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Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

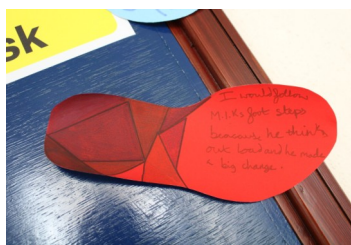
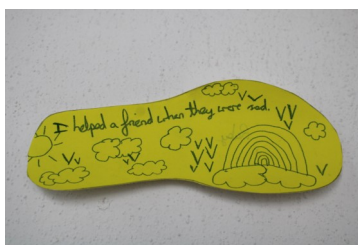
Dear Parents/Carers,

You have probably noticed that a brand new outdoor classroom has appeared on our playground! Huge thanks to Ed Space for their brilliant work getting the classroom built so quickly. The children have already tried it out and are all in agreement that it is great to have the space back.

It has been a particularly sport filled week this week. Key Stage 2 took part in mixed relays and lots of medals were awarded. We have been very impressed with the attitude and team spirit of all of the children.

Year 6 have been hard at work learning about multi cultural influencers and incorporating them into different areas of the curriculum. In art, they have been researching artist Elizabeth Catlett and making their own monoprints inspired by her work. They have also been discussing the important messages Martin Luther King represents and thought about the people whose footsteps they would like to follow in and wrote about why.

Mrs L Handel
Headteacher



KS2 Relays

Every KS2 child took part in mixed relays on Tuesday this week. All children tried their best and the winning teams all got a medal. Well done to everyone for your effort and enthusiasm.



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Dates for Your Diary

- > Friday 17th February Dartmoor Parents Residential Meeting 3.15pm
- > Feb 21st half term week begins
- > Red Nose Day (My Hero)
- > Week commencing 28th March Y4 residential trip to Dartmoor
- > 11th April Easter Hols
- > Week commencing 9th May Y5 residential trip to London
- > Monday 2nd May school closed for bank holiday
- > May 30th half term week begins
- > Week commencing 27th June Y6 residential trip to Porthpean
- > Friday July 22nd School Closed

Garden Days

Year 6 (Class 15)

Tuesday 1st February

Year 6 (Class 14)

Thursday 3rd February

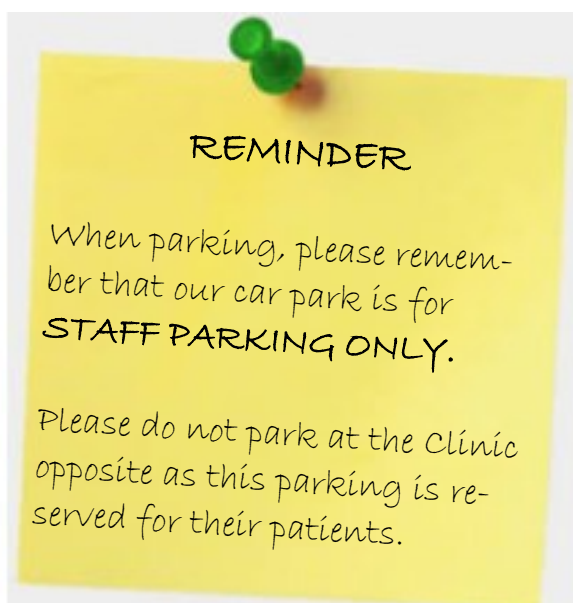
Year 2

Thursday 17th February



Guinea Pigs

Class 6 enjoyed a little visit from two of the guinea pigs today. They talked about how to care for pets and everyone enjoyed a cuddle.



Due to allergies, we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with nuts or nut based foods.

Playground Reminder

Our playground is very busy before and after school and to help keep our children safe, we have the following rules in place:

- Please can parents arrive NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES before school starts
- Please can parents leave immediately after they have dropped off or picked up
- **If you have asked an older sibling from the college to collect your child, please remind them they must come ALONE and not bring a group of friends.**
- **Please do not