

Y3 AH Class Assembly Where The Wild Things Are

Well done to the children in Y3 AH who performed a fantastic assembly on Tuesday based on the text, "Where The Wild Things Are." Pupils showcased their acting, speaking, poetry writing and film making skills to the many parents and carers in the audience.



YR Problem Solving

Reception pupils have been finding a solution to a very difficult problem—how to measure the height of the oak tree in their outdoor classroom. Here are some of the solutions offered by the children and the problems they identified:

How can we find out how tall the tree is?

START



We could use a tape measure.

Oh no! The tape measure is too short.

Let's tape some metre sticks together—that will be longer.

Oh no! That would be dangerous.

Oh no! The metre sticks keep falling apart.

Ms Knight and Mrs Harrad can climb the tree.

Oh no! We still can't reach the top of the tree.

Let's stand on some building blocks and then hold the tape measure.



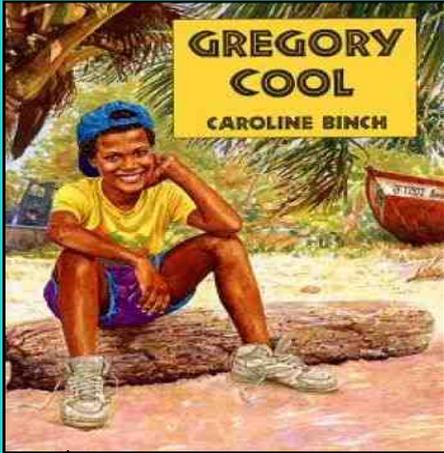
The children's final solution was...to call the Fire Service and ask them to climb the tree using a ladder and a very long tape measure. On Tuesday, they visited school with all the necessary equipment.

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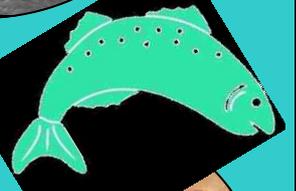
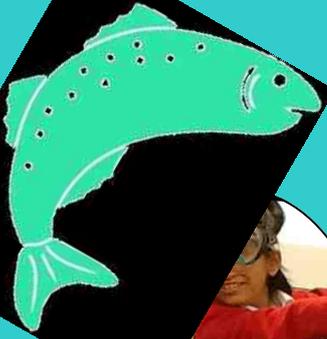
The Fire Service were able to tell us that the oak tree measures an ENORMOUS 1,432 cm.

Year 4

Literacy



Year Four have begun working on the text "Gregory Cool" in their Literacy lessons. The story is set on the Caribbean island of Tobago and the learning began with an immersion activity designed to allow pupils to experience the climate, food and landscape of the story setting. They had great fun!



All aboard... we're off to Tobago!

Y1 Fire Safety



This week, The Fire Service visited Year One to teach them all about fire safety.



Pupils learnt that, if they find matches or a lighter, they must give them to an adult and not play with them. They were also taught how to stay safe around a barbecue or bonfire as well as what they must do if their clothes are on fire—”stop, drop and roll.”



The children enjoyed seeing the protective clothing worn by members of the Fire Service and asked some interesting questions about fire safety.

Thank you to our visitors for this engaging and educational session.



A-Z of Fantastical Beasts

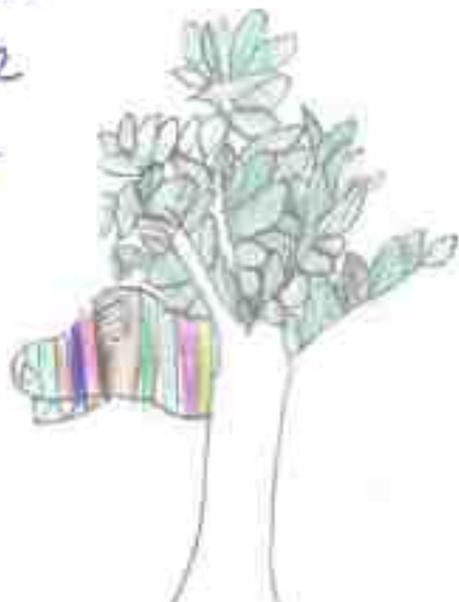
Children in Y3 have created a fabulous book of mythical creatures. The standard of writing and presentation is excellent as you can see from the example below.

