



*Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents who attended this week's parents' evenings. We hope you found these meetings helpful. If you did not get the chance to make an appointment or if there is something that you wish to discuss in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact school and an appointment will be made at a mutually convenient time.

Last Friday, we had the privilege of meeting Bart Gee. Bart lives with a disability. He delivered an assembly where he shared his many talents, sharing the message that he turns disability into possibility. We were humbled by the positivity he demonstrated throughout and have been inspired by his resilience.

Zach in year five said that he really enjoyed the assembly and that Bart was really inspirational, he also said that it has made him more determined.

Science has been our focus this week. Along with the homework tasks that the children have been presenting and all the investigations that have been taking place, there has definitely been great enthusiasm and enjoyment for learning. Thank you to all the parents and Grandparents who joined us in our Science celebration assembly this morning. This extended to learning in the classroom with experiments including making blood and creating water clocks. We hope you all enjoyed the morning as much as we did. If you get a chance, there's images shared on the Enjoyment for Learning tab on our website.

Hoping you all have an enjoyable weekend and wishing everyone a happy St Patrick's Day for 17th March.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh



## Lion Cubs

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! Come and join us again next week.

## Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church next week Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March during 11am mass.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 20th March—Mini Vinnies at Chester Catholic High

Thursday 21st March—Year 4 activities day at St Nich's

Friday 22nd March— KS2 Cross country

Monday 25th March –Year 5 Violin concert

Wednesday 27th March—Year 5—Easter journey at main Street Community Church

Thursday 28th March—School closes for Easter

## Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **97.4%**.

Across the school, **35 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

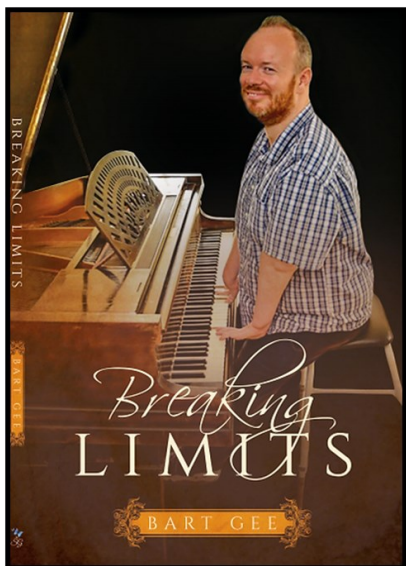
**98%** attendance means **4** school days missed  
**95%** attendance means **10** school days missed  
**90%** attendance means **19** school days missed  
**80%** attendance means **38** school days missed  
**5** minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance Class 1	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5 Class 6
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**Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.**

## Disability afternoon

Bart Gee came to speak to us last week about how he Breaks Limits and how he manages his life with his lifelong disabilities. He was extremely inspirational and showed us how he has achieved beyond the expectations of doctors to compete in triathlons, play the piano and inspire others!



## Edsential Easter themed lunch



## Cherry Class

We were very lucky to be invited to Frodsham library last week to watch a theatre group. We enjoyed the story, found out about how the puppets were made and learned a new song.

We loved celebrating our mum's last week making pop up mother's day cards and talking about how much mums do for us! Thankyou mums!

We have had a great, hands-on week during this science week. We have carried out an experiment to see if we can make jelly set quicker by adding different fruits and we have investigated different types of water to see if we can make things sink faster or slower. We loved presenting in assembly and showing our parents our experiments as part of St Luke's Science Fair!

In English we have been using adjectives, nouns and verbs to write sentences in the past tense about the creatures in the museum that came to life!

In Maths year 1 have been learning about numbers up to 50 and counting groups of 10s and 1s. We have been working on representing numbers to 50 in different ways.

In geography reception have been looking at maps and aerial photographs of Frodsham to find people who can help us and where they are. Year 1 have been looking at the capital of Cardiff and some significant places.



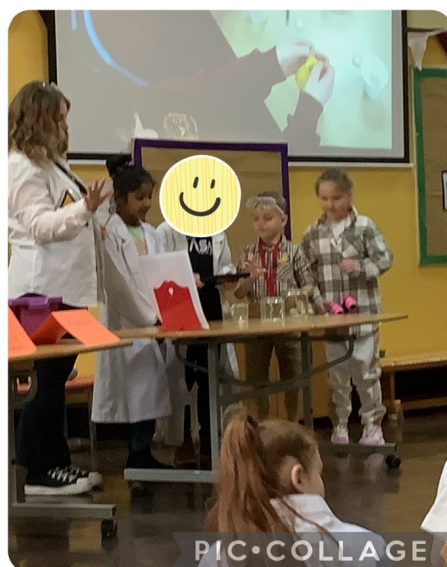
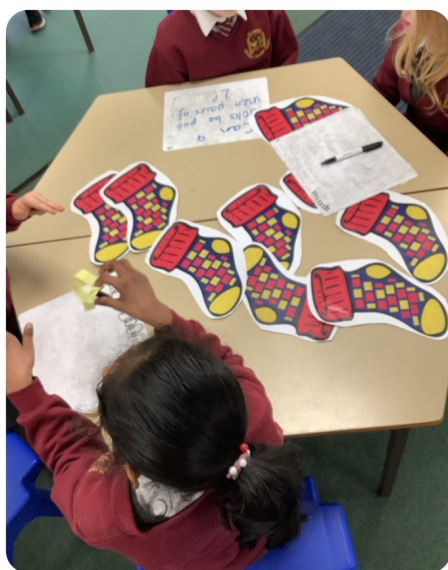
## Elm Class

Elm class have had an exciting week, with lots of hard work happening!

