

Featherstone Primary School



Weekly School Newsletter

12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 children have shown many of their school Values this week – including perseverance and self-belief – to sit all of their End of Key Stage Two Tests (SATs). The SATs tested all of the children's Reading, Grammar and Maths learning from the past four years. Despite the pandemic, children did an excellent job, worked hard and tried their very best! We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing how well they have done when we get their results in July. Thank you, parents, for your support this week. Thanks also to the staff who organised an early morning breakfast club for the children to enjoy.



Attendance

As you know, it is the law that all children aged 5 and older must come to school. Unfortunately, there are still some parents whose children do not attend school regularly. Other parents take their children on illegal holidays during term time. Because of this, over recent weeks:

- 3 parents received a £433.00 Penalty Notice (fine) **each**
- 1 parent received a £120.00 Penalty Notice (fine)
- 10 parents all received a £60.00 Penalty Notice (fine) **each**

Children who have very good attendance (96%+) generally do much better in school than those whose attendance is not as good. Thank you to the very large majority of our parents who do support us in achieving high levels of attendance.



The Coronation of King Charles III

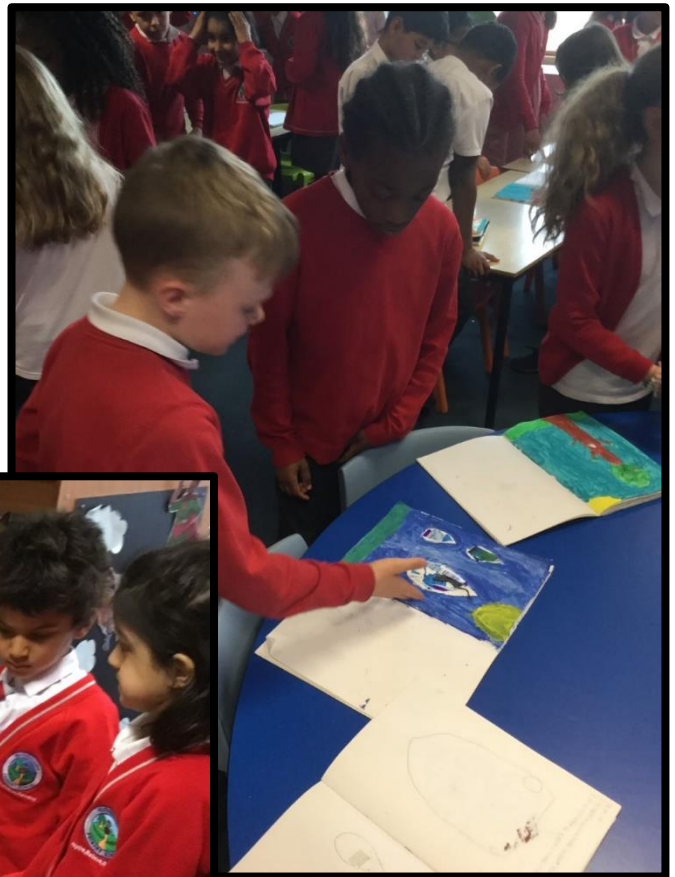
On Saturday 6th May, HRH King Charles III was coronated in an elaborate ceremony at Westminster Abbey. As you know from previous correspondence, we will be learning about this historic event on Thursday 18th May. On this day, children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, showcasing the colours of the UK. Each child will be bringing home a 'His Majesty King Charles Commemorative Medal.'

These are a gift to all children from Mr. Gaibee as a way to remember this event as part of their own history. We are all very much looking forward to this special day on the 18th May!

Environmentalism Showcase: 11th May

The Value of the Month for April was *Environmentalism*. Linking to Geography, children in each year group learnt about a range of environmental issues such as: the burning of fossil fuels, animal poaching and the littering of single-use plastic. These issues are very important and will, of course, continue to be an issue as the children grow up into adulthood. To help the children really care

about these world issues, on 11th May, year groups across the school partnered up for an Environmentalism Showcase. Each class hosted another class, showcased their Environmentalism artwork, discussed, questioned and generally raised awareness of the issue. The event was a huge success, with lots of communication skills being developed and environmental knowledge being learnt – please do ask your child about their Environmentalism focus.



Competitions – Still time to enter!



Mr. Douglas's Prosody Competition April/May 2023 theme: Perform a play!

April 23rd marks 459 years since the birth of one of the greatest playwrights ever, William Shakespeare. To celebrate this historic day, April/May's prosody competition allows you to get together with a few friends, write a mini script, and put on a short play!

What am I looking for?

William Shakespeare wrote three types of plays: tragedies (to scare/frighten the audience); comedies (to make the audience laugh with make believe and O.T.T. plots); and, histories (to inform and entertain the audience about past events). Your challenge, with friends in small groups, is to:

1. Write a mini script (will it be a tragedy, comedy or history)? This can be based on a book if you'd like it to be.
2. Practise your script as often as you can!
3. Perform your finished play to me (time limit of 3mins).

I will be looking for good acting from everyone in the play, actions, facial expressions, a well-thought plot and clear and confident spoken lines.

Year 6: I will accept solo entries (soliloquies) of some of the scenes from *Macbeth* or *Midsummer* that we have read.



Come and perform on any of these dates:

22nd, 23rd or 24th
May

Miss Lacey's Writing Competition

April/May 2023 theme: Non-Chronological reports

I love to learn new things! I like to surprise people with random facts that I have learnt.

I find one of the best ways to find new facts is to read information texts.

This month, I would like you to write a **Non-Chronological report**.

- Your report can be about anything! Animals, Sports, Famous people, Historical events.
- You must only tell me real facts. You might need to do your own research before you write to be able to teach me new things.
- Non-Chronological reports sometimes use subheadings to help organise information into sections. They often include pictures and captions.

Your report must showcase your year groups writing objectives and be in your very best handwriting! I will also accept reports that are typed up and printed (but you must do this yourself - no sneaky adult help!)



Bring your report to me in Y1 by

Wednesday 24th
May 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

May

24th– Attendance Shop

26th – End of Half term

June

5th – Start of Term

5th – Phonics Screen Check for Year 1

12th – Start of Multiplication Check for Year 4

July

5th – Transition day

10th – International Festival Week

13th – Parents' Evening

19th – Y6 Production

19th – EYFS Graduation

21st – Break up for Summer

From Mr Gaibee (**Headteacher**)