



WINDMILL PTA ROUND-UP

Since the New Year, Windmill PTA have organized two social events, both of which were quizzes!

- The Family Quiz was held in early February; a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Knapp for making the quiz fun and challenging. The children especially enjoyed helping the grown up on the music round! It was great to see so many people attending
- The Curry Quiz, held mid-March, an event for parents only, is always a great way to get to know other parents from school over good fun and trivia! Special thanks to Sarah Newey for organising, and Nick and Mo for setting an excellent set of questions (the movie round was a real highlight).



We've also had several cake sales, which were ever so busy and are a great support to the classes. The children especially enjoyed being included by drawing great posters and it's been great to see so many parents getting involved!

If you bought cakes or raffle tickets, came along to a social event, or helped in any other way big or small, then thank you! We would especially like to say thank you to the organisers of these events; it wouldn't happen without your help...thank you very, very much!

Our meetings are open to everyone involved with the school. Please come

along if you can! We want to hear from you! Our next meeting is Wednesday 2nd of May at 19.30 in the after school club room.

The 100 club, which is a monthly lottery aimed specially at raising fund for the library, has started again this year and we are always on the lookout for new members to make up the 100 discs drawn every month. Please email windmillpta@gmail.com if you are interested or want to know more.

School App Reminder: **The username is 'Windmill' and the password is 2527.**

Windmill Autumn Fayre 2018 – Call for leaders!!!

The Windmill Autumn Fayre is the biggest event of the year – it brings the school community together and raise funds for the school. The Fayre is always a huge success, thanks to lots of volunteers who help in many ways. We are **looking for people to take the lead in the organisation of this year's Fayre, the only requirement is a lot of enthusiasm!** This is a fabulous opportunity to **contribute to Windmill's thriving community. We have plenty of information** and suggestions from the previous organisers, as well as a group of parents and staff who are always ready to help. If you are interested please write to windmillpta@gmail.com.

Tiphaine Bouriez-Jones, Windmill PTA chair

FROM THE HEADTEACHER:

It has been yet another busy term with lots of opportunities for the children to extend their learning both inside and outside school. It has been great to see the number of visitors to the school, and the range of visits that the children have been on, all aimed at strengthening their learning.

Performing Arts

Despite the increased expectations for English and Maths in the national curriculum we are determined to keep the breadth of the curriculum and ensure the children have regular opportunities to take part in the performing arts. This is more challenging in year 6 where there are so many external pressures on

the school to do well in the SATS.

Despite this the choir have, as always, been busy singing at different concerts and I am really enjoying getting back into training the children in years 3 to 6 for the Strictly Junior Dancing. The Year 1 play was a great success and we are looking forward to the Year 4 version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and to the future productions from years 5 and 6.

Progress on the School Improvement Plan

Writing

Throughout this academic year we have been working hard to implement the actions in the school improvement plan to raise attainment in writing and mathematics. In writing we introduced the Write Stuff, and evidence on how this is being used is on many of the classroom walls. It has been really good to see the high-quality writing that the children are producing through this structured approach. We have also put non-negotiables for writing into every year group which has further raised expectations.

Mathematics

The mastery approach to teaching is becoming well embedded in the teaching of mathematics. It was very exciting for 6 teachers to have the opportunity to watch teachers from Shanghai teaching in this way, when they visited the UK in November.

Communication

We have been pleased with the informal feedback that we have received regarding improved communication. We are aware that this is not always consistent; after the Easter holiday we will conduct out a new survey to find out how you all feel and to identify areas where we could improve further.



Improving Health and Fitness

We have been looking at how we can increase the amount of time that the children spend being active. This includes introducing aerobic times tables which has a double benefit – it helps the children remember their times tables, and also keeps them active.

After the Easter holiday all the children in Year 4 and 5 will be trialing the Daily Mile for a term, running or walking for 15 minutes each morning at the start of the school day. We are hoping that the children become fitter, and also more alert and ready to learn when they go into school. Letters detailing the trial have been sent to parents and carers of children in years 4 and 5.

The children in LAW group are also preparing an assembly about Sugar and healthy eating which they will share with the school after Easter.

