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Tunstead Primary Newspaper

Strong Foundations; Bright Futures

SCHOOL MESSAGE

Over the coming weeks, many of our pupils will be taking part in various forms of assessment that you may hear about at home. While these are a mandatory part of the school system at this time, the team in school work carefully with the pupils to try and make sure the children are as comfortable and relaxed as possible for them. We also recognise that their personal strengths as sportspeople, artists, writers, coders and well-rounded young people are far more important than the results of a test.

Next week in school will see our Year 6s take on the challenge of SATS, and we are all so proud of their hard work this year and their determination to show what they can do. While SATS remain a necessary part of school life for Year 6, they are not how we will judge their time with us.

Our Year 2 pupils will also be completing SATS assessments, which take place in a more informal manner than the Year 6 tests and will happen in stages over the rest of the term. These are approached more like tasks to do within a lesson, and are completed to support the end of year teacher judgements. These assessments are no longer mandatory nationally, but we have chosen to keep them to inform our future planning to support our children in the best ways possible.

After half term, we have two other year groups taking part in shorter, more specific national assessments. Year 1s will be taking part in the national phonics check, and our Year 4s take on the Multiplication Times Tables Check.

Should any parents have any questions about upcoming assessments for their child, then please ask your child's class teacher or Mr Birkinshaw.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May

13th - 17th - Yr 6 SAT's week

22nd - Cluster cricket tournament

27th - 31st Half term

June

24th - Sports Day (TBC)

July

15th—Swimming Gala

15th-17th—Birch residential

19th - Last day of term

Forest School

Oak Class enjoyed an afternoon using the pond area. It was fascinating to see how many tadpoles and frogs there were in our pond.

The children were very engaged in their role-play in the boat. They had a great adventure sailing to Sheringham for an ice cream!

Sycamore class were engaged in their outdoor learning around the garden. We now have many crops growing; carrots, potatoes, radishes, lettuces, curly kale and french beans.

Please remember to have hair tied back and a coat at school.

Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Award	Class Gold Book Award Winners	House Points
Jenson and Darcy H for their excellent progress and growing confidence in swimming	Oak - Harriet for her brilliant independent writing this week	1st - 771 Honeysuckle
	Sycamore - Alysia for developing her focus to start and complete tasks well (high expectations of herself)	2nd - 686 Poppy
	Conifer - Grace for resilience in learning her times tables	3rd - 487 Bluebell
	Birch - Billie for always being incredibly kind and helpful.	4th - 425 Buttercup

Class updates

	OAK	SYCAMORE	CONIFER	BIRCH
Class Attendance	98.33%	98.91%	93.83%	96.3%
	Oak are focusing on learning to write teen numbers. Keep practicing!	Please take a look at the Computing task set on Purple Mash- creating an animated story- the children are enjoying this	We are learning about time in maths and it would be really beneficial to practice this at home with an analogue clock	We want to wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck next week for their SATs.

Tunstead Friends

Friends had a very successful meeting on Tuesday and thanks to Heidi, Abi and Orinta for attending and sharing their ideas. We have decided to have a circus themed summer fayre on Saturday 6th July so save the date.

We are looking for circus themed entertainment so if anyone has any circus skills or has a contact with an entertainer please let us know. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to help on the day speak to one of the friends or email us on tfriends5wra@nsix.org.uk.

This Sunday we will be having a stall at school for the village yard sale. Pop down and say hello and maybe pick up a bargain.