St Mary's, Isleworth Newsletter for Friday 28th April 2017



NAHT open letter to the Prime Minister on school funding

Hundreds of school leaders have signed NAHT's open letter to the Prime Minister asking for recognition of the importance of education funding as an investment in the future of the country, and calling for a reversal of the \pounds 3 billion real-terms cuts facing schools. I have added my name to this letter too.

Dear Prime Minister,

On the steps of Downing Street you promised a country that works for everyone. That begins with our children.

Yet schools are facing real terms cuts of £3 billion. This will have a massive impact on young people and standards of education.

To make ends meet school leaders will be forced to make staff redundant, cut subjects, increase class sizes and cut back on extracurricular activity.

More and more schools are reluctantly asking for donations as a last resort to bring their budgets back from breaking point. Parents should not have to dip into their own pockets to make up for the investment government are unwilling to provide.

The future of our country depends upon the next generation. Their skills, their knowledge, their confidence and their creativity.

Let's stop seeing education as a cost and instead see it as an investment in the future. A good place to begin would be to reverse the £3 billion in cuts.

Yours,

Russell Hobby and over 500 Headteachers



From 5th May the old £5 notes cease to be legal tender.

Shops have been told to stop handing them out (some time ago).

Please check any pots of money at home and make sure you bank any in advance of that date.

Please note we will no longer be not be accepting them for payments to the school for the sale of water bottles/pens etc., or for any of your voluntary contributions.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

18th April - 21st April 2017

SQUIRRELS	96.15%	
BUMBLEBEES	92.50%	
DOLPHINS	95.00%	Top Class
1L	98.33%	2F
1P	97.50%	FANTASTIC!
2C	94.17%	
2F	100.00%	
3L	96.12%	Our Attendance
3M	94.40%	Target is 96%
4E	99.17%	
4S	95.97%	
YEAR 5	96.21%	
YEAR 6	98.44%	

I will write more in next week's newsletter about attendance (which is good at St Mary's). You will have seen that one of our 2 OFSTED Next Steps concerns attendance.

Education - invest in our future

Biggest cuts in a generation

School budgets are already under severe strain. The National Audit Office says those budgets will shrink in real terms by £3 billion by 2019/20.

The Government is increasing costs and scrapping support for schools

The government is increasing the amount of NI and pension contributions schools have to pay and introducing an apprentice levy which will not help schools and stretch resources even further.

At the same time it is scrapping the £600 million Education Services Grant meaning schools will have to fund additional services for children which are currently being provided by local councils.

Schools are at breaking point

In a recent NAHT survey 71% of our members told us they had to make cuts in order to balance their budgets this year.

98% of schools are facing real terms cuts by the end of this parliament and analysis of the DfEs own data points to a £339 loss for every primary aged pupil and £477 loss for every child at secondary school.

Wrong focus

We know that the most important investment for raising standards is high quality teaching. Constant structural change is an expensive distraction and causes cuts which are harmful to education.

Education is an investment in our future More funding for schools

Our new website shows the impact of the Government cuts

- Visit the website at www.schoolcuts.org.uk
- Share the results on social media
- Sign the petition on the website
- Email your MP using the link on the website and encourage others to do the same

Visit www.naht.org.uk to find out more about our school funding campaign



VAHT National Association of Head Teachers

Government spending plans are leading to the first school cuts in a generation

School budgets are at breaking point

Education funding is falling and our schools will suffer

- fewer teaching and support staff
- less support for children
- class sizes up
- less choice of subjects

The NAHT, NUT, UNISON, GMB, UNITE and ATL are working together to secure more money for schools.

Visit our website to find out how much your local school will lose under the Government's current spending plans.

www.schoolcuts.org.uk



National Association of Head Teachers

Year 5 – Letters from HRH The Prince Charles

Last Friday, year 5 received their own personalised letters from Prince Charles! It was exciting to hear his response to our concerns about climate change around the world and the children took great pride in reading each response.

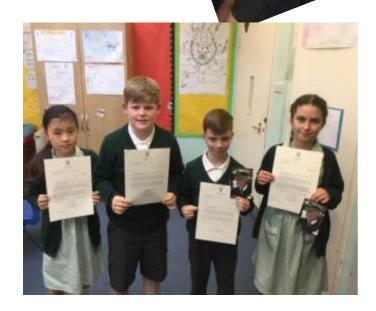




"It was great to know that he also cared as much as we did, and would try to do what we asked him to do without a problem. It really felt amazing to write and receive a letter from Clarence house and it is great to know that we managed to give him a few ideas of how to stop climate change and those who caused it. Honestly it was even exiting to write the letters in itself!