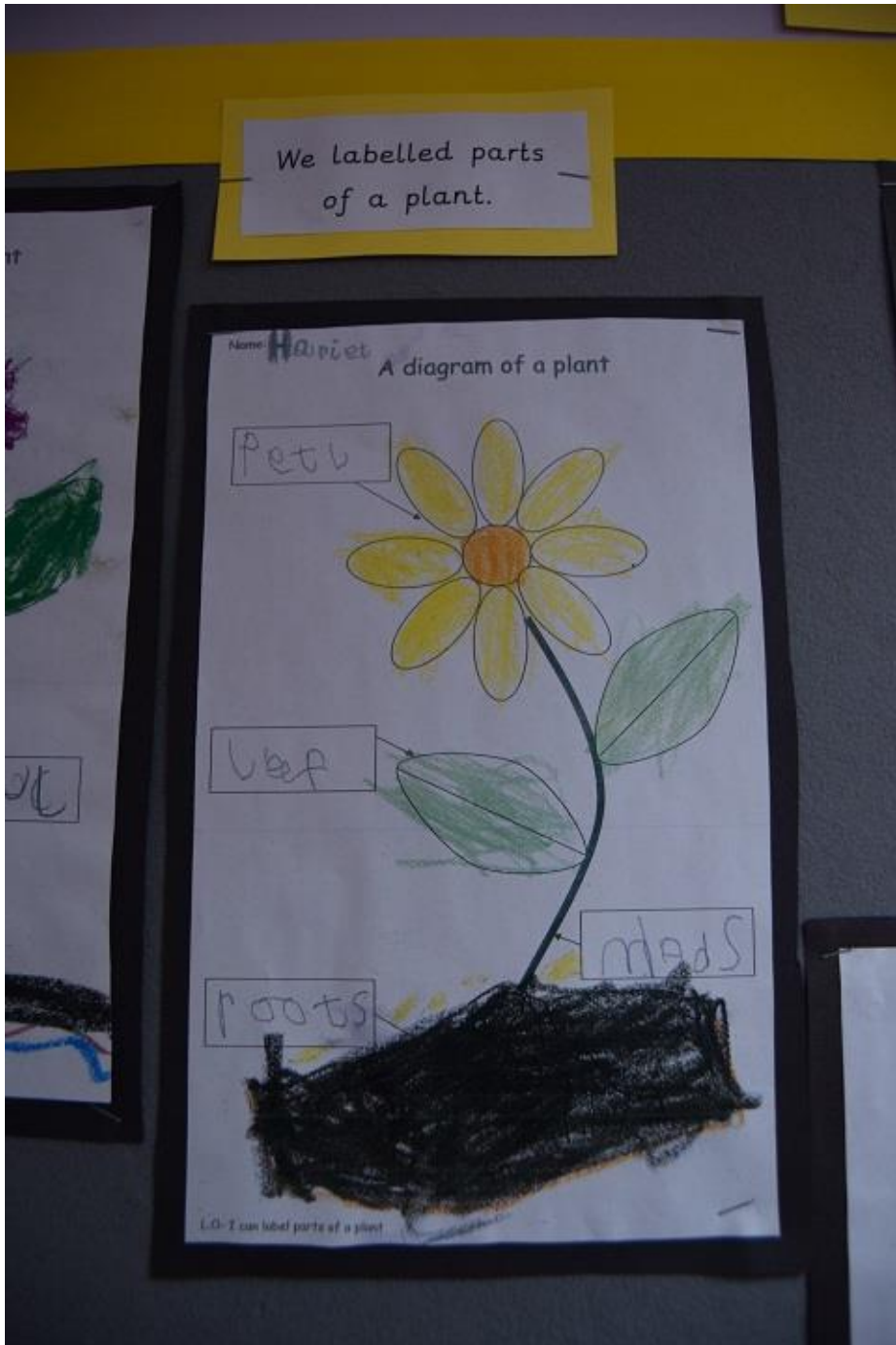
We will be maintaining the emphasis on health and fitness throughout the rest of the year.

Lynn Knapp

FROM THE CHILDREN

In Reception, the hedgehog class have been learning about plants and studying Jasper's Beanstalk:





Year 1 have been working hard on their writing – here's some beautiful work by Ines Pearce...

