Welcome back for the last half-term of the year. This is a busy term with many trips, productions and sporting events. I hope you will be able to join us on these occasions. Have fun, work hard and give your best in everything you do – the last few weeks will fly by.

Staffing update

I am delighted to announce that Miss Smith returned this week from maternity leave, she has been very much missed. Congratulations to Miss Roots for successfully completing her teacher training this year.

We would like to send our very best wishes to all the pupils and their families who have been celebrating Eid. We hope that everyone had a happy time with family and friends.

Attendance SPIKE

The children met Spike (our attendance mascot) in last week’s assembly to promote attendance. Keep an eye out for Spike!

The Magic Breakfast bagels and reading are going down a treat first thing in the morning, worth coming in to school on time for!

Summer fair

I am hoping that the weather will be kind for the Summer Fair on Friday 14th June. Please, please support this event, as the PTA enables us to purchase items, which otherwise we would not be in a position to purchase. Thank you to the PTA for your continuous support especially if such difficult times.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and sunny weekend.
Classroom News

Foxes Class

Foxes have had a wonderful couple of weeks exploring the lives of fishing communities and exploring the many environmental issues that are raised through this beautiful book.

We have sung sea shanties, written diary entries and even used the text to plan and write job adverts for budding fishermen and women.

The children thoroughly using gesture, body language and varied, imaginative vocabulary whilst acting out the crucial part of the story.

All this talk for writing has produced some very inspired pieces of extended writing.

Great work once again Foxes Class!

Beetles

With the upcoming art week, Beetles have been working very hard to create and bring art into many of our subjects, especially English. The children have enjoyed creating houses from the book Krindlekrax, in Art, the children have designed and made their own clay sculptures and in History, the children made their own small scale model houses to be used for our Great Fire of London re-enactment.
**Squirrels**

This week in English we have been reading the book *Krindlekrax* which the children have been very excited about. In the story there is a street called Lizard Street. To help the children to write about this we have made our own Lizard Street using junk modelling. This really “spiked” the children’s imagination and they were able to produce some lovely work.

![Image of children making Lizard Street models]

**Dragonflies**

In Science, we have been learning about plants. We completed an experiment to find out what plants need to grow. We grew cress with different factors to see how they would grow.

In Art, we have been making different sculptures. This week we wrapped string and lots of glue around a balloon to make a sphere structure. It was very messy!

![Image of children creating string sculptures]

**Woodpeckers**

This week in Woodpeckers we have started a new topic in science exploring Forces. We asked the children what they already knew about forces and what they would like to find out, i.e.: How does a plane stay in the air?. The children were then able to explore how the different forces work through practical work.

![Image of children experimenting with forces]

**Oaks**

Oaks are learning about fables and this week was 'the tortoise and the hare'. We have enjoyed writing our own endings, retelling the story, acting the story out and creating our own versions which included lots of fantastic descriptive words.

**Hedgehogs**

Hedgehogs have had a fantastic week finishing off their R.E. topic – Judaism. We had a Jewish party and got to look at different Jewish artefacts. It was a lot of fun!

We have also had a lot of fun reading our new English text – Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf. On Wednesday we took freeze frames to re-enact what the Gods might look like if we went to visit them up in the Heavens.
**Butterflies**

This term has already been very exciting as we started our new topic ‘Summer Fun’ with a focus on The Seaside. We shared a story called The Train Ride which was about the wonderful things you see on a train journey and she finally arrives at the seaside. During stay and play one of our parents spoke to the children as he too is a train driver! In phonics the children were fantastic at ‘fishing for sounds’ and in maths leaning the children used the pegs to collect the shiny treasure and match it to the correct number. We have also been busy caring for our garden and cant wait for our sunflowers to bloom!

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**Owls and Ladybird**

Today we had an Iron Age Immersion Day to experience the Celtic lifestyle for ourselves. We came dressed up as Celts after doing our research on what they wore.

