

CALENDAR DATES 2023

9 th FEBRUARY 2024	EARLY YEARS – HERRING GREEN BIRD OF PREY WORKSHOP Letter sent 4.1.24 – please return your consent forms asap
13 th FEBRUARY 2024	PANCAKE RACES – details to follow
13 th FEBRUARY 2024 3:15pm to 6:45pm	PARENTS EVENING – Face to face appointments Details emailed to all parents/carers 8.1.24 – book online
15 th FEBRUARY 2024 3:15pm to 5:45pm	PARENTS EVENING – Face to face appointments Details emailed to all parents/carers 8.1.24 – book online
19 th to 23 rd FEBRUARY	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
1 st MARCH 2024	ST DAVIDS DAY – NON UNIFORM - wear red/white/green
7 th MARCH 2024	WORLD BOOK DAY – details to follow
15 th MARCH 2024	COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY – NON UNIFORM Wear something red or all red!
18 th to 22 nd MARCH 2024	SHAKESPEARE WEEK
19 th MARCH 2024	WHOLE SCHOOL CLASS PHOTO'S
20 th MARCH 2024	YEAR 3 – TRIP TO CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM Letter sent 17.1.24 – please return your consent forms asap
28 th MARCH 2024 1pm to 1:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! - Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning then the children can be taken home
29 th MARCH to 15 th APRIL	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 th MAY 2024	MAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
15 th MAY 2024	SCOOT FIT EXPERIENCE DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow
16 th & 17 th MAY 2024	YEAR 4 CALDECOTTE XPERIENCE – details to follow

Challenge Champions 12th January 2024



BOBCAT: Andrew

1Y: Shivansh

2M: Frankie

3J: Elliott

4P: Kian

LYNX: Aaysha

1M: Zehna

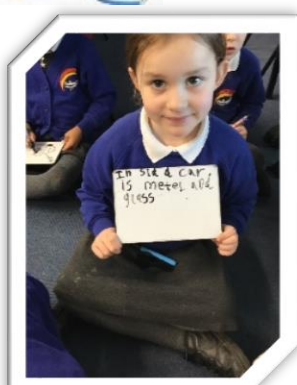
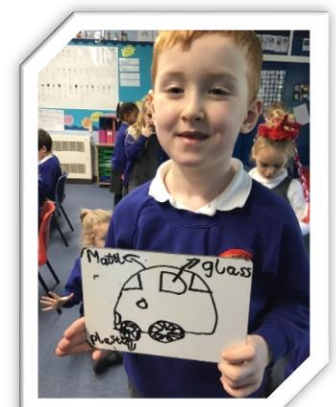
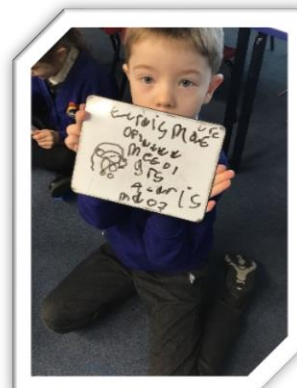
2O: Kendrick

3T: Henry

4G: Darcy

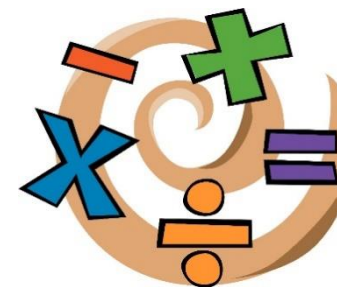


Year 1M have been learning about materials! Their challenge was to think of an object that is made from more than one material.

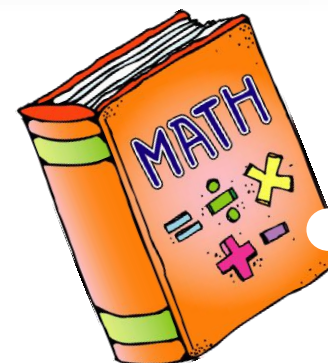
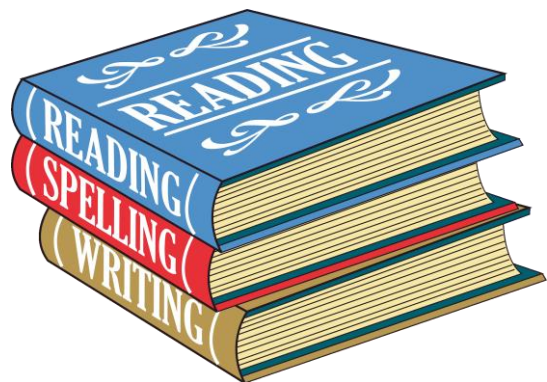




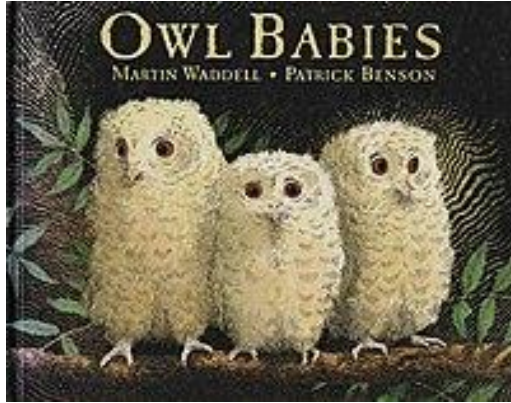
English Champion of the Week
12th January 2024



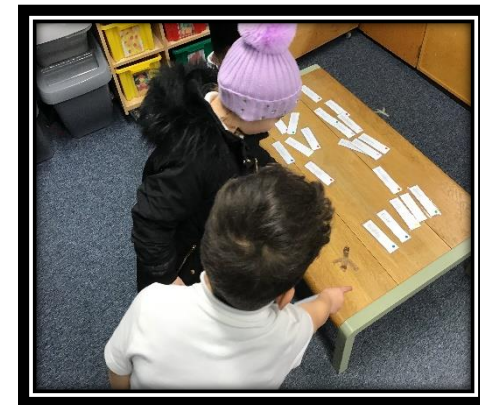
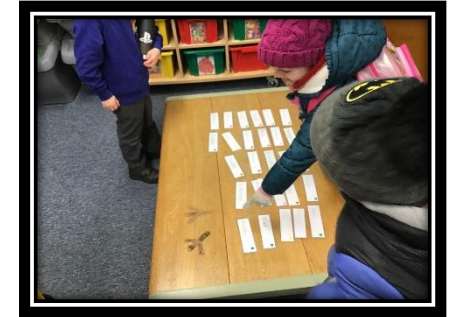
Maths Champion of the Week
12th January 2024



OWL WOW!



The children in Lynx and Bobcats class had an amazing start to their new topic 'Owl Babies'. They came in to find footprints and feathers all over the place and had to deduce what had happened! Throughout the day they explored and investigated and then had a surprise visit from Mrs Pearce who had a shocking discovery in her office. The children had a wonderful time!



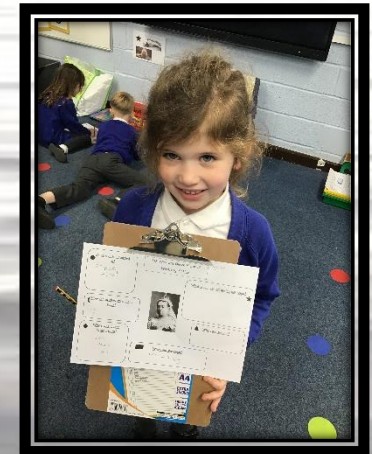
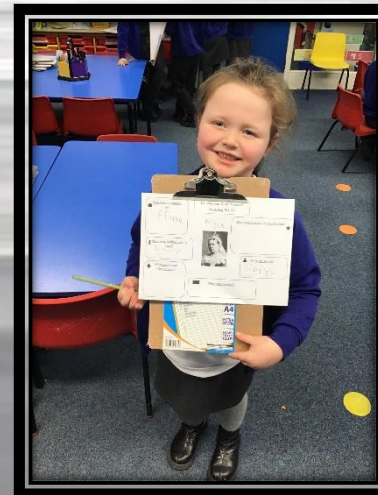
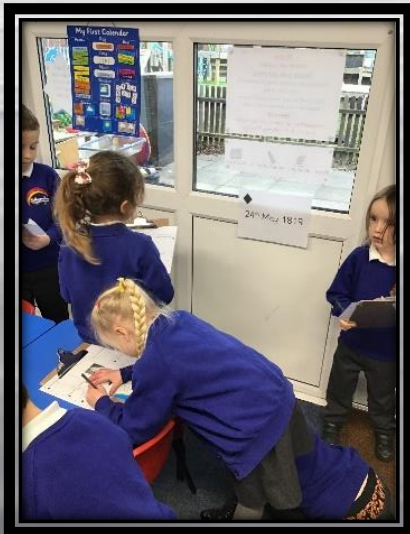
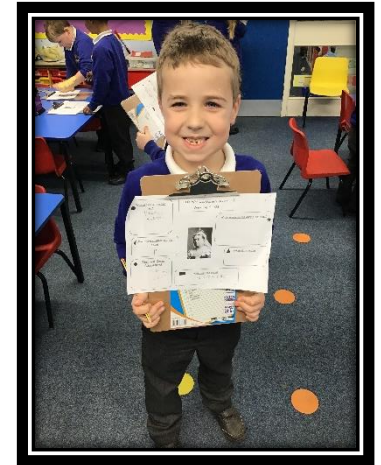
Early Years Frost Walk





Year 1Y History

Year 1Y used their decoding skills that they learnt in reading and phonics to research Queen Victoria through posters in the classroom! Here they are showing their fantastic work!



GUINEA PIGS — HELP PLEASE



We are looking for a volunteer to help clean out the guinea pigs once a week. If anyone is able to help please email the office:

office@beadesert.school

Many thanks

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosey around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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REMINDERS

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to show (reciprocated) courtesy and kindness in their interactions with school staff.

This notice is a reminder that any aggressive, rude or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Whether in person or on the phone, contact will be terminated immediately.

Start & Finish Times for September 2023

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8:40am	3:00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.



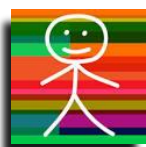
Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



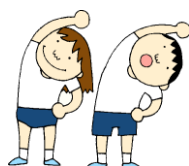
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



School App

We now have a school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**mySchoolApp**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2023 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705. Beaudesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzzoneclub.com or call the office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.