

Newsletter

25.03.2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has been action packed!

World Book Day brought the world of books to life! The day was filled with excitement and activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Holgate for leading the children in contemporary dance. The whole school 'big read' was so engaging, Mr Moody's retelling of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' was an absolute hit!

STEM week was incredible. The challenge to beat 'The Eggescliffe Cube' had all children thoroughly engaged and excited. It was wonderful to see them apply their skills so knowledgeably. Everyone enjoyed making bath bombs with 'Lush' a wonderful way to end the week.

The 'walk and wheel' has been exceedingly popular and it has been so lovely to see the children so eager to share their 'wheely' good skills even in the temperamental weather!

We would like to say a huge thanks and a fond farewell to Deb Hird as she embarks on new adventures. Her time with our children has been greatly appreciated. She will be greatly missed.

Sporting Successes

Huge congratulations to the netball team who came second. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout which was noted by the coaches and other teams. We hope to have more opportunities for the team after Easter.

Thank you to Mr Ogden and the Sports Leaders for organising the 'Biggest Ever Football Session' which was a national event. There was over 475,000 entries, we received recognition and congratulations by the F.A. for going above and beyond!

P.E days after Easter

Please see below P.E days for your child after Easter.

Year 5 commence their x2 week block of swimming starting on Monday 25th March

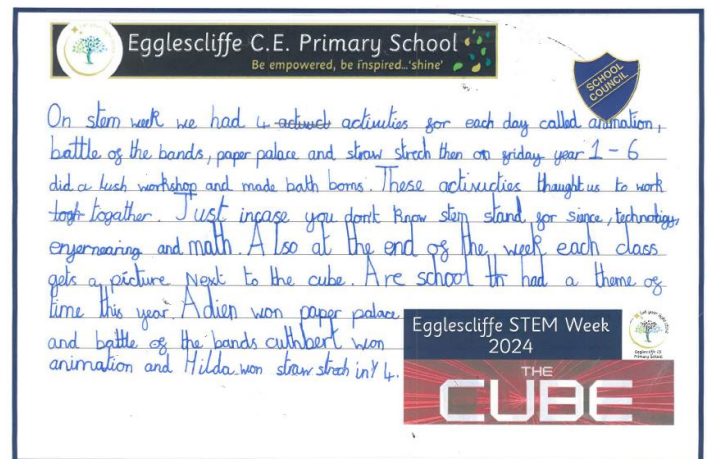
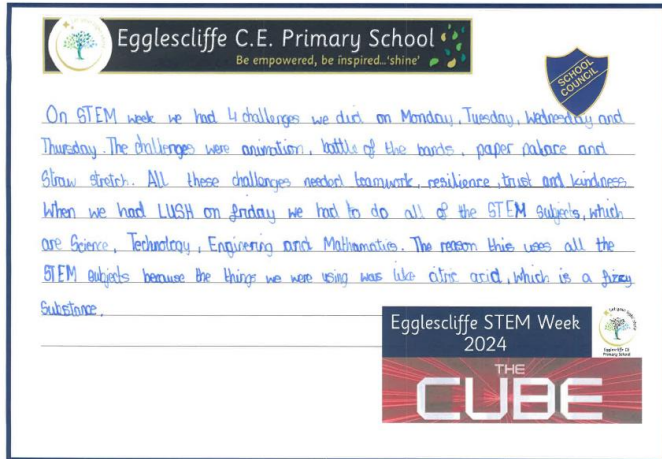


Monday	Year 2 and 3- MFC
Tuesday	Nursery and Reception- outdoor adventure Year 6 and Year 5- MFC.
Wednesday	Year 1 and Year 2- Gymnastics Year 3 and Year 4- cycling
Thursday	Years 5 and Year 6- striking and fielding Year 4- Dance
Friday	Nursery and Reception- Project Evolve Year 1- athletics



School Council

Our School Councillors discussed their highlight this half-term. Of course, it was unanimous that it was STEM Week. Please read about the week below...



Easter Fayre- Thursday 28th March

The F.O.E have organised an Easter Egg Design competition, with entries to be brought into school the morning of Thursday the 28th March. We have some 'eggciting' prizes for the winners of the best designed hard boiled or polystyrene egg!

The Easter Fayre will commence at 2.30pm in the school hall, with stalls and games for the whole family to get involved and enjoy themselves. F.O.E are looking for any donations of **Easter themed chocolates/sweets and tombola gifts** to be used for the fayre, any donation big or small can really make a big difference in our fundraising.