We all visited the Celtic hut and spoke about how it was built and what was used to build it. The Celts lived in tribes in hill-forts for protection. They had no heating or electricity and had to make a fire for light and warmth, as well as to cook their food. ‘Life was very hard for the Celts!’, Harry noted.

As our adults made oat cakes for us to try, we spoke about the Celtic diet and what they ate.

We also found out that we know about the Celts due to the work of archaeologists. We had a go at digging for artefacts ourselves. After finding an artefact, we spoke about what it might be and what it may have been use for. Our most interesting find was the Snettisham torc, Battersea Shield and Waterloo Helmet.
**Grasshoppers and Bluebirds**

We have been enjoying our new seaside theme—Commotion in the Ocean—despite the torrential rain! We have been playing in the sand, writing postcards and packing lists for our suitcases and having fun in our new role play areas—our pirate galleon (The Golden Grasshopper!) and our ice cream parlour. Some of us tested out the seaside bodies!

In maths we are collecting data this week. We have been voting on our survey of the day e.g. Have you ever been to the seaside? Have you flown on an aeroplane or slept in a caravan? We vote using our peg to answer the question. Then we see which is more and which is less. We try to work out the difference.

Last week we celebrated Eid and welcomed parents and children to talk about their celebrations at home. They showed us their mehndi and we had a go at designing our own mehndi hand patterns.

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**Rabbits**

This term we started our art topic of sculpture. The children have been using all sorts of materials to create some wonderful pieces. We used classroom supplies, natural materials up in forest school, and folded paper too! The jumping origami frogs were a particular favourite!
Acorns

Acorns have been earning their ‘Hey Duggee’ badges. Last week they made cakes and earned their ‘Cake Making Badge’. Well done Acorns.

Year 6 Enterprise Week

Wow! Year 6 have shown innovation, imagination and determination when planning, making and selling their wares during Enterprise Week, this week. The Year 6 team have been so very impressed with the children; they are looking forward to seeing how much they have made to go towards their end of year activities. Thank you for all of your support.

Ravens

This week saw our members of the Junior Cray Forum attend a workshop with other member schools to begin discussing what issues they feel are most relevant to them within the Crays. This is in anticipation of them presenting their viewpoints to the Cray Forum later in the term. It was wonderful to see both Robins and Woodpeckers sharing their experiences with pupils from Leesons, Poverest and St Mary Cray and realising their shared concerns for the local area. Particular issues raised were litter, feeling safe and having more to do in the summer holidays. Watch this space, as the Forum will begin to make connections with the wider community and have their voices heard.
**Swim Stars**

Swim Stars are currently running termly swimming lessons taking place at Midfield Primary School. These take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30pm-5.30pm and Saturdays from 9am-12pm. Lessons are run in 30 minute slots and are available to children three years and upwards and all abilities. For more information please fill out the contact form on our website [www.swim-stars.co.uk](http://www.swim-stars.co.uk).

**Latest E-Safety News**

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The link to the page is [https://www.midfield.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+E%2DSafety+News&pid=514](https://www.midfield.bromley.sch.uk/page/?title=Latest+E%2DSafety+News&pid=514)
Important Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 18th June**—Italian dining for school lunches
   KS1 Creative Arts Day—drop in for parents 3.30—4 pm to view Art
   Years 2 and 5 Big reading event at Nugent Centre

**Thursday 20th June**—New reception parents meeting 9.15 am
   Author Visit
   Year 5 and 6 athletics team event at Norman Park

**Friday 21st June**—KS2 Creative Arts Day—drop in for parents 3.30—4 pm to view Art

**Tuesday 25th June**—Riverside project visit

**Wednesday 26th June**—Stay and play for new reception children.

**Thursday June 27th**—Year 2 park trip

**Friday 28th June**—Sports Day

**Monday 1st July**—Oaks class to BYMT

**Monday 1st July**—Chinese school children visiting all week

**Wednesday 10th July**—Year 2 visit to Kew Gardens

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Whole School Attendance 28th August—16th June

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