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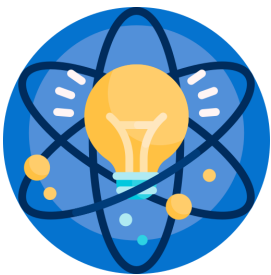
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Coronation Reminders

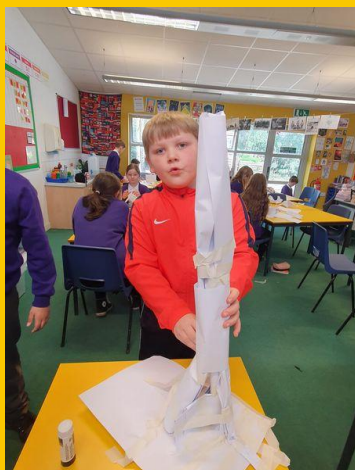
At the end of this week King Charles III will have his coronation. The children in both of our schools will be marking this historic occasion with a number of activities. They will be creating posters about past monarchs which will be displayed around the school, and a time capsule will be filled in each school full of information that will hopefully be unearthed in years to come.

There will also be a dress up day on Friday 5th May - children can dress as kings and queens, or wear red, white and blue.



Science Week - Moorlands

The children across Moorlands Primary loved completing a range of practical activities to celebrate National Science Week. This year's theme was 'Connections' and this resulted in some fantastic scientific discussions and experiments across the whole school. In Reception the children explored their sense of smell by sniffing some pots filled with different scents, the children then voted for their favourite smell in the form of a pictogram. Key Stage 1 focused on connections in nature and used wool to show how each element connects to the next one. In Lower Key Stage 2, the children used cocoa powder to create fingerprints, we looked closely at patterns in our fingerprints and compared them with others. Finally in Upper Key Stage 2, the children connected everyday objects in different ways to create strong bridges and towers designed to support eggs. It was fantastic to see everyone so enthused by Science and we're already looking forward to next year's Science Week!



Science Week - Peterhouse

This year's theme for British Science Week was connections.

During the week, as a school we made connections with famous scientists, who have had a major impact on our understanding of the world from the past and present. Each child found out what scientist they were most like and took part in an investigation to see how scientists have used existing knowledge to develop new theories or invent brand new materials.

Reception thought about what a scientist is and how they learn about the world. They became scientists themselves and worked out the answer to the question 'How do polar bears keep warm?' Year 1 looked at the invention of waterproof material by Charles McIntosh. Year 2 looked at the work of John Dunlop developing tyres that are air filled. Years 3 and 5 looked at the work of Galileo Galilei and the use of pendulums to make more accurate clocks. Year 4 looked at the work of Arthur Fry and the invention of post-it notes. Year 6 looked at the work of Charles Darwin and his theory of natural selection.



Musical Performance

Children in both schools were treated to a wonderful live music performance at the end of last term. As part of our partnership with the Norfolk Music Hub, the children had a live pop and rock session from four professional musicians. The children loved finding out about the instruments and singing along to the well-known tunes.

This forms part of our music curriculum and will help many of our children who get instrument lessons every week in class.





Sunflower Reminder

Last term, all of the children in both of our schools planted a sunflower seed to grow at home. Hopefully some of you have been nurturing your seed and may have started to see some growth. Remember, at the end of the school year, there is a prize for the tallest sunflower in each school.

We will let you know nearer the time how you can let us know the final height and where to send your amazing photographs.



SATS

In just one week it will be time for the Year 6 children at Moorlands and Peterhouse to complete their end of year SATS tests. They have all been working extremely hard to get to this point, and we are sure that they will all try their best. If you have a Year 6 child, please make sure that they are in school on time every day between the 9th and 12th of May.

Our Year 2 children will also complete their SATS tests over a longer period of time between now and June. These will be delivered in a low key way to ensure that the children do not worry.

Good luck everyone.



Upcoming Dates

5th May - Coronation Dress-Up day (see above)

8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday - Schools closed

9th - 12th May - Year 6 SATS week

18th May - Year 5/6 Learning Cafe (time to be confirmed)

23rd May - Reception new parents evening - Both schools (to be confirmed)

26th May - Children break up for half term