

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter holiday and were able to have some quality family time. As always the Summer Term is busy with a range of trips, events and performances. The children are now beginning to go out on school trips – this week Year 3 have been to Reading Museum as part of their topic on Romans, and today Year 1 have visited Windsor Castle as part of their topic on Castles. Year 4 will spend two nights on their residential at Oakwood in Wokingham in June. Children will also take part in a range of end of year, statutory assessments including; Year 1 phonics screening check, Year 2 SATs, Year 4 multiplication tables check, and Year 6 SATs. We are also planning for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic and end of year arrangements for Year 6 leavers and new Reception Starters. Please also see details from Friends about our Summer Fair. As always, please check the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.

Reception

The children have settled back into the routine of school and are enjoying a busy day. Reception have been exploring numbers to 20. They were very busy learning the order of the numbers as well as counting and writing them.



Nursery

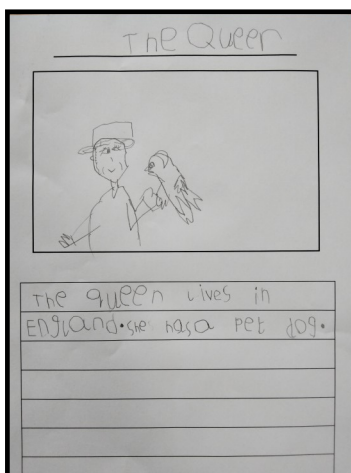
Nursery have been enjoying their outside area despite the changeable weather. We now have a vet's surgery and we are all helping to look after the animals.

The children have also been experimenting with crates, pipes and cars. They were so excited when the cars "jumped" out of the pipes!



Sapphire Class

We have been working on ways to help ourselves to regulate and to manage any distractions to ensure that we are focused and ready to learn. The children were fantastic at working together to set up their own Sensory Circuit to complete in PE, and have enjoyed Playdoh Discos and large-scale outdoor mark-making aimed at refining their motor skills. We have explored the art style of Paul Klee and produced some wonderful interpretations of his work, sketching first and then using crayons to add colour. We have also begun our learning about somebody very special... our Queen! We have learned and written some interesting facts about her, and could not believe how she is lucky enough to have two birthdays, or that she doesn't *always* wear her crown. On top of all this, our teachers are very impressed with how well we have been communicating with each other, demonstrating good manners and taking time to ask each other questions and managing new experiences so positively and successfully. Well Done Sapphire Class!



Rainbow

This half term the Rainbow Room children are looking at plants and what they need to grow. They have been designing their own plant pots and visiting the edible garden once a week to prepare the Rainbow Room beds for planting. This week they have enjoyed planting sunflower seeds, which they have put in the greenhouse to keep them warm.



RSHE

This term the children in Year 1-6 will be having lessons in Relationships, Sex & Health Education. Please see the school website for more information.

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Friends—Summer Fair Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the Summer Fair. If you are able to help out in any way, please complete this online form. Thank you

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Parent Volunteers in School

We are now able to invite parent volunteers into school. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please collect a form from the school office. You will also need to have a DBS check. Please note, you would not always be asked to help in your child's own year group.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 2nd May
Year 4 Residential Meeting	Wednesday 4th May - 6.00pm
Year 6 SATS	Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May
Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting	Monday 9th May - 4.00pm
Second hand Uniform Sale	Thursday 12th May - 2.45pm
Magic Pebbles Workshop - Reception	RW—Tuesday 17th May, RR— Wednesday 18th May - 9.00am
Year 6 Supporting a Smooth Transition to Secondary Parent Workshop	Friday 20th May - 9.00am
Young Voices Concert	Tuesday 24th May
Anxiety Parent Workshop	Wednesday 25th May - 9.00am
Friends Meeting	Wednesday 25th May - 7.00pm
Platinum Jubilee Day	Friday 27th May
HALF TERM	Monday 30th May—Monday 6th June
INSET DAY	Tuesday 7th June
Managing Behaviour Parent Workshop	Monday 13th June - 9.00am
Sports Day (weather permitting)	Wednesday 22nd June (reserve date Tuesday 5th July)
Reception New Parents Meeting	Thursday 23rd June - 6.00pm
Year 4 Oakwood Residential	Wednesday 29th June—Friday 1st July
Friends Summer Fair	Saturday 2nd July— 1.00-4.00pm
Year 6 Performance	Tuesday 12th July—6.00pm, Thursday 14th July— 9.30pm & 6.00pm
Year 6 Leavers' Disco/Festival Party	Wednesday 20th July - 6.00-8.00pm

Letters/Attachments coming home this week: