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Headteacher's Note

Reminder: School will close at 1pm on Friday 5th April 2019 for the Easter break. We will come back to school on Tuesday 23rd April at 8.40am.

It is with heavy hearts that we say a fond farewell to our longest serving member of teaching staff – Mrs L Mc Caffrey.

Mrs Mc Caffrey has dedicated 13 years to Pikes Lane and has taught many of your children during this time. We congratulate her on her successful appointment as Head of School in a primary school in Yorkshire, where she will take position after the May half term.

We wish her all the very best and thank her for her hard work and commitment.



The dates below are the provisional dates for the class assemblies this year. Please note that the dates may still change.

The class teachers will send letters out nearer the time to the individual classes.

Wednesday 3rd April – Year 2
Wednesday 8th May – Year 5
Wednesday 22nd May – Year 4
Wednesday 19th June – Year 3
Wednesday 1st July – Year 1

Science Week

This week, we have been celebrating British Science Week 2019. We have had a fun packed week with a variety of visitors, workshops and science fun!

On Monday a discovery of giant eggs was made on the Trim Trail and we quickly moved the eggs in to the Hall for safe keeping. On Wednesday morning, they had hatched: Staff and pupils were perplexed as to what had been inside the now empty eggs.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from a mobile planetarium and Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 went inside for a workshop about Space. The children were amazed by the galactic sights they witnessed and had a truly fantastic journey across the stars.

On Wednesday, we had an exciting visit from a Science Boffin who showed us amazing experiments using a variety of chemicals and fire! Miss Hicks almost had water poured onto her head but luckily, thanks to a chemical reaction, the water had turned into a lump of jelly! Throughout the rest of the day, years 1, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed fantastic, whizz-popping workshops.

Throughout the rest of the week, EYFS had a visit from the fire and police service, and the whole school eagerly awaited the arrival of the baby chicks.

Giant Eggs?!



Mobile Planetarium



Fun Science Experiments





Caterpillars AM	83%
Caterpillars PM	93%
Butterflies AM	95%
Butterflies PM	91%
Ladybirds	82%
Busy Bees	95%
1CM	86%
1GF	95%
2LW	95%
2JH	89%
3SB	95%
3OM	92%
4AH	89%
4RW	93%
5AJ	98%
5HM	95%
6MP	89%
6NW	93%

Our whole school attendance for last week was 91.8%

Focus on Year 6

Over the past few weeks, Year 6 have been busy reading Macbeth. We have used drama, song lyrics and letter writing to really understand the characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. We even had a go at making some potions created by the three witches at the start of the play.



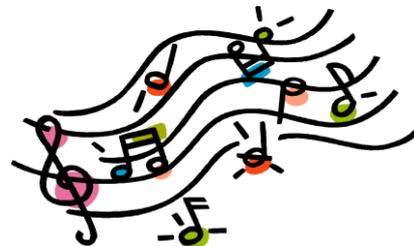
Focus on Key Stage 2 Choir

Choir have been working really hard learning four new songs for their repertoire:

- Lost Boy – Ruth B.
- We Know The Way – Disney's Moana
- Power In Me – Rebecca Lawrance
- Touch the Sky – Disney's Brave

We hope to perform these songs for a number of audiences during the summer term.

If you are in KS2 and want to join choir, please come along to 4AH at 12pm on Thursdays and Fridays.



Hatched Chicks!

Our chicks eggs have finally hatched! Four little chicks hatched on Friday 15th March and 2 more hatched over the weekend.

The children were extremely excited about the new arrivals and enjoyed handling them! Lots of learning opportunities were created from this amazing experience. For example, Year 2 investigated a variety of animals which are born from eggs, whilst Year 5 completed a scientific investigation about chick eggs and their maintenance.



Notes from Mrs Lowe

Mothers Day Breakfast - To celebrate Mothers Day we are inviting Mums in for breakfast each day next week. **Reception and Year 1 Mums on Monday, Year 2 on Tuesday, Year 3 on Wednesday, Year 4 on Thursday and Year 5 and Year 6 on Friday.** Please come along to the Community Room from 8am.

Friends of Pikes Lane - We will be meeting in the Community Room at **2.30pm on Wednesday 27th March.** Please come along and help with the planning of the Summer Fair.