The Choco Eater

This mischievous Choco Eater is a colossal and harmless species of dragon who loves eating chocolate.

Intriguingly, the Choco Eater is 100ft wide and 100ft tall also it has rainbow spikes as sharp as the tip of a sword. Interestingly, the Choco Eater is a similar sized to a tree. Surprisingly, his spikes pop out like arrow heads. Juveniles are born with Incandescent pink eyes. It is a known fact that the Choco Eater has colorful skin and is covered in spikes.

Did you know that the

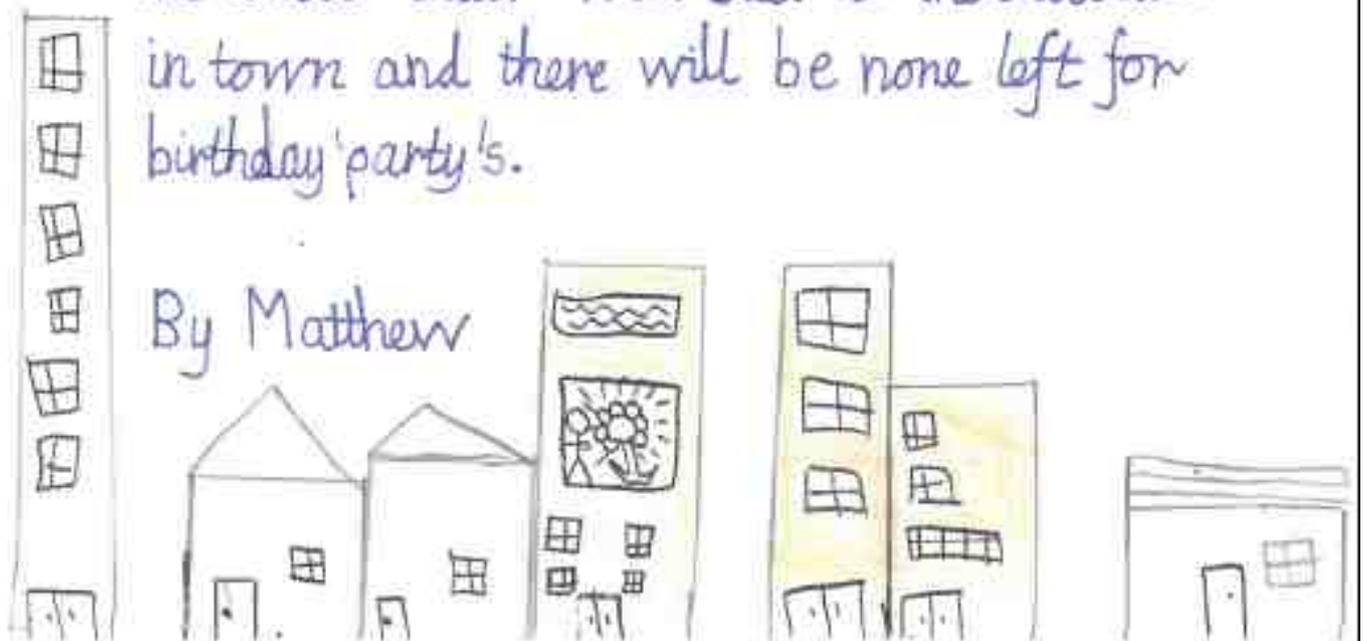


Choco Eater is discovered in New York because it likes enormous cities. Amazingly, the Choco Eater nest in tall trees in parks.

It is a known fact that he often steals and eats chocolate. Legend has it, that several have become worlds quickest chocolate eaters. Surprisingly, it has a particular taste for chocolate.

Draconologists have been concerned that the Choco Eater will steal all the chocolate in town and there will be none left for birthday party's.

By Matthew



The Book Bus is coming...

Instead of our usual book fair, this year we are hosting The Book Bus. The bus is a travelling shop which sells cut price, quality books for all the family. It will be with us for two days on Wednesday 14th March and Thursday 15th March.

If you would like your child to visit the bus and purchase a book, there are two options:

- Take your child on to the bus during their class slot (see below.) Before boarding the bus, please sign in at the office and staff will bring your child to you.
- Visit the bus with your child before or after school. (Please be aware that the bus may be crowded at these times.)

