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Thought for the Day:

**“What’s the point of having the best technologies
and living in the world we are living in
if we are not joining forces to make this world better.”**

~ Pierre Nanterme

Question of the Week: What happens to air bubbles in space?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children and parents really enjoyed 6B’s class assembly based on ‘Rights Respecting’. Year 6 were also visited by Ruth Cadbury MP. The children had written to her asking questions about her role and how Parliament works. A number of Year 2 children have been learning about ‘scooter safety’ and enjoying practising their newly learnt skills. Children have worked hard this term, we hope the half term break offers a chance to catch up on reading, practicing timetables and offers the opportunity to relax and enjoy a break.

Nursery: This week we have continued to focus on the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We have finished our traditional tales’ topic off with lots of fun activities. The children have planted seeds and are waiting to see if they can grow their own beanstalks. In Maths we have been focusing on counting out from a larger group and measuring. We have been encouraging the children to use the words tall and short to describe the height of objects. We have begun to introduce new games to help the children tune into the sounds that they can hear in words. This week’s games are I spy and robot talk. Look out for your half term challenge activity!

Reception: In Reception we continued to build our villages using recycled materials. Our Maths focus has been on subtraction, learning the words subtract, take away and less than. In Phonics we are recapping the phase 3 sounds and learning to write and spell the tricky words "are" and "you". We have also talked about different jobs and careers where the children have shared their ideas of what job they would like when they grow up.

Year 1: This week in Year 1 the children have been planning and writing their own space stories! They have been using the planets and aliens they created to be in their stories. In Maths, the children have been learning to subtract a smaller number from a larger number and solving subtraction word problems. In Science this week, they have been exploring day and night. In Computing, they have been exploring a program that enables them to create a story with sound effects and moving pictures.

Year 2: Well done to Elizah in 2W for winning our Year group story writing competition with her story ‘Brave Tigers’. We are excited to see how we do in the main Hounslow competition. In our English lessons we wrote a newspaper report about the Great Fire of London, using the skills of research that we have been practicing. In Maths we finished our unit on statistics, by interpreting and answering questions about pictograms and bar charts. In Geography we learnt some facts about London Landmarks, and in Science we have planned an experiment that we are looking forward to carrying out next week. As part of Mental Health week we talked about the importance of sleep and how we can be affected if we don’t get enough. The children thought about activities that are good to do before bedtime and those that are not.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have a jam packed week of writing out adventure stories. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning of multiplication and division from this term. In PE, we have been focusing on football. We have been using the skills of striking, defending and attacking. In Science, we will be exploring and researching the different uses of magnets. In Topic, we have continued our learning on Ancient Egypt and are researching and comparing the importance of the River Nile.

Year 4: This week in Maths, we are moving onto the topic of fractions. In English, we have been polishing our grammar skills. In Topic, we have looked into why Bronze was so important in the Shang Dynasty. The children have enjoyed producing art work based on Mental Health Week and discussing how we can turn negative thoughts into positive ones. It has been great to see the children progress in swimming this term. Well Done year 4!

Year 5: The focus of our Art lessons is Africa. Children have completed 'sunset' paintings using shades of reds and oranges with cut-out silhouettes of animals – they look spectacular on display! Others are using papier-mâché to make moulds for African masks. They have studied a variety of masks and designed their own ones which they will paint on the moulds next week. In Outdoor P.E., children are enjoying playing a version of 'Tag Rugby' as they continue to develop their social and team-building skills.

Year 6: This week we have been learning more about persuasive writing techniques and we had the privilege of Ruth Cadbury MP visiting our school. We heard all about her job and we presented her with letters we had written about local issues. She was very impressed with our writing, especially when we used flattery as a persuasive technique! This week has been assessment week and the children have been working really hard to show what they know! We are very proud of them. In our Topic lessons, the children have been learning about the role of slavery in Ancient Greece. This week, they have debated about 'Ethics and slavery'. In Science children conducted their investigations comparing and giving reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs. They will be recording their data and results using scientific diagrams and labels and then giving conclusions to their investigations using their scientific knowledge and understanding.

Notices: Please return any Emergency Contact forms that you may have received via pupil post recently. Please check the forms to ensure that you have completed all relevant sections.

Parents have been sent an email with the date change in May 2019. School will be open to children on 2nd May. School will be closed for Inset day on Friday 24th May.

Reminders:

All medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours unless they are an emergency.

Earrings should be small studs only – not hoops and removed completely on PE days.

Ruth Cadbury MP is encouraging children and adults to give up Fizzy drinks in February – Fizz Free February. You can find out more on her webpage, <https://ruthcadbury.org/fizzfree>

Please check the school website for Holiday Activities – Multi Sports Camp run at Hounslow Town Primary School.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.56%.
This week 3F and 5M both achieved 100% attendance – excellent work.
Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

3rd January	Spring Term Begins		
10 th January	Year 3 trip to the British Museum	12 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training
14 th January	Year 4 Chinese Workshop	12 th February	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting
17 th January	Year 5 Reading Plus	15 th February	1I Class Assembly
17 th January	Year 1 Topic Wow Day	Half Term	18th February – 22nd February
23 rd January	Nursery and Reception Theatre Workshop	1 st March	3F Class Assembly
24 th January	Year 5 African Music and Storytelling Workshop	7 th March	Parents Evening
25 th January	6F Class Assembly	8 th March	2B Class Assembly
30 th January	Year 6 Trip to Lampton School	12 th March	Parents Evening
1 st February	3H Class Assembly	15 th March	2W Class Assembly
8 th February	6B Class Assembly	22 nd March	1B Class Assembly
8 th February	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day	29 th March	1TB Class Assembly
11 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training	5th April	Last day of the Spring Term School closes at 1.30pm

