



St. Leonard's CE (A) First School Newsletter


Friday 28th April 2023

'From a tiny spark to a bright flame'



'In him was life; and life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness'. (John 1:4-5)

Executive Headteacher of St Leonard's CE (A) First School / Executive Principal of Manifold C of E Academy: Mrs Kelly Stanesby Chair of Governors: Mrs Sue Hey and Rev Jane Held: Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Kelly Stanesby, Deputy safeguarding leads: Mrs Julie Amos and Miss Torr

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| Monday 1 st May 2023 | May Day Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 2 nd May 2023 | PE kit |
| Wednesday 3 rd May 2023 Welly Wednesday  | Welly Wednesday PE kit |
| Thursday 4 th May 2023 | Full uniform |
| Friday 5 th May 2023 | PE kit Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary Academy. Wear red, white and blue! |

Your lunch menu for the 1st May 2023 - 5th May 2023

| Monday 1 st May 2023 | Tuesday 2 nd May 2023 | Wednesday 3 rd May 2023 | Thursday 4 th May 2023 | Friday 5 th May 2023 |
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| Bank holiday | Chicken korma, rice, peas and sweetcorn | Roast chicken, mashed and roasted potatoes, carrots and cabbage | All day breakfast | Coronation celebration party lunch |
| | Flapjack | Jelly | Rice Krispie cake | |

Star Awards



Congratulations are sent out to the following children who won Star Award's this week:

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| Headteacher's Award | Sophie F Rosanna |
| Star of the Week Sparks | Elise |
| Star of the Week Flickers | Rosa Bella |
| Star of the week Flames | Nina |
| Spark to a flame Sparks Class | The whole class |
| Spark to a flame Flickers Class | Dylan |
| Spark to a flame Flames Class | Lili |
| Mrs Amos award | All the random readers |
| Cook's Award | Charlie |
| After school club award | James |

Happy Birthday

A very Happy Birthday to Jacob, Dottie and Rosanna who all celebrate their birthdays this week.

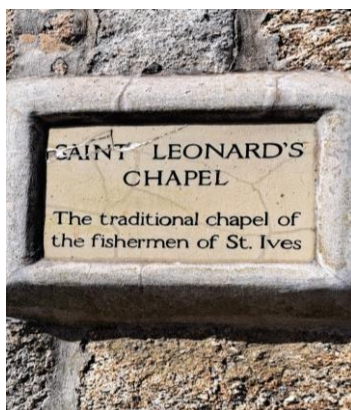
We hope you all have an amazing time!



We're getting about!

Kallum spotted this sign on his holidays in St Ives. He took a picture to share with us. Thanks Kallum!

If you're out and about and spot our namesake please send in your pictures to us!



School uniform bank

Contrary to what the weather may be telling us we are in fact in the Summer term!

With the weather promising to improve over the next few weeks we would like to remind you that we have **free** summer uniform items available from the uniform bank.

We have some grey shorts for boys and many purple gingham summer dresses in various sizes for the girls.

Please get in touch if you feel we could help.



Worship at the chapel

On Friday we attended the chapel next door to the school to hold our celebration assembly.

The children really enjoyed the change of scenery and behaved respectfully and considerately.

Thank you to Megan and Sophie who led the singing of "My Lighthouse" and well done for doing so in front of all your friends.

Thank you also to our governor Mrs Sue Deaville and her husband for arranging the use of the chapel by the school and making sure it was nice and warm for us!



A Royal Welcome!

You may have noticed that we have been joined by Royalty!

King Charles and the Queen Consort Camilla are waiting in the Reception to welcome the children in to school each morning and wish them a good day!

It's just a flying visit before they head off to London for the big day on 8th May!



Coronation Celebration at Manifold Primary on Friday 5th May

Please complete the form below if your child wishes to have a school packed lunch for the Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary Academy on Friday 5th May. Even if your KS1 child is in receipt of universal free school meals (up to year2) we still need parents to order a lunch. The closing date to order is by the end of today (0.00 - Friday 28th April)

<https://forms.office.com/e/wkhgrecmMB>

Please note that any orders received after this cannot unfortunately be accepted. Also, we cannot cater for any deviations to the menu as it is set due to the number of schools attending the event.

If your child doesn't require a school packed lunch please send them in with one from home.

Thank you.



Trip to Poole's Cavern

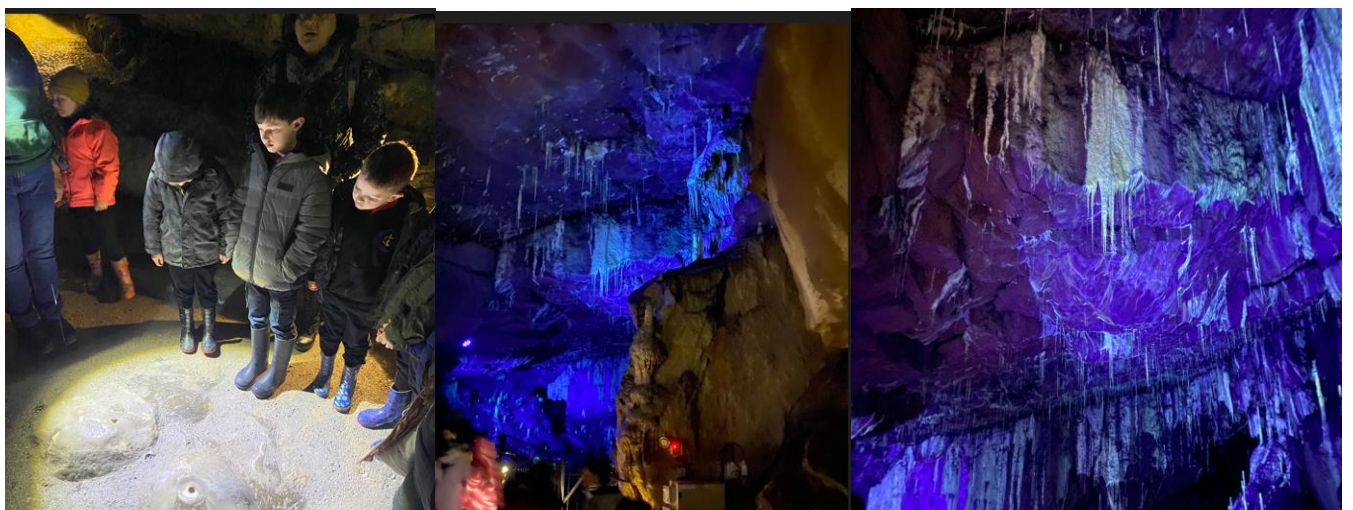
The children had a lovely time on their trip to Poole's Cavern.

They had a tour of Poole's Cavern and a lovely nature walk through the woodland to Solomon's temple.

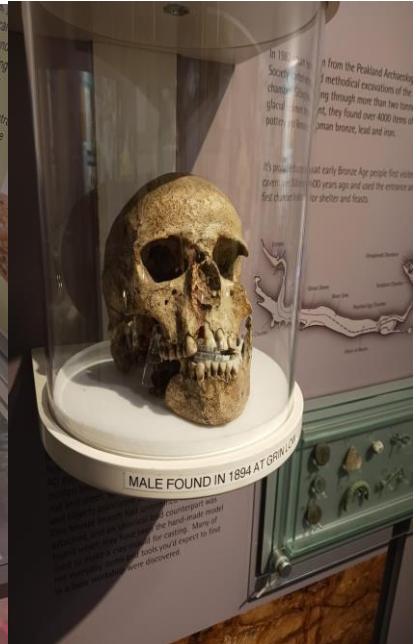
At the top of Solomon's Temple they enjoyed the beautiful views over Buxton. They had a sunny picnic lunch and then went on to the cavern.

In Poole's Cavern they were shown around all the stalagmites and stalactites, an original gas lamp that was used to light the path many years ago, they saw a skull that was discovered in the mines.

They learned about how Poole's Cavern got its name and they saw where the Stone age people used to live.



Trip to Poole's Cavern continued



Attendance



Attendance target - 96%

This week's attendance-100%

Celebration concert at Victoria Hall - Thursday 22nd June - Flames class

From Monday 1st May tickets are available to purchase online for the Flames celebration concert at The Victoria Hall. This is to celebrate their musical achievements this year.

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CHRP>

The cost is £5 and free for non performing children (in full time education).

The children will be playing the percussion instruments they have been learning this year, the drums and the glockenspiel and they will be singing songs including "True colours".

Letters have come home with the children.



