

Head Teacher to Home—1st July What has happened in school this week?

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

This week, as usual, has been full of exciting learning and experiences. The children in Maple had a visit to the local library which was a huge success and as we all know the school football teams have been playing extremely well in recent weeks.

Over the next few weeks things will of course be very busy with events for the end of term. Details of these can be found further on in the Newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend



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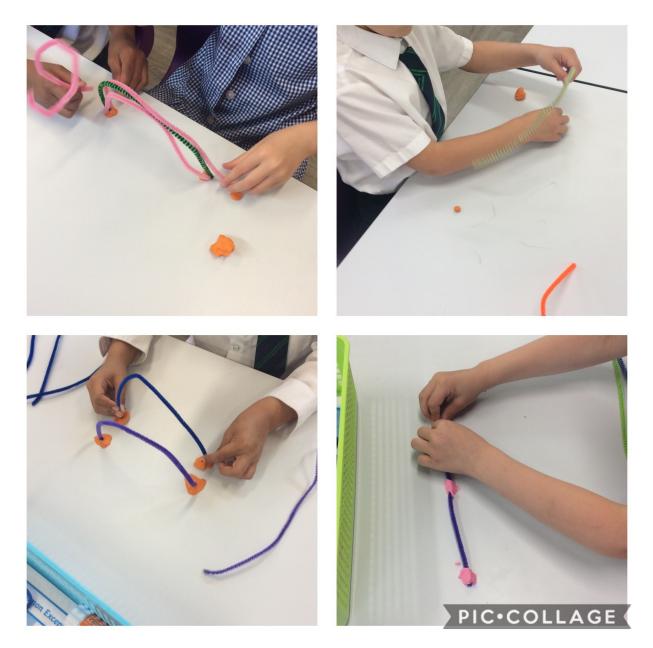
What an exciting Monday morning Reception class had. To launch our next book focus, Never Mess with a Pirate Princess, we had a virtual book reading and Q&A with the author Holly Ryan!





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Children in Peake Class have enjoyed learning about different kinds of bridges. We experimented with making our own bridges out of pipe cleaners and plasticine before testing how strong they were!



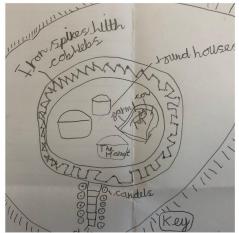


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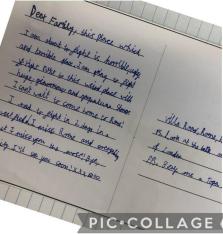
Drew class started the week by designing their own Iron Age hillforts to keep out the Roman army. First, they thought about the important features of a successful village before considering the best (and most unique) ways to keep out unwanted visitors! Later on this week, they transformed into Roman

soldiers arriving in Britain for the first time. They then wrote a postcard home to their families explaining the differences between Britain and Italy. This week's gloomy weather definitely









inspired them!



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Over recent weeks, Angelou Class successfully established contact with a group of children and teachers at 'Ecoland Primary School' in Lviv, Ukraine. In that time, the children have researched, compared and celebrated our countries' cultures via live Zoom meetings. From this, we then pursued the following interests: learning Ukrainian through daily Duolingo lessons and cooking traditional dishes such as Borscht (a Ukrainian, vegetable soup).





From the 6th to 10th June, year six went on their residential trip to the PGL activity centre at Boreatton Park, Shropshire. It was the first time we had done a residential trip for about four years due to COVID-19 restrictions and some organisational problems in 2019. We had a two and a half hour coach ride before we arrived at Boreatton Park. This year, we stayed in tents so we unpacked our bags, checked out the local area and had a tour of the PGL site. The walk around the site allowed us to see all the activities we would be doing throughout our week away.



Throughout the week we did a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. These activities included abseiling, climbing, raft building, problem solving, the giant swing, an assault course, the trapeze and a range of fun games and activities. The days were rammed full of activities and the evenings were also super busy. In the evenings we had a range of other activities including passport to the world, capture the flag and we even had a Thursday night disco.

Although it was a long and tiring week, the children's attitude towards the activities was amazing. For many of the activities, teamwork was essential and so was good communication and resilience. The days often started at 7:00 AM and children were still up and active at 9:30 in the evening so I'm certain the children slept well when they got home on Friday.

It was an amazing chance for the adults on the trip to see children outside their comfort zones. Many of the children excelled at the activities that required them to go up some very high structures. Children who may sometimes be quiet and introverted in school were able to really show a different side of their characters. It was amazing to see the children's confidence improve as the week went on.

A huge thanks to the teachers who came on the trip.





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On Thursday the students and staff from Maple went to visit Lillington Library. We learnt how the library works and scanned in some books. Afterwards we went to visit Mason Avenue Park. The students were all very well behaved and each received a certificate in Friday's assembly. Well done Maple!





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Congratulations to Nightingale class who had the highest attendance in Key Stage 1 this

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week!



Congratulations to Hopper Class who had the highest attendance in Key Stage 2 this week!



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#### **Important Information**

As of September the school day at Lillington will be changing times. The government has recently released an education white paper in which it states that all schools are to ensure that the school week is 32.5 hours in length. At Lillington we are pretty much at this length however to ensure we are definitely covering those hours I will be asking that all year groups have the same start and finish time.

So the school day will start at **8.45am** and end at **3.15pm**, these are the times that children will be expected to be in class ready for registration and will be coming out of class at the end of the day. In order to give children enough time to get around to their classes for 8.45am the gates on both the KS1 and KS2 playground will open at **8.35am**.

Timings for Nursery and Maple are not affected by these changes.



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#### **Sports Day Timings**

Nursery AM only children - 10:30-11:55

Nursery Full time and PM only children and Reception - 2:15-3:00

Key Stage 1 - 2:00-3:00

Key Stage 2 - 1:20-3:10 - They'll be a rotation of sports for everyone to do and then some competitive races for children who are interested.

Wednesday 6th July	Transition Day
Monday 11th July	Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Tuesday 12th July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 13th July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Friday 15th July	Non Uniform Day
Monday 18th July	School Reports
Thursday 21st July	Break up for Summer Holidays



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Year 6 will be selling ice creams/lollies next week to raise a bit of money for their leaving activities.



### **BEING HELD EVERY TUESDAY**







# Lillington Nursery & Primary School

Saturday 16th July 12.00Pm - 4.00Pm

BBQ Bouncy Castle Assault Course Teddy Tombola Raffles Puzzles Face Painting & Tattoos Craft Stalls Bottles Tombola Water Fight Arena Ice Cream Lucky DiP and more

LILLINGTON SCHOOL



Thanks to those who have volunteered to help at the fete, but we still need more people to cover everything. Even if it's just an hour, every bit helps to ensure we can provide the best time for everyone. You can sign up here: <u>https://volunteersignup.org/9FJHR</u> or contact Lucy at <u>chairlsptfa@gmail.com</u>

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please bring in a bottle for our bottle tombola at the fete. It can be a bottle of anything apart from something that needs to be in the fridge! There is no dress theme for this.

There will be a second-hand uniform stall at the fete. Now we're getting to the end of the summer term, if you have any unwanted items, please can you hand in to your child's teacher. Thank you!



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#### **IMPORTANT!**

If your child is going into Year 3 in September, they will no longer receive universal free school meals. If you are eligible for Free School Meals, and you haven't applied already, please apply at: www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals School meals cost £2.25