Class slots are as follows:

YR AH	Wednesday 14 th March from 9.15am – 10.00am
YR RK	Wednesday 14 th March from 10.00am – 10.45am
Y1 MBB	Wednesday 14 th March from 10.45am – 11.30am
Y1 JL	Wednesday 14 th March from 11.30am – 12.15pm
Y2 ES	Wednesday 14 th March from 1.30pm – 2.15pm
Y2 HC	Wednesday 14 th March from 2.15pm – 3.00pm
Y3 JM	Thursday 15 th March from 2.00pm – 2.45pm
Y3 AH	Thursday 15 th March from 1.15pm – 2.00pm
Y4 KG	Thursday 15 th March from 11.15am – 12.00pm
Y4 KJ	Thursday 15 th March from 10.45am – 11.15am
Y5 CB	Thursday 15 th March from 10.15am – 10.45am
Y5 JvS	Thursday 15 th March from 9.45 am– 10.15am
Y6	Thursday 15 th March from 9.15am – 9.45am

Please note that children are only allowed on to the bus with their parent/carer. This is because we are aware that family budgets may be tight and not everyone has the spare money to buy a book. We are keen to avoid upsetting children by showing them books that their families cannot afford.

For more information about the range of books for sale on the bus and prices, please see the leaflet sent home earlier this week.



Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is our first priority at school. With this in mind, we have reviewed our picking up procedures to ensure clarity for parents and carers at the end of the school day.

We would like to bring the following points to your attention:

- Parents/carers are not allowed in the school building beyond the office area.
- All classes are now being dismissed from their external classroom doors. Children are released by the teacher, **one at a time**, to the appropriate adult. Please do not call or beckon your child to you or attempt to enter the classroom as this can cause confusion.
- **From Monday 12th March 2018, if your child is being picked up by a relative or another parent/carer, they will need to share a code word with the class teacher as a safeguarding precaution.**

It is your responsibility as a parent/carer to give the office prior notice of any such arrangement. The office staff will share the code word with you so that you can then pass it on to the adult picking up your child.

Please note that the code word will change on a regular basis and children will not be released unless the correct code word is shared.

- Children not collected on time will be sent to Butterflies After School Club. Parents/Carers who are persistently late will be charged for this after school care at a rate of £3.50 per session. If you find yourself in an emergency situation, please ring the office and the charge will be waived.
- Please only book the sessions at Butterflies After School Club that you intend to use. We are finding that our Butterflies registers are inaccurate because families are booking sessions every day which their children are not attending. **In future, parents/carers will be charged the full rate for any sessions which are booked but not used.** If you wish to cancel a session, please do so by 12.00pm on the day of the session by ringing the school office. In these cases you will not be charged.

Please note that new contracts for Butterflies After School Club have been sent home with your child so that you can review your needs.

Thank you for abiding by these procedures and for keeping all of our children safe.

If you have a child in Y5 or Y6 and you are happy for them to walk home alone, please inform the office so that we can update our list.

Diary Dates

Saturday 10th March 2018	Y5/6 cross country event CANCELLED
Tuesday 13th March 2018	Y2 ES class assembly.
Tuesday 13th March 2018	Y1 MBB parent/carer information session on the Y1 statutory phonics screen at 9.00am. Please meet outside the office.
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Y1 JL parent/carer information session on the Y1 statutory phonics screen at 9.00am. Please meet outside the office.
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Last Bake It Up session.
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Book Van at school—cut price books for sale.
Thursday 15th March 2018	YR parents invited to play board games, 9.00—9.30am (No YR superstars this week.)
Thursday 15th March 2018	Book Bus in school—cut price books for sale.
Friday 16th March 2018	YR parents invited to play board games, 2.30—3.15pm
Monday 26th March 2018	No teacher-led clubs this week.
Tuesday 20th March 2018	Y2 HC class assembly.
Tuesday 27th March 2018	Last Bayleaf Cookery School session.
Tuesday 27th March 2018	Y1 MBB and Y1 JL class assembly
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Y6 trip to The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.
(Wednesday 28th February 2018	Bayleaf Cookery School assembly.
Thursday 29th March 2018	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes.
Thursday 29th March 2018	BREAK UP for the Easter holidays.

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Enjoy your weekend!
From Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)