The Big Question

Wednesday's "Big Question" assembly asked the children:

"Why am I here?"

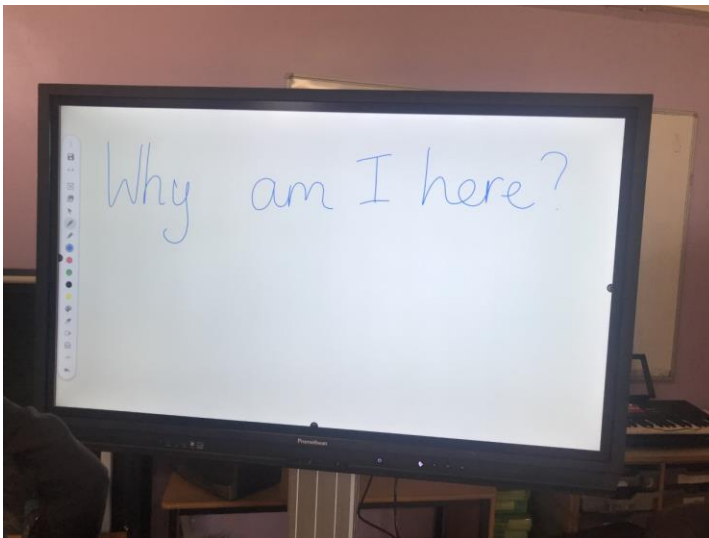
The children broke off into their house teams to discuss.

The **purple** team decided – We are here to make the world a better place. If humans weren't created, the world would be quite empty. We can make it better by planting more trees and flowers for example.

The **green** team said- The Earth could probably survive without us so we are just extra so we should be grateful to be here and live a happy and full life

Red team's views were - To keep the food chain working correctly. For example, if humans didn't eat salmon, there would be more in the ocean and therefore eating more of their food, krill. There would then be less krill eating Plankton, and therefore too much in the ocean. Harmful algal would then bloom. These can decrease the sunlight and oxygen in the water, which can disrupt the natural ecosystem!

Yellow team agreed- We are here to look after the Earth such as plants and animals.



Dates for the diary

Summer Term

May Day - 1st May

Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary School - Friday 5th May

King's Coronation bank holiday - Monday 8th May

Whole school trip to The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery - Thursday 25th May

Term ends - Friday 26th May

Term starts - Monday 5th June

New reception transition morning - Friday 9th June

Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 8th June - Year 3/4 Residential trip to Gulliver's Kingdom

Thursday 15th June - Father's Day afternoon

New reception transition morning - Friday 16th June

Thursday 22nd June - Victoria Hall concert

New reception transition morning - Friday 23rd June

Wednesday 28th June - 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Sports Day

New reception transition morning - Friday 30th June

Churnet View transition days for year 4s - Tuesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 7th July

New reception transition morning - Friday 18th July

Tuesday 18th July - Whole school trip to the seaside.

Thursday 20th July - Leaver's service

Term ends - Friday 21st July

The list of dates is not exhaustive at this time of the year . We will, of course, keep you up to date.

