

It has been an even busier week than we planned this week with the addition of an Ofsted visit to the school diary. Ofsted Inspector Joe Figg visited us on Tuesday and spent the day looking at children's books, observing teaching and talking with senior leaders, governors and children about the life and work of the school. Thank you to those parents who completed the Parentview questionnaire—I appreciate it was short notice but the school is only notified of the inspection the afternoon before it takes place!

We receive a letter with the findings in approximately 2 weeks which we will distribute to parents via Parentmail but in the meantime can I say how immensely proud I am of all of our children, staff and governors.

And in the midst of the intensity of an Ofsted inspection -my favourite quote of the day ... two of our younger children whispering in the corridor- *'You look different today' - 'Yes, I know, I am wearing my special Ofsted jumper'.*

I love my job!

Nikki Brown

PS. Look out for the 'Science Week' special edition newsletter next week

Year 3 Visit to Fitzwilliam

Last Friday Year 3 delved deeper into their research about the ancient Egyptians with a trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to interact with and study ancient artefacts from all angles as well as to work with Museum experts. In addition to exploring the Museum's collection of artefacts the children also created their own clay canopic jars as well as miniature clay organs to go inside them!

Ms Bell and Ms Cowdrith



'Ahead of Sports Relief on Friday 23rd March, Year 5s will be selling wristbands for £1 each **next Monday and Tuesday lunchtime** to help fundraise for a fantastic cause. If you would like your child to purchase a charity wristband please send them to school with £1 (in a named envelope or purse) on Monday or Tuesday.

In addition to this, on Friday 23rd the children will get the opportunity to take part in some fun sporting activities set up by Year 5s and Mr Pullen.
Thank you for your support!

Science Week is kicking off next week!

We have lots of exciting activities and workshops planned across the school so hopefully your child/children will be coming home talking about **stem cells**, **brain connectivity** and **immunology**. Expect photos in next week's newsletter. In the meantime we have launched a poster competition with the best entries being submitted to the British Science Association's annual poster competition. The theme this year is 'Exploration and Discovery'. Children have been asked to make a 2D A4 sized poster about anything involving exploration and discovery. The more creative the better!

19th+20th March Y5 visit to the Department of Engineering

20th March Y6 SAT's information meeting 3.15-3.45

21st March Y5 visit The Big Read and Write

22nd March Travelling by Tuba Concert and workshops

22nd March Reception visit to the Botanical gardens

25th March Clocks go forward

28th March Y6 visit Fitzwilliam Museum

30th-15th April Easter Holidays

19th April Class and team photographs

14th May Year 6 SATS week

18th-21st May Year 6 residential

24th May Y3 visit Grafham Water

28th May-3rd June Half term

15th June Bags 2 School

14th July Summer Fete

20th July Break up for Summer holidays (23rd+24th Inset days)



Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Lilac Ksenija

Topaz Lucy Leo

Turquoise Ben

Jade **Lila** Martin

Scarlet: Ishaq Andrei

Burgundy Theo Oliver F

Ruby: Zia George H

Amethyst: Mimi Tom Oscar

Indigo James W

Violet: Ben Beth Ramiro

