

# HEADCORN HEADLINES

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URGENCY	GENERAL WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS				
<b>Head's Lines</b> 	<p>Year 5 and 6 have had the fantastic opportunity to visit <b>The Cornwallis Academy</b> for a secondary school type <b>science</b> lesson on the last two Mondays. Mrs Hatch the Head of Science for Future Schools Trust, invited the children to create their own copper oxide crystals. This involved using some interesting equipment including bunsen burners, much to the joy of the pupils. Lots of fun and learning was had and we look forward to continuing the excitement when we have Science Week in June.</p> <p>Then on Tuesday we had the <b>Roots to Food</b> extravaganza! The morning saw KS2 in a cook-off with two teams led by Ms Woodgate and Mr Andrews. The Green Team cooked Coronation Chicken Curry and the Orange Team cooked Salmon fishcakes (<b>see recipes attached</b>). Both plates of food were very tasty and beautifully presented and the Green Team won by a very narrow margin. In the afternoon YR and KS1 learnt all about how the body needs healthy food as a fuel, before they did bursts of exercise followed by making banana milkshakes. Photos of the day will be shared on Twitter.</p>				
<b>The week ahead</b>	Mon 11 Feb	Tues 12 Feb	Wed 13 Feb	Thurs 14 Feb	Fri 15 Feb
					KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3 sharing PTFA Discos
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	<p>Please <b>drive carefully</b> and <b>park considerably</b> along Kings Road as we have had a <b>week of 'near misses'</b> with drivers speeding to catch traffic lights, driving up on the paths, reversing into our entrances as pupils and parents are crossing them and parking where Mr Curteis is trying to cross pupils safely. We have also noticed, on several occasions, children being allowed to get out of cars in the middle of the road. We request that children are not let out of cars that are not safely parked.</p>				
<b>INDEPENDENT CATERING</b>	<p>A reminder that <b>from Monday, 25 February we will be introducing a new way of paying and booking KS2 dinners</b>. The system is ready to use now and for more details please refer to the email sent earlier this week.</p>				
<b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>	<p>Handball will start Tuesday, 12 February and we are looking for more children from Years 4,5&amp;6 to take part. We hope that, with enough pupils involved at the club, we will be able to send a team or two to upcoming events in the Spring.</p>				
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<p>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – KS2 Celebration Assembly: Y3 sharing            Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term PTFA Discos            Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – End of Term 3            Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Start of Term 4            Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term 4            Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Start of Term 5</p>				
<b>PTFA</b>	<p>Permission slips to participate in LET'S GLOW DISCO will be distributed via book bags. They should be completed in order to attend the disco and returned, with cash payment, by Wednesday 13th February. The ticket price of £2.50 per child includes Non-Uniform Day <u>and</u> admission to the afternoon disco with water/squash, a light snack and a glow stick (EYFS &amp; KS1) or glow stick or Neon face/body <u>or</u> Festival Glitter (for KS2). <b>Tickets will not be sold on the door</b>. Pupils participating in Non-Uniform Day only, £1. This new system will ensure this PTFA event falls in-line with the schools H&amp;S procedures for fire safety and safeguarding.</p> <p>Thank you for your support, we know the children will have a super time!</p>				