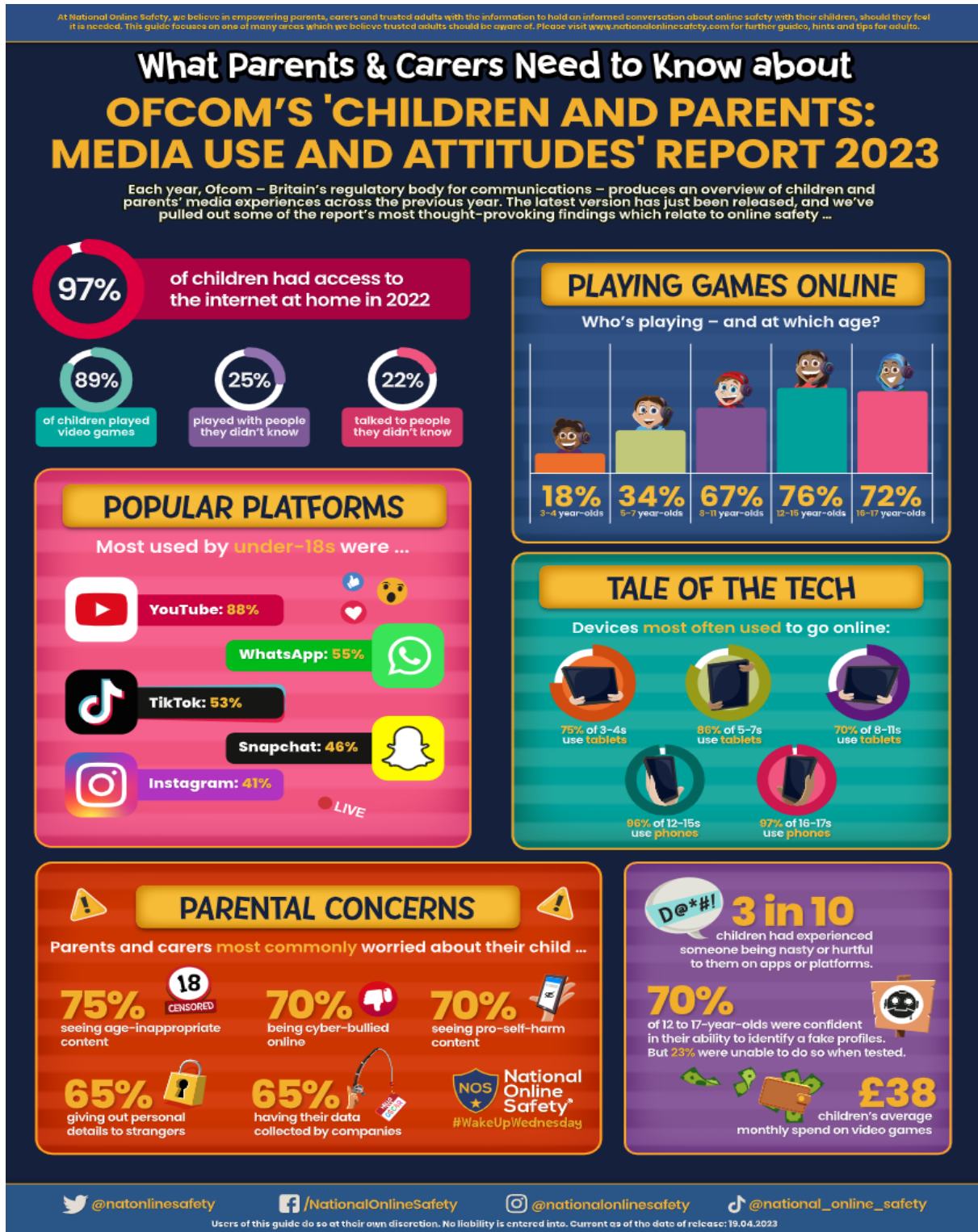


National Online Safety

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report provides a comprehensive picture of how young people used and interacted with the internet in the preceding year. It's a fascinating snapshot of what games and apps young people are currently favouring, how long they spend online and how tastes change at certain ages.

While some of Ofcom's latest findings will probably come as scant surprise (YouTube being by far the most popular platform among under-18s, for instance), other conclusions may raise an eyebrow or two. This special #WakeUpWednesday guide presents some of the report's most eye-catching facts and figures in an accessible infographic format.

In the guide you'll find statistics and trends such as the current most popular platforms for young people and the proportion of children in each age group who play online games.



Sparks

Sparks class turned "Super sleuths!" after coming in to school to find their classroom had been turned upside down and they were missing some valuable items.

The police contacted Sparks to ask them to find out who was the culprit!

The classroom was cordoned off whilst the children investigated the clues.

They spotted foot prints, then finger prints, and there was a coffee cup with lipstick on.

They had a list of suspects which they worked through based on the clues and it was revealed that the person responsible was.....

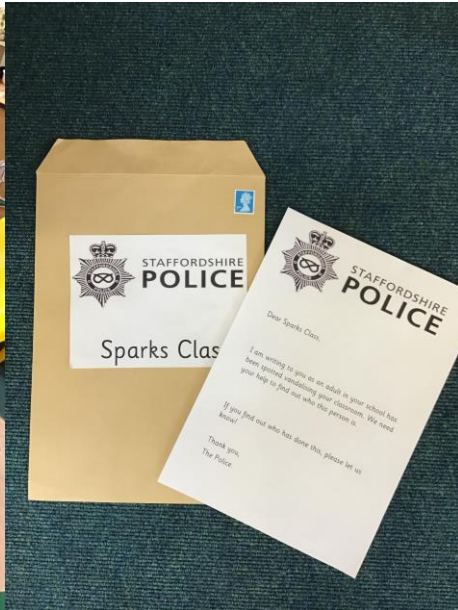
Mrs Amos!