When we first received the letters (which took 20 days!) it was quite impossible to keep the joy inside so we- well most of us- burst out shouting, and those who didn't, at least said 'yessss' in a well measured amount of joy."

Filip, y5





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Violent Volcanoes!

Year 3 finished their Volcanoes topic this week with a visit to the Natural History Museum, where they looked around the Earth gallery and took part in *Emergency!* – a fascinating interactive science show.



We saw a special silver heat suit that volcanologists wear, a replica of the inside of the Earth and some glow-in-the-dark rocks. We saw a model of the dog found after Pompeii and we saw some models that explained what happens to the earth when there is an earthquake. On Wednesday Year 3 went to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington. When we arrived we went through the centre of the Earth on an escalator!

We landed in the Earth Gallery where we could find out about volcanoes and earthquakes.

lt was awesome!

Here's the Summer school dinner menu.



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	Donations for Plant Sale Friday 19 th May 2017, 11am – 4pm Saturday 20 th May 2017, 11am – 2.30pm						
							 Can you help us grow? We need people with green fingers to grow plants to donate for our annual plant sale. We would love herbs, indoor/outdoor plants, fruits, vegetables and hanging baskets. If you can donate any plants, please let Emma or Lynn know at the Centre by emailing talk@themulberrycentre.co.uk or call 020 8321 6300

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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Isleworth - PTA

Please drop off your plants at The Mulberry Centre by 11am on Tuesday 16th May, if possible stating what they are and the general care they need. Thank you! ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ISLEWORTH

HOLIDAY DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017 - 2018



Autumn Term begins

Return to school

Half Term Week

Return to school

Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th September 2017 INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th September

<u>school closed</u> <u>Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2017</u>

Monday 30th October 2017

Monday 8th January 2018

Monday 19th February 2018

School closes at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 20th December 2017

school closed Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2018

School closes at 2 p.m. on Thursday 29th March 2018

INSET DAY



Spring Term begins

Return to school

Half Term Week

Return to school

Spring Term Holidays



Summer Term begins

National Bank Holiday school closed

Monday 7th May 2018

National Bank Holiday school closed

Monday 28th May 2018

Half Term week

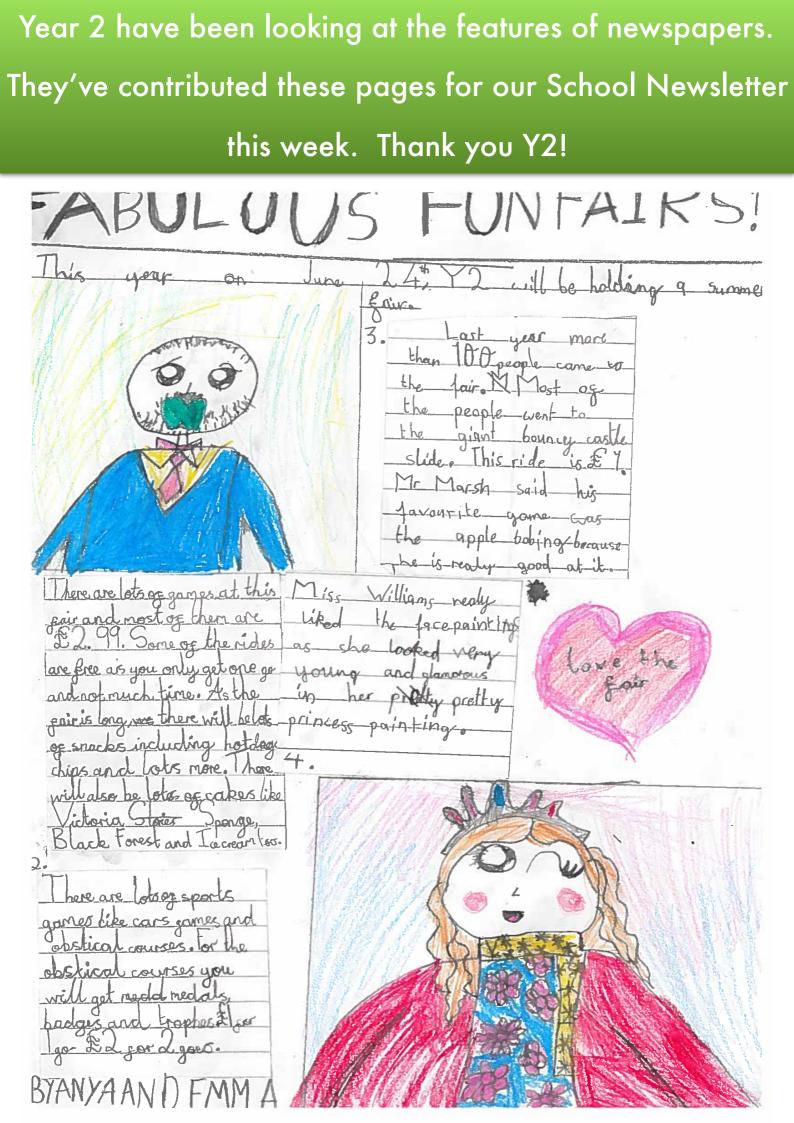
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<u>school closed</u> <u>Tuesday 29th May – Friday 1st June 2018</u>