<p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: CHEETAHS</b></p>  <p><b>EARLY YEARS CLASS: LEOPARDS</b></p> 	<p>Leopard and Cheetah Class really enjoyed the visit from Roots to Food on Tuesday afternoon. They learnt all about fruit and vegetables, why exercising is important, how our bodies use energy and of course, thoroughly enjoyed the banana smoothies that were made for them all by some of their class friends!</p> <p>Portion size was demonstrated clearly to the children, with a child's size portion of fruit or vegetables being able to sit comfortably in their small hand. Six grapes for a child would be one of their five a day portions whilst twelve grapes for an adult.</p> <p>All children listened very carefully to the food talk and loved joining in with the exercise activities. Drinking the banana smoothie was used to replace the calories/energy the children had used up whilst exercising.</p> <p>We have also been learning all about Chinese New Year this week as well as starting our Superhero topic. We have been looking at the animals from the Zodiac and how they all came to have a year named after them. This year, it is the year of the Pig. We have even been trying to write some alphabet letters in Chinese which has proven very difficult! However, the scrolls that they have made are fantastic and will be displayed around the school.</p> <p>Next week we will be learning the letter sounds th, qu, z and x and next term we will be starting to learn Set 2 digraph sounds such as ay, ee, igh etc (two letters that together make one sound).</p> <p>Please note, that if a school reading book gets ruined we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per book to be paid to the school office. This helps towards the cost of replacing damaged books so that every child can take a reading book home to practise their reading skills. We have had a number of brand new books that have been lost, ripped, misplaced or damaged by water or food since the beginning of the year. Please keep your child's reading book in the plastic wallet that was provided with the school book bag as this will help to protect it from any spills, if water bottles are to be placed in the book bag.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 1A CLASS: TIGERS</b></p>  <p><b>YEAR 1B CLASS: LYNX</b></p> 	<p>This week we really enjoyed the visit from Roots to Food. The children learnt about the importance of keeping fit, how to work out a portion size and how to make a banana milkshake. We also had fun learning about Chinese New Year and doing a carousel of craft activities. In Maths it has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for measuring length and height, including of themselves, items in the classroom and the classroom itself! Next week we will be moving on to weight and volume, so please use any opportunities at home to develop vocabulary and understanding. We are coming to the end of our sequence on Traction Man which will lead to the writing of our own books, including a blurb and a front cover. We will be discovering the playground games that children used to play – perhaps you could do some research at home, or talk about the games parents and grandparents used to play. Thank you for continuing to practise spellings and for making sure that the green spelling books are in book bags on Thursdays.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 2 CLASS: PUMAS</b></p> 	<p>It's been another busy week! We particularly enjoyed the 'Roots to Food' day on Tuesday where we learnt the importance of exercise and a balanced diet. Thanks to Chef Walker and Chef Stack for their amazing smoothie making skills. Who doesn't like a banana smoothie?</p> <p>In English this week we made 'wanted posters' for the capture of The White Bear King - using great descriptive language and then we experimented with oil pastels to create a Northern Lights back drop for his 'wanted' image.</p> <p>In Maths we have moved onto fractions and have been learning about equal parts as well as recognising and finding a half. The children have also enjoyed recalling the 2 times table. Every time we hear 'Another one bites the dust,' we are quick to stand up and start our recall with some added dance moves.</p> <p>Last week in Science we set up an experiment to find out which habitat woodlice prefer and this week we've been experimenting with lard and ice to see why animals in the cold habitats often have an extra layer of blubber. We have started to plan and make our habitat dioramas. Please feel free to bring in any extra craft items if you wish, to help create your final shoe box scene.</p> <p>Have a great weekend all!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 3 CLASS: JAGUARS</b></p> 	<p>Year 3 have been busy in maths looking at the value of different coins, adding money and beginning to give change. Any practice of this at home will be of great benefit to the children. Well done to those who achieved a Gold Certificate for their Mathletics - a fantastic effort, keep it up Jaguars! In English they have been busy writing their own Rain Forest stories this week, I have been so impressed with their ideas and creativity. Next term we have an exciting sandwich making workshop from Warburton's, I have sent out two forms with the children with regards to photograph permission and food allergies, these need to be returned by the end of next week - thank you. We look forward to sharing some of our work with you at Celebration Assembly this week.</p>

<p><b>YEAR 4 CLASS: JUNGLE CATS</b></p> 	<p>Jungle cats have had an action packed week creating a courtroom experience in English, working on reasoning perimeter questions in Mathematics and a great contribution to the 'Roots to Food' event during the week (see our school twitter page for more information!).</p> <p>Children have started creating their Viking long boats in DT however some of our cardboard boxes have been used very well within the designing process and we could do with some more if possible! Please bring in a cardboard box (around the size of a cereal box would be ideal)!</p> <p>Please ensure children are going on Mathletics daily and completing tasks set, we would very much like to try and win the maths mammoth again!</p> <p>Have a brilliant weekend!</p>
<p><b>YEAR 5 CLASS: CARACALS</b></p> 	<p>Another wonderful week of learning, keep up the good work Caracals. Just a quick reminder that the children all need blue handwriting pens for their work. If you are able to supply two then that helps when the ink runs out, or one hides in the tray. Please label them as they all look rather similar. Thank you in advance.</p> <p>Also, don't forget to bring in your small box for our craft activity at the end of the next week. Check out the home learning sheet for dimensions.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 6 CLASS: LIONS</b></p> 	<p>Year 6 have had quite the week. First off, on Monday, we enjoyed an amazing experience in the science labs at Cornwallis Academy on Monday. The Head of Science there, Ms Hatch, commended both groups on their engagement and behaviour during the lessons and I was immensely proud of each and every one of the pupils for demonstrating the Headcorn way. If the fun hadn't already been turned up to 11 by that point, on Tuesday we had a visit from Roots to Food to talk with the class about healthy eating and to share some nutritious recipes with the children. As Head Chef for one of the teams, I can certainly vouch for the quality of food on display, even though some of the audience clearly need to gain a bit more tolerance for chilli!</p> <p>The homework for next Wednesday (in addition to the weekly Mathletics) is to make notes about direct speech in their SATs book from the handout I have provided, and then to complete the accompanying activity sheet.</p> <p>Have a fantastic weekend everyone!</p>