If you would like to volunteer and offer support at our Easter Fayre or if any parents or family members work for a company that would be able to match fund the event please let the Friends know by emailing friendsofegglescliffe@outlook.com, as this could make a huge impact in our fundraising.

All funds raised during the event will be going towards a 'Reading and Therapy Nook' for all pupils to access. We are continuing to raise funds for the MUGA, although due to rising costs this is going to be through supporting the school with writing grant applications.



Easter Service

Thank you for joining us for our Easter Worship on Tuesday 26 March at 9.30am. We hope you enjoyed the croissants, cookies and a cuppa. This was a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate. During the worship, we were entertained by our dance group, our choir, soloists and instrumentalists.

Yarm Library

Yarm Library are setting up a Junior Book Club for children aged 8-11 and are currently taking details of interested children. The club will run monthly after school with a maximum of 8 children, and will include discussion about books the children are reading and enjoying alongside activities such as designing covers, reviewing books, talking about illustrations etc.

Parents / guardians can sign the children up by coming into the library or by contacting us on 01642 528152 or emailing yarm.library@stockton.gov.uk. If you need any more details, please just let me know.

Absences and Requests for Absence:

All children need to attend school every day to benefit from their education. It is central to raising standards and ensures all pupils fulfil their potential.

Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in school. I would like to thank you all for your sensitivity, commitment and diligence in following the Government guidance thoroughly.

As you will be aware Government regulations removed the right for a child to be absent from school for holidays. We would like to remind parents of this but also that they should submit a Request for Absence Form if children have a planned absence so that school are aware of the location of pupils. Our school minimum target for attendance is 96% and our registers are regularly checked for those that fall below expected attendance (90%). Should your child fall below this figure regrettably they are considered to be Persistent Absentees. When checking the registers it is also noted if a pupil has no recorded reason for absence. It is therefore vital that if your child is ill, that we receive a telephone call early each morning that they will not be attending. You are also required to provide copies of any recorded medical absences, we would be grateful if dentist, doctor or hospital cards/letters are provided to school for copying. Regrettably without this information, we are unable to record a medical absence. It will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

School starts at 8.50am and doors open from 8.35am, punctuality is formally recorded and we politely remind you that being prompt for school is important for your child.

Article 29: Goals of Education

Year 6 SATs:

The Year 6 SAT's were planned to start on **Monday 13th May- Friday 17th May 202**

It is very important that all Year 6 children have excellent attendance prior to the tests and are present in school for the whole period as these tests are national tests and cannot be taken at any other time.

In Spring 2 **we are having a Mock SAT's week**. This is an opportunity for the children to prepare for the forthcoming tests. We aim to ensure children feel comfortable and confident in the environment and be familiar with the set-up

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Late Collection from school or clubs

We understand and appreciate that at times you may run late but we are finding more and more we are unable to attend other meetings and meet other commitments due to waiting for late collections. Therefore after half-term, should you be more than 5 minutes late, your child will go to Extended Provision and the costs will be charged to your ParentPay account



Afterschool Clubs

Commencing 15th April- Thursday 23rd May

Article 31: Leisure, Play & Culture

Day	Provision	Year Group	Time
Monday 5 weeks (Bank holiday Monday 6 th May)	KS2 Football with MFC R & KS1 Diva Dance	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.20pm
Tuesday 6 weeks	Bee-Keeping Club KS2 Athletics with MFC R & KS1 Project Evolve	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.20pm
Wednesday 6 weeks	KS1 Craft club with Mrs Stokeld and Mrs Oliver KS2 Art Club with Mr Hanratty Cycling (bikes provided but you can bring your own if you prefer) (Max 20)	R Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 Y3 Y4	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20- 4pm
Thursday 6 weeks	KS2 Dance with Mrs Holgate (Max 20) KS2 Film Club with Mr Moody R & KS1 Story Encounter with Mrs Howard (Max 20)	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 R Y1 Y2	3.20 – 4.20pm 3.20 – 4.2pm 3.20 – 4.20pm



£18 each club for x6 weeks

Monday clubs- x5 weeks £15 (due to Bank holidays)
All can be paid through ParentPay by end of 26th March



P.D Days:

Please note school will be closed to children for professional development day...

3rd and 4th June 2024

A fantastic half-term filled with creativity, imagination and love.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday.

Kind regards.
Mrs E Robertson
Head Teacher