



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

17th March 2023

## YEAR 6 HILLTOP

The Hilltop Residential for Year 6 is fast approaching, so there will be a meeting for children and adults about the trip straight after school on Tuesday 21st March. This is an opportunity to find out about the planned events, the schedule, food options, kit-lists, etc and to get the answers to all your questions. If you have any concerns you would prefer to discuss privately, Mr Leicester will be available at the end of the session, or please contact the office directly.

## EASTER SERVICE

Our Easter Service will be held at the Baptist Chapel on Thursday 30th March at 9.30am. Each class will present something short, we will sing some lovely springtime songs and also present the term's cups. It should last roughly an hour. Please feel free to join us.

## SOCKS AND TIGHTS

We are in need of spare socks and tights for children in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. If you have any that no longer fit your child but are still in good condition, we would be really grateful if you could donate them to the school. Thank you.

## HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

As part of the Healthy Schools agenda, we would like to remind parents that packed lunches should be as healthy as possible. We would especially urge you not to include sweets in lunch boxes. Thank you.

## FOODBANK

If you and your family are struggling and you need some food, please contact Rev Susan on 01379 388493.

What a great day! Every so often several different events will all alight on the same day and today was one of those. It was Red Nose Day, of course, and we raised £70.52 for the charity and shared our Ha Ha Bonk jokes in assembly (you'll find the winning joke somewhere below). In Yangtze Class there was a Tea Party to end the children's Design Technology unit on Hot Drinks and those attending were extremely positive about the children's creations which included, amongst other things, hot chocolate with marshmallows, elderflower tea and 'the perfect' cuppa. Today was also the Gymnastics Competition at Pipers Vale in Ipswich and our children were fantastic! They overcame nerves and competed brilliantly. More than this, they were extremely encouraging of each other—their positive Fressingfield spirit was praised by those attending. And—best of all—we walked away with one bronze medal and three silvers! Go Fressingfield!

## SCIENCE WEEK & THE WONDERDOME

We have had a fantastic week learning about the planned Mission to Mars as part of Science Week. On Tuesday last week, we took part in two online interactive workshops to learn about Artemis—the programme that will take humans back to the Moon in the next few years—and about what it would take to build a base on Mars. On Monday, we worked in our houses to investigate different types of rocket fuel. Having explored using alka seltzer, fizzy vitamin tablets and Mentos coca cola, we discovered the chemical reaction that produced the most gas was bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, so this was what was chosen to power our rockets. On Tuesday, thanks to FOFSA, each class visited the Wonderdome to take part in a journey through our galaxy and solar system. It was amazing to learn about the relative sizes of our planets and various stars. Throughout the rest of the week, children worked in their classes to design and build their Bases. It really has been a great week.



## FREE BIKE RIDING LESSONS

Did you know the Bikeability Team offer free family tuition? They are happy to provide free sessions for you and your children to help them get riding or to teach more confident riders how to be safe on the road. We have always found the members of this team, (all of whom have been into school many times to teach our Year 5 and Year 6 children their road safety) to be extremely professional, patient, knowledgeable and kind. If you are interested, simply call John Showell on 07515 187353

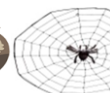
## THE CORONATION!

As I am sure you are aware, the Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May and will be followed by a Bank Holiday for Volunteering on Monday 8th May. On Friday 5th May, we will be holding a traditional coronation street party with bunting, flags and crowns at lunchtime. Mrs Tuthill will be providing piles of sandwiches and sausage rolls, but we would like your help to provide cakes and treats for dessert. We need a range of deserts to cater for all dietary requirements, including vegetarians, vegans and gluten free. Please also ensure that all donations are nut-free and have a list of ingredients on the front. As part of the lead-up to the day, the children will learn about how Coronations have been celebrated in the past, and will produce some artwork, some crowns and the bunting needed to decorate the playground.



## HA HA BONK!

The children's favourite joke from today's Jokeathon: What do you call a dinosaur fart? A blast from the past! Thank you Hannah.



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## ROBLOX

Many of our children love Roblox and Minecraft and other online games and these games can be extremely creative: some of the worlds built by children are absolutely awe-inspiring. But these platforms also have their risks as they can be accessed by both children and adults. You can watch the latest vlog on how to keep your child safe when using this platform here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWzhE8fUi7E>



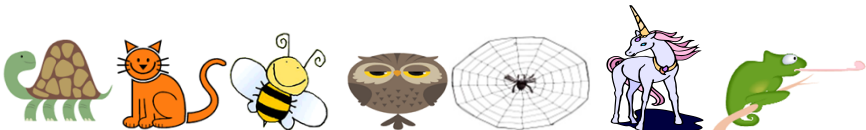
## GYMNASTICS AT PIPERS VALE

Well done to all the gymnasts who competed today at Pipers Vale in Ipswich. This was the first time we have sent teams to this competition and the children did magnificently taking away three silver medals and a bronze. The standard was extremely high, but each competition was decided by an extremely tight margin: the difference between the gold and silver medal positions was within two points in each class. Miss Vauden, who had coached the children in the lead up to the event, and I were extremely proud by the children’s commitment, determination and enthusiasm and also by their encouraging support for each other. It is always a real pleasure to take groups out of school to compete. Well done all.



## LUNCHES IN THE HALL

I’m pleased to say we’ve been able to replace all the broken dinner tables which means all those having a school dinner, including those in Yangtze Class, will now be able to eat in the dinner hall again. This is good news as it means the children will have more choice over what they eat and—more importantly – they’ll have access to seconds!



DATE	EVENT
Fri 3rd March	World Book Day
Fri 3rd March	FOFSA Film Night 3.15pm— 5.30pm
Mon 13th—Fri 17th March	Science Week
Tue 14th March	Wonderdome (Whole School)
Fri 17th March	Comic Relief Day
Fri 17th March	Key Steps Gymnastics 9.30am—12.30pm Teams from KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tue 21st March	‘Bee’ Netball 12pm—2.45pm
Fri 24th March	Cross Country Y4,5,6 1pm—2.45pm
Mon 27th March	Swimming Gala Framlingham 9.30am—12pm
Wed 29th March	Quicksticks Hockey Magpies 12pm—2.45pm
Thur 30th March	Easter Service and Cups 9.30—10.30am
Fri 31st March	PD Day—School Closed
Mon 1st— Fri 16th April	Easter Holidays
Thurs 20th April	Suffolk Farm and Country Fair Y3/4 10am—2pm

## MORE TEA PLEASE...

The children in Yangtze Class finished their D&T project by inviting in parents and other relatives to taste their teas. They had already researched different types of hot drink, then tested the market with some questionnaires to find out about everybody’s perfect cuppa. And today, their drinks were put to the test. Pleasingly, the reports were generally very positive and the class seemed to have lots of very satisfied customers. Well done all.