In Maths, we have been using our ten times tables to solve problems and discover what numbers are odd and even.

In English, we have been thinking about what we want to be like when we grow up and what we want to do as jobs. The children had some wonderful ideas!

The children have enjoyed showing their presentations and projects this week for British Science Week, and are very excited about our experiments today! We have also enjoyed our science lesson where the children researched and made their own food chains.

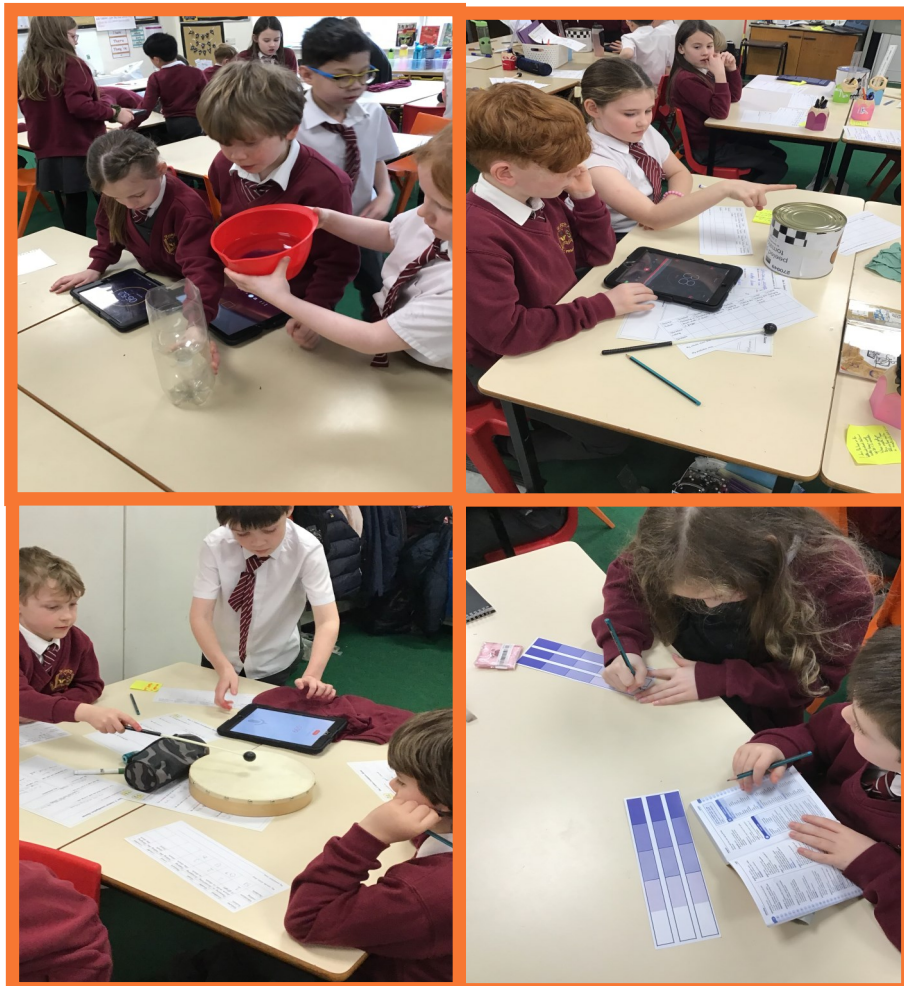


## Yew Class

Another busy and exciting week in Yew tree class. This week we have enjoyed celebrating British Science Week. As part of the theme of 'time' we made our own water clocks. We started off with a plastic bottle which was cut in half. The lid of the plastic had a small hole pierced into it, to allow the water to pass through. We placed the half with the lid on, upside down and inside the bottom half of the bottle. We measured 800ml of water into a measuring jug and added blue food colouring so that the water was visible. We poured the water into the bottle and set stopwatches so after a minute passed we marked the level of the water on the bottle. We kept going until all the water had been poured. From the amount of lines on the bottle we could tell how many minutes had passed.

We also enjoyed exploring lots of different scientists in a range of fields. We have been focusing on challenging our perceptions of what a scientist is by 'smashing stereotypes'. We discussed that often people perceive scientists to be old males working in laboratories with potions, however we learned that scientists can be of any age, gender, race.

We have also been working really hard in English to expand our vocabulary. We have been spending time using thesauruses and thinking about our choice of words we can use in our writing.



## Cypress Class

We have LOVED celebrating science week this week! Throughout the week, we have completed different investigations and enjoyed being super scientists.

On Tuesday, we developed our classification skills and used sweets to help us do this. After mastering the skill, we then used this to help us sort and classify animals.

This week, we have also been learning all about Carl Linnaeus and the system he created to help the classifying process. We enjoyed discovering the new adaptations that have been made to the system to keep up to date with the new species found.

Friday was the highlight for many as we all came to school dressed as scientists. It was great to see the different types of scientists and how many different roles involved science. We also really enjoyed our parents visiting the classroom where we were able to show them the different investigations we have been doing in our science lessons.

Alongside science week celebrations, we have also been working really hard in our other lessons. In maths, year 5 have been mastering the short method of division and year 6 have been focusing on percentages which, although they thought it would be really tricky, they really enjoyed and were able to apply their knowledge to reasoning questions well.