Mrs Amos was accosted by Sparks in her office where they also found the stolen items. Mrs Amos' excuse was that she had heard Bella crying and went to investigate but couldn't find her which is why she turned the classroom upside down looking for her! A likely story Mrs Amos!!!!

She was arrested by Sparks and charged with being very naughty!

They have been writing letters to King Charles. Eleanor drew a picture for the King and posted it to him from school.

Sparks have also received their very first spelling books this week and they were super excited!



Sparks continued;



Flickers

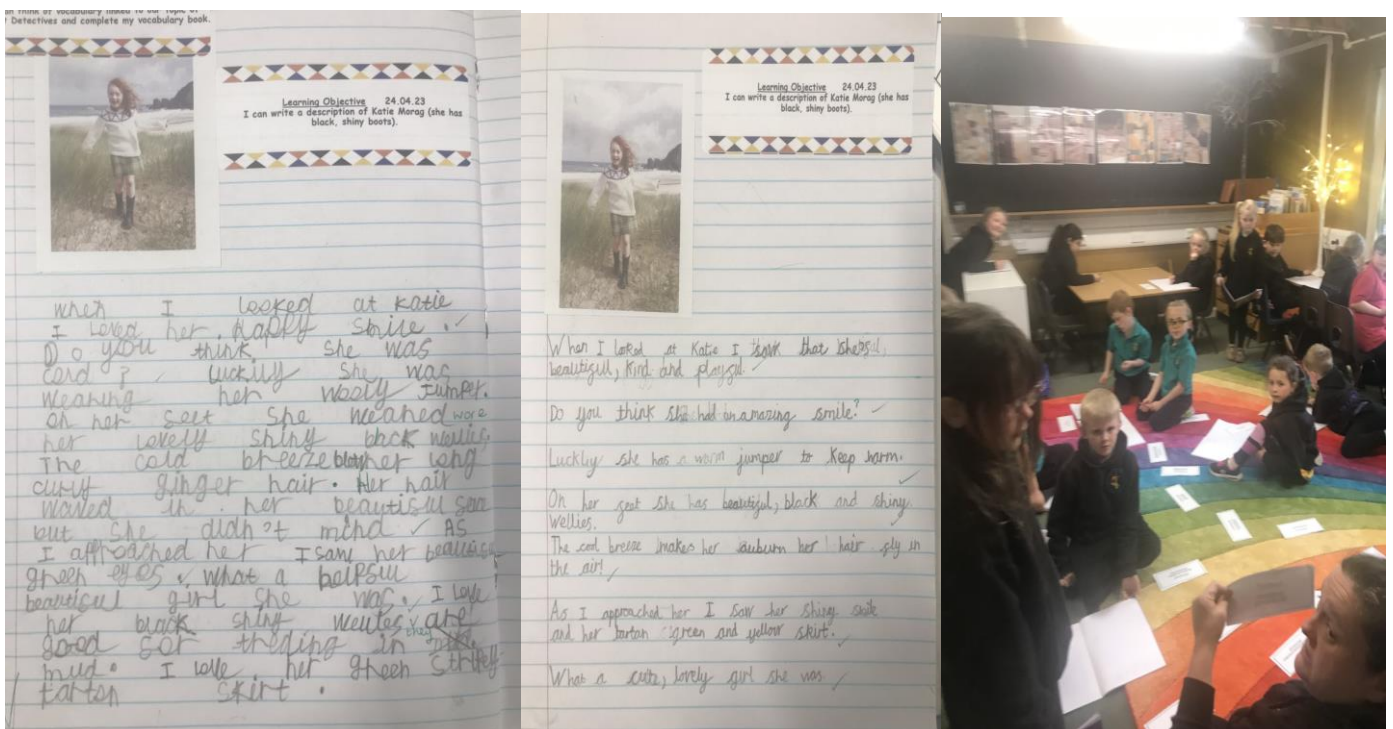
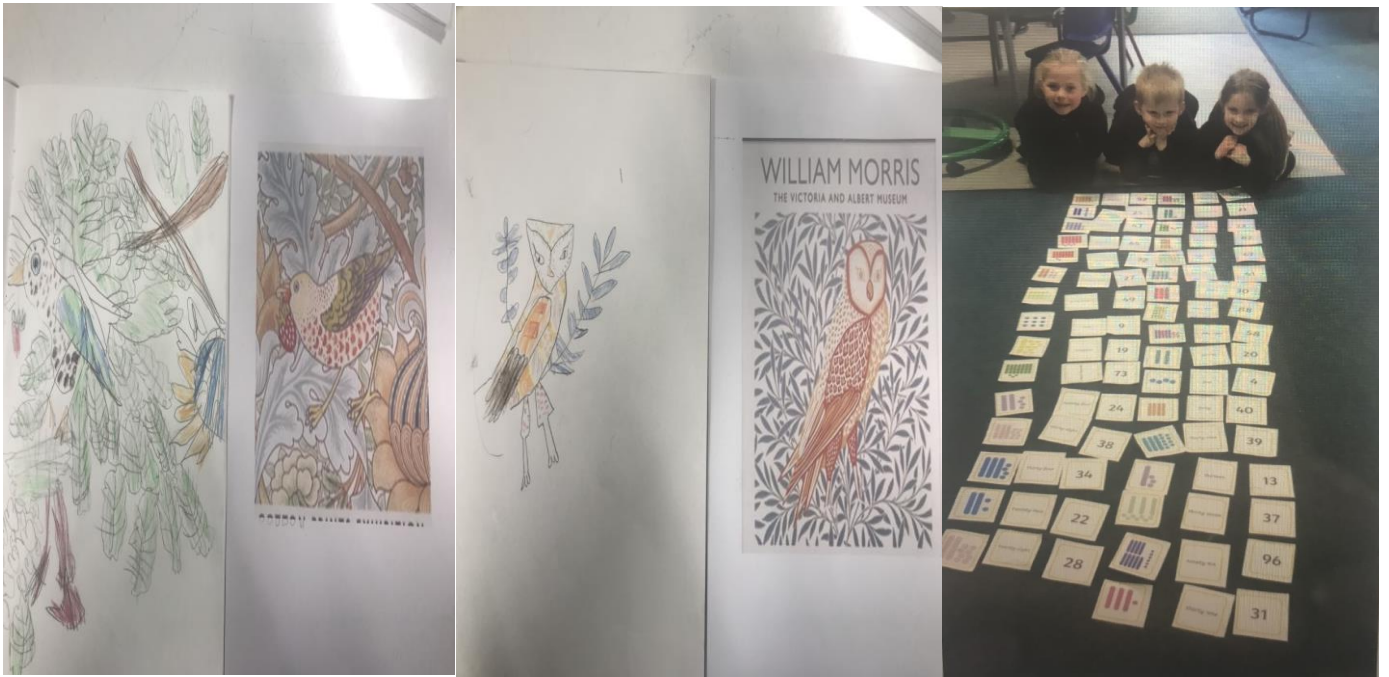
This week Flickers class have been recreating the artwork of William Morris. They produced some lovely drawings.

