their own canal-based narrative later in the term. We have also started looking at the art work of Samuel Thomas, whose paintings focus on the Norfolk coast. The children have had a chance to complete Mathematics challenges.

Ranworth Class

To start this term in Ranworth we have been learning all about what's coming up over the next term. The children have begun their deep dive into Geography where they are looking at (and hoping to make!) some volcanoes. They have then been looking at how a volcano is formed and the different parts of it, safe to say they've enjoyed the finding out so far!

Most notably in Maths, we are revisiting the dreaded fractions unit again where the children are already smashing expectations and powering through at $\frac{1}{2}$ the speed of light! As the term progresses there will be more and more astonishing creations and facts that will be learnt, and the children will be fantastic teachers about them!

Reminders

Parking outside the school; Please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school or in the car park.

Snack; Please only pack fresh fruit or vegetables in your child's bag for their break time snack.

Breakfast and After School Club; If your child is attending either breakfast or after school club please can you email the office each Monday and let Mrs Marshall know which dates your child would like to attend and if possible, for after school club when you plan to collect your child.

Name ALL uniform; Please remember to write your child's name in **all** their school uniform and PE kit, this helps staff to reunite lost clothing with your child.

Office Hours; The office is open 8:30am – 3:30pm please leave a message on the answer phone outside of these hours.

Registers; The school gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:45am. Registers in class are taken at 8:45am. If you arrive after 8:45am you will need to buzz the office and your child will be marked as late with the number of minutes recorded. The registers close at 8:55am arrival at 8:55am or after will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's attendance.

Holidays; Holiday taken during term time will not be authorised and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 being issued per child, per parent. So, for a family of four that could mean a fine of £240.00.

Wellies and Waterproofs; If possible please can all the children have wellies and waterproofs in school for outdoor learning. Their wellies and waterproofs can stay in school. Please can you name your child's wellies and waterproofs.

Chewing gum and cough sweets; Chewing gum is NOT allowed in school. If your child needs cough/throat lozenge in school then these must be brought to the office in the morning so they are supervised when eating them and not shared with other children.

Nuts – We are a nut free school.

Parent Apps to download

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Parent Apps Connect



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www.greatdunham.norfolk.sch.uk



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