Thursday 8th March

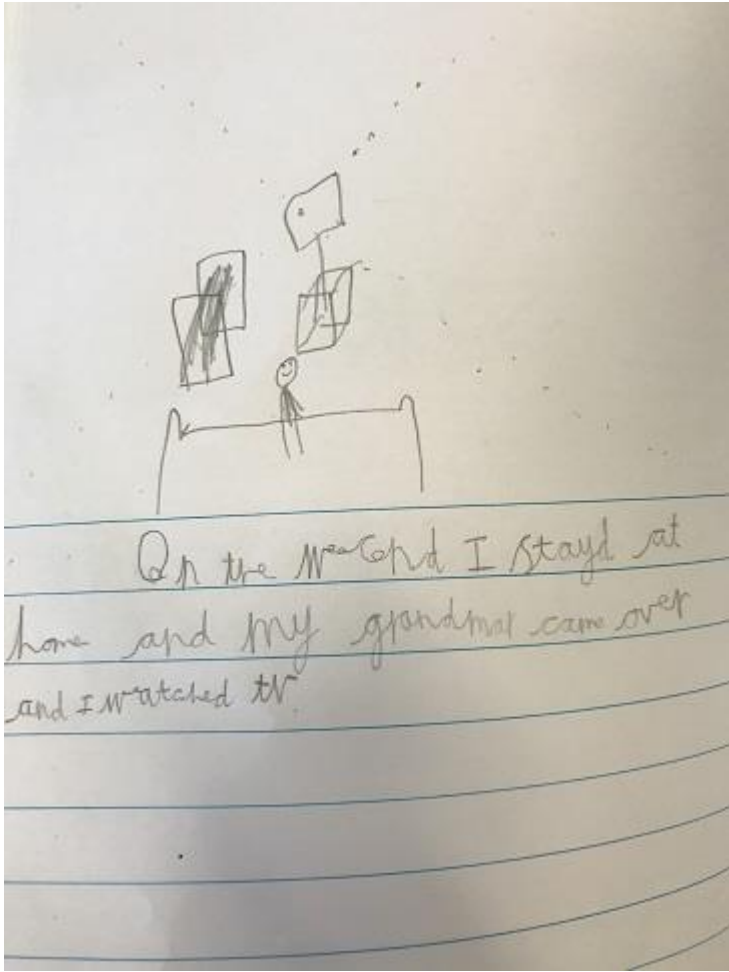
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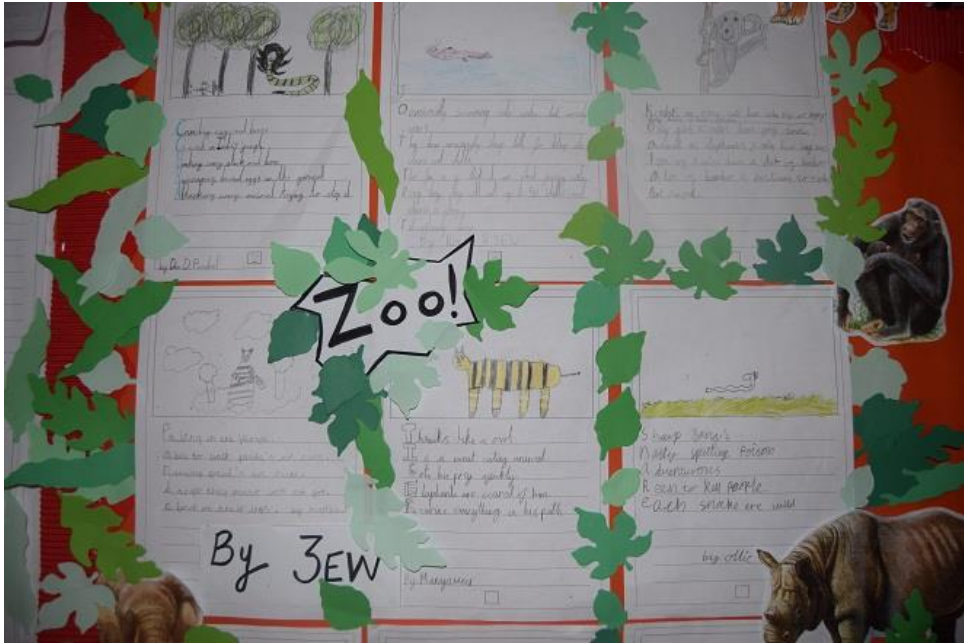
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...and Max Curtis:



Year 3 have been learning about zoos





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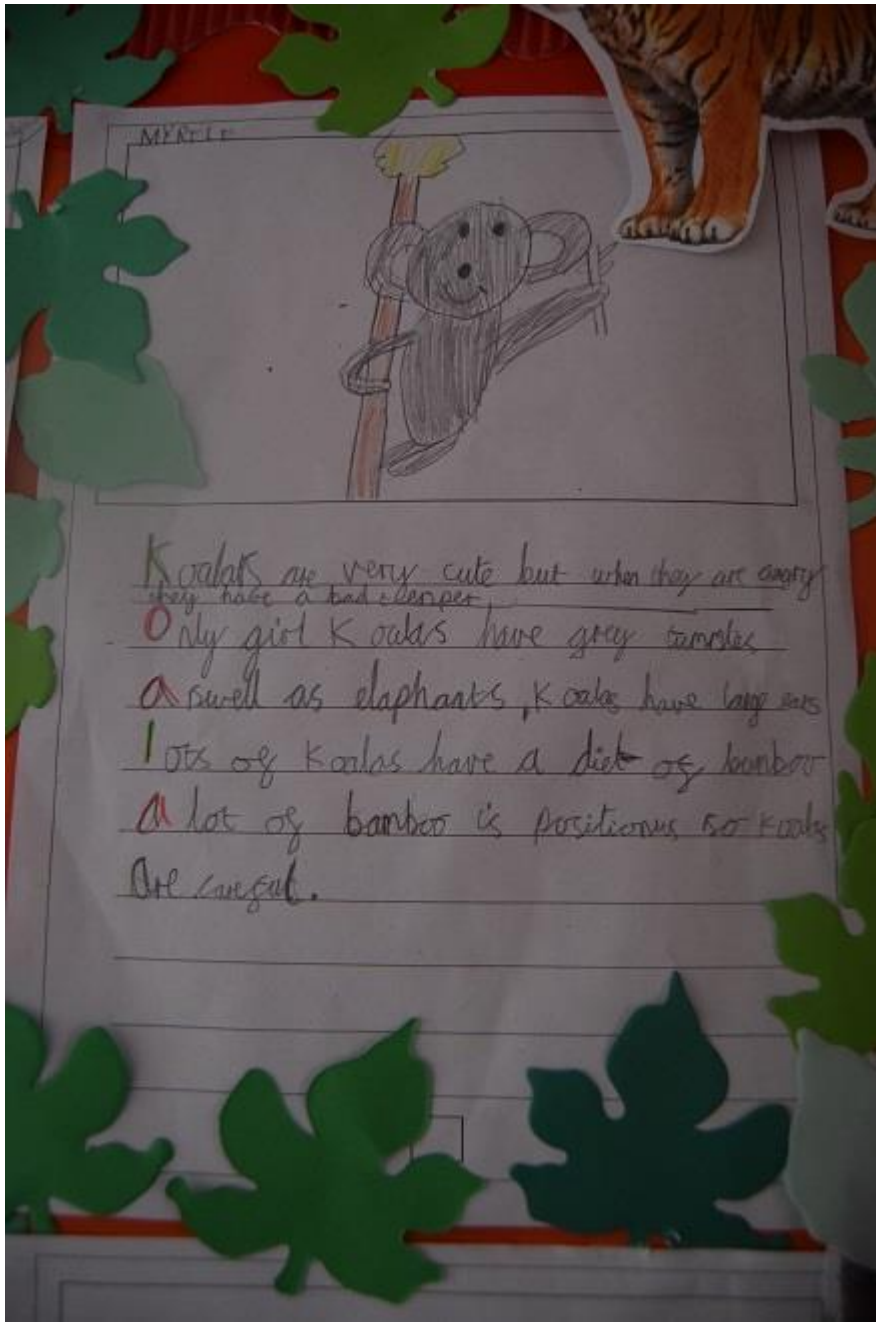
Haughty

Doesn't swim

Cute

by Alex





STAFF Q&A WITH MISS SAUNDERS

Describe your favourite day:

Breakfast in bed, a trip to the seaside with the sun shining followed by a BBQ in the garden.

What would your best friend say about you?

She loves to organise fun things to do and is a very good listener. She can't sing or dance!

Do you have any pets?

No but my parents have two dogs, two Shetland ponies and two alpacas.

What is your favourite app?

Pinterest which gives me lots of inspiration for school activities and is helping me to plan my wedding for next summer.

What make is your car or bicycle, and does it have a name?

Volkswagen Golf

What is your favourite children's book?

Where the Wild Things Are. I have all the puppets and really enjoy telling the story.

What do you like most about your job?

I love spending my days with children and seeing them learning new things, especially in Reception when they are just starting to read and write.

What was your favourite subject at school?

PE – I loved having a go at all the different sports.

What is your greatest achievement?

Running the London Marathon for CLIC Sargent.



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