They have been writing about Katie Morag.

Katie Morag is a feisty, red-headed girl who lives with her family on the magical Scottish Island of Struay. Her life is full of stories of jealousy, bravery and rivalry, a perfectly perfect best friend and a couple of grandmothers.

Their writing has been so brilliant it has earned them phone calls home!

In Maths they have been working hard on place values and they have been using the new prayer room for their RE lessons. It is a lovely calming learning environment.



Flames

This week Flames class have been conducting experiments to recreate the effects on an Earthquake on buildings.

They used jelly, spaghetti, and marshmallows!

The jelly was the Earth's core and the children then had to build their structures using the spaghetti strands stuck together with marshmallows.

The aim was to see if the structure could withstand an Earthquake. So, they placed their structures on top on the jelly and wobbled to simulate the earthquakes shakes.

Most of their structures did in fact survive the Earthquake due to some inventive architecture and engineering!

They have also been refreshing their knowledge of their previous learning quests, planets and the human body by playing Kahoots!

This is a fun way to encourage the children to retain the information they have previously learned and we must say they are rather spectacular at it!



May Day

Enjoy your May Day.



Your next newsletter will be issued on Tuesday 9th May due to the school attending the Coronation celebration at Manifold Primary on Friday 5th May and the bank holiday on 8th May.

