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What a fantastic three days we had visiting England's amazing capital city. We were blessed with good weather throughout the duration of the visit, giving the children the opportunity to explore the city without the disruption of rain or snow. On the topic of the children, I must say they were beautifully behaved and a real credit to their families. The residential visits are a wonderful opportunity for the children to not only enjoy a new cultural experience, but to also spend quality time with their friends and their teachers. They certainly kept the staff well entertained during the visit with their sense of fun, humour, and their sheer delight at all of the places that they visited. One of the American waitresses in the Hard Rock café, told us that she had never served such well-mannered children before, that comment was the icing on the cake at the end of the first day! Hopefully the same waitress, also enjoyed the children (and staff's) contribution to the table drumming, clapping and vocal accompaniment to Freddie Mercury and Queens, 'We will Rock You'! Well we were in the Hard Rock café and as Shakespeare once said, "If music be the food of love, play on." So we did!

Thank you children for embracing everything that we planned for you, hopefully the visit will be something that you will look back upon in years to come with fond memories.

Miss Armstrong, Mr Saddington, Mrs McKenna and Miss Rochester.







Spring term Prayer Space Stations

Many thanks once again to the volunteers from the Holy Spirit Church who planned and provided this term's Prayer Space activities. The children do enjoy exploring the different stations, allowing them the opportunity to think about others who are less fortunate.

At one of the stations, it was good to see the children building shelters and homes out of Duplo for those who found themselves homeless either as a result of war, flooding or following an earthquake. I overheard some very interesting discussions about what it would be like to have lost your home and possession; this opportunity to empathise is very good for the children.

Avril Armstrong.

Purple Poppies

We have places available in our 2 Year Old Nursery beginning either after the Easter holidays or September 2018.

Please contact Miss Barton for more details.

Thank you.









Climbing at Thorp Academy

On Wednesday 21st March, some of Year 4 were lucky enough to take part in a Climbing Wall session at Thorp Academy. The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity which was led by Mr Stead, a qualified climbing instructor, along with some sixth form students. They were very supportive of each other and many of them even made it to the very top. All of the children were incredibly determined and were an asset to the school. Their behaviour was exceptional and was commented on by a local resident.

Some of the children quoted;

- "It was quite scary when I got near the top but I never gave up." Matthew B (Jerusalem)
- "I really enjoyed it even though I didn't manage to get to the top," Eva B (Jerusalem)
- "We were all very proud of each other!" Olivia D (Moscow)
- "At first, I thought I couldn't get to the top but I proved myself wrong." Darcey I (Moscow)

Forthcoming dates for your diary....

Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th March 2pm Y3/4's fantastic production of 'The Peace Child' All Families who have children in Y3/4 will be entitled to 3 tickets per child for each performance. Tickets are available from the school office at a cost of 50p each.

> Monday 26th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm KS2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 27th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm KS2 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 27th March Children to bring to school a boiled egg to decorate

Wednesday 28th March am
Family decorated Easter eggs to be brought into school so that the eggs can be judged by
Jenny Stubbs

Thursday 29th March 9.15am Edinburgh Class Assembly on the theme of Easter followed by coffee and cake for parents

Thursday 29th March Easter Egg winners (family and children's) announced at Edinburgh's Class Assembly

> Thursday 29th March School closes for the Easter holiday

> > Monday 16th April School reopens

Year 6 France Residential Visit 2018

Just a little reminder that the next payment of £70.00 for our visit to France is due today.

This will bring your total payment so far to at least £280.00.

Unpaid Fees

With the end of this term almost here, we ask that all outstanding Lunch money be paid by Tuesday 27th March.

Thank you.

School Attendance Week Ending 16.03.18

Year 5/6	
New York	97.9%
Rio	99.6%
Toronto	99.2%
Year 3/4	
Jerusalem	96.4%
Kuala Lumpur	97.0%
Moscow	96.3%
Year 2	
Cape Town	98.5%
Vienna	94.3%
Year 1	
Edinburgh	95.7%
Glasgow	93.1%
EYFS	
Gateshead	99.7%
Newcastle	94.4%
Crawcrook	93.7%

Well done to Gateshead for the best attendance last week.

This week's House Points

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