Monday 4th June 2018

End of school year

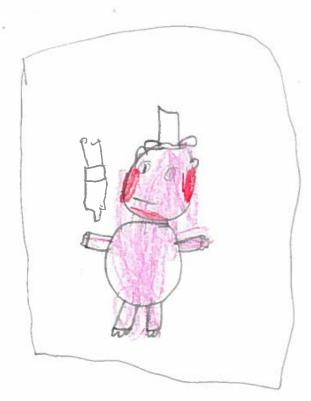
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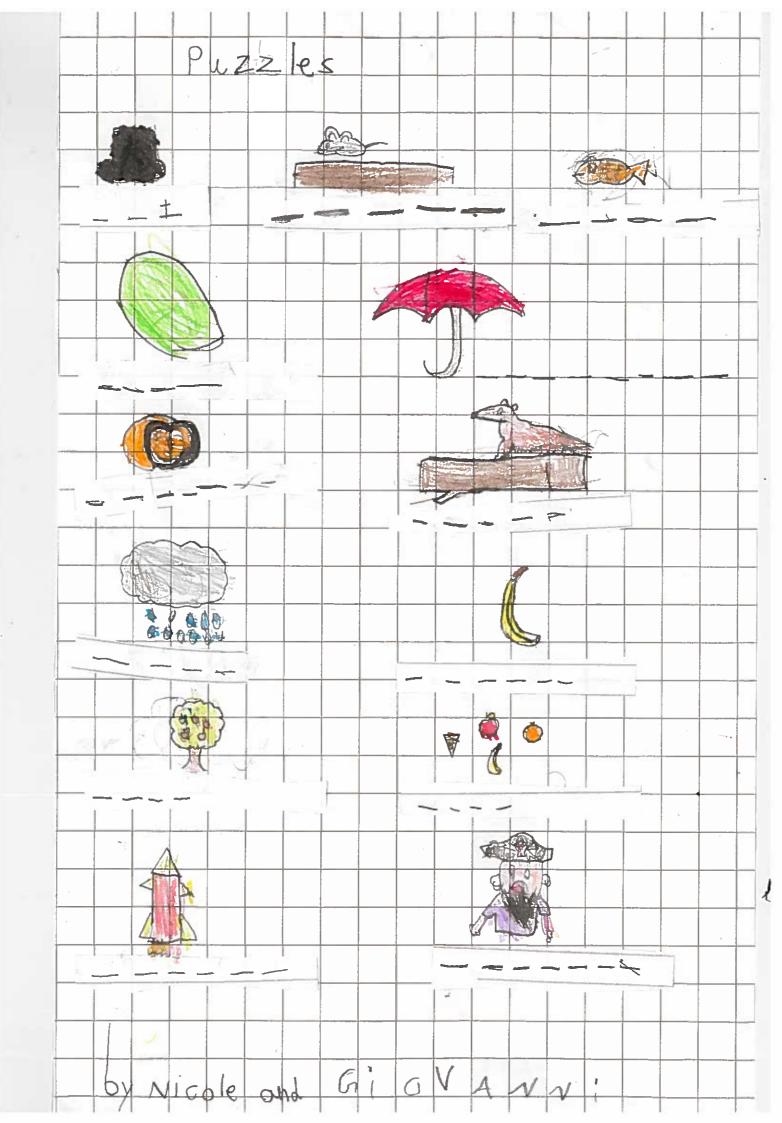
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