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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of The Nightingale Federation,

Following on from last week, we must pay tribute to the children in Year 6, we are incredibly proud of you all, you have shown great spirit, perseverance and positivity throughout the whole week of SATs testing continuing to smile throughout. Well done! Thank you too to our amazing team who all jumped in to support them in one way or another, stepping out of class to support teaching, offering boosters alongside offering wise and calming words of support to the children. A huge thank you to our dedicated year 6 team, Miss Wharton and Mrs Waness who have gone above and beyond to prepare our children for these assessments, both academically and emotionally. Thank you too to our great kitchen team and Mrs Warnes for preparing breakfast each morning for year 6 last week. A variety of breakfast items were enthusiastically received! Last, but not means least, we are grateful to all the parent/carer families. Positive learning stems from positive discussions about learning at home, support with reading and interest in our children's schooling.

This week our Year 2 children have been completing assessments. In the weeks after the half-term, children in Years 1-5 will undertake phonics, multiplication tests and regular assessments. Thank you for attending our parent workshops for these and we encourage you to continue your excellent support at home.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the wraparound care survey form. With the support of Norfolk and DNEAT we are looking to develop a strong wraparound care offer hopefully starting no later than September 2024. If you have not already done so, please could you complete this form to help us to understand requirements: <https://forms.gle/jrnyYVMnN6NSmDum6>

FOLS and our school have been busy fundraising. Our annual Spelling Bee took place across the school from Reception to Year 6. The children were given age appropriate spellings to learn and asked parents, grandparents and friend for sponsorship. An amazing total of £925.80 was raised. Thank you to everyone who sponsored – a fantastic effort all around! We look forward to working with the children to use the sponsorship money for resources they would like to see in their school. Additionally, FOLS have a huge list of exciting events, beginning shortly after our return from half-term. We are so lucky to have an incredibly school community focused parent body.

Over the last two weeks we have been busy at Lyng with visitors. Alongside our Governors attending, we have been holding interviews for Federation posts. As both schools expand, and numbers increase, we are always looking for excellent team members to join us. With this in mind, we wish to inform you that Mrs Coleman will be leaving Lyng CE Primary at the end of this half-term to work in childcare. Mrs Coleman has worked as a pupil specific TA, supporting in Year 1 this year. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours. With this in mind, we are sure you will also gladly welcome new support staff to our team: Mrs Kiddell and Miss Curtis. Mrs Kiddell has a wealth of childcare expertise and Miss Curtis has worked in KS2 as teaching assistant in another Diocesan school in Norfolk. We are very excited to welcome both to our



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school. After the half-term, we will share our wider plans for staffing across the Federation for September and ahead of transitions.

We are also excited that our EYFS transition information has been shared. Smooth and successful transitions are incredibly important to our entire team. We are sure that your children will be ready and excited for whatever transition takes place. Be it to a new class, a new teacher or as they join our school. In the coming weeks those joining our Reception class, will receive their joining packs, often delivered by myself or Mr Wade and the EYFS team.

On Thursday evening of this week, our entire teaching team from across the Federation, met at Lyng School for a joint moderation of English and Maths to assess our work across the Federation against National standards. We are very lucky that our writing leader is also a Norfolk County moderator and brings a wealth of expertise and Mr Long, our Maths Lead is also a leader in this field. This was the fifth time we have met to assess writing and maths this year to undertake this exercise. It is wonderful as a Headteacher to undertake this activity alongside our teachers, to hear the depth of expertise in conversations within our team, the knowledge about each child and their relentless striving for improvements for every child. During this, the EYFS Nursery and Reception team, joined a MAT-wide EYFS training session led by our Academy Improvement Team.

Some further exciting news; our Governors, Reverend Turk and Reverend Purnell have been busy working on a further Federation event, a Federation Church Service on the date of July 8th. Once we have finalised details we will share these widely and proudly! We also thank you for your wonderful submissions for our Federation logo. We sent them all to a creative design company who has produced an excellent logo for our Federation. This and a new Federation website, are underway!

Finally, just a reminder, upon return from half-term: Please continue to wear sun hats, apply sunscreen and bring a water bottle to school each day.

Have a lovely half-term week and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June!

SEN SUPPORT PLANS

Just a reminder that SEN Support Plans for children on the SEND register will be sent home today. If you would like the opportunity to discuss your child's latest support plan with Mrs Smith, she will be available to meet with parents on Thursday 6 June from 2pm until 5pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to book an appointment.

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OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

Cherry Class

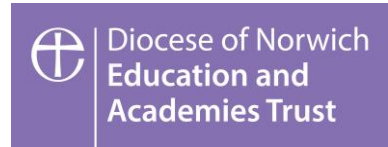
This week in Cherry Class we have ended our Around the World topic by talking about Asia. We talked about Asian elephants, and our story focus was 'Elmer'. The children have enjoyed a variety of Elmer activities, and ended the week celebrating 'Elmer's Day' as they do in the book.



Willow Class

This week in Willow Class we made wind turbines in DT. The children worked hard to attach the moving turbine. We had a great Forest School session too!





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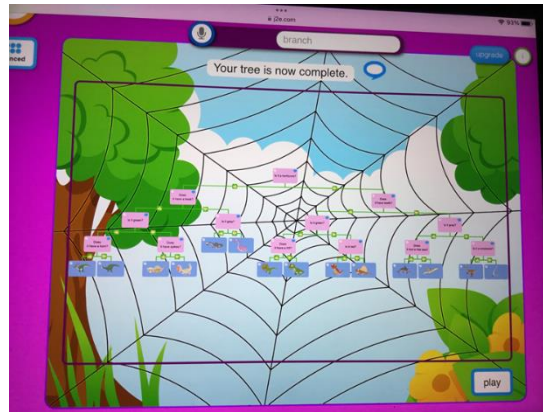
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Rowan Class

Some Rowan Class children have been helping at Gardening Club for the past few weeks. Busily weeding and creating space for our new plants and vegetables to grow. Fingers crossed the British weather will help with this too!

In computing lessons, the children have been planning and creating branching databases to classify different dinosaur species. We had great fun designing and experimenting with yes and no questions to sort our dinosaurs.



Oak Class

Oak class enjoyed our visit to Norwich for the Crucial Crew visit on Wednesday. Crucial crew has various partners which engaged with the pupils, delivering safety messages in a fun and interactive way through hazards presented in a safe environment.

Their aim is to help children stay safe and learn valuable life skills. Young people are one of our best communication tools for spreading safety messages. They can share them with family, friends, carers, and the wider community and take forward these life skills into the future. I hope Oak class pupils have shared their posters with their families.





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DIARY DATES

JUNE

- 3rd Children return to school
- 5th Olly Day Road Safety Magic Show (Yr 3- 5) In school
- 20th Bags 2 School Collection Day
- 21st Whole School Sports Day
- 24th Willow Class trip to Banham Zoo
- 25th Alternative Sports Day (if wet on 21st)
- 26th Year 3 – 6 to Royal Norfolk Show

JULY

- 2nd Year 6 to Norwich Cathedral
- 10th Y6 induction day at Reepham High School
- 11th Y6 induction day at Reepham High School
- 17th Cherry Class trip to Pensthorpe
- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 4th First day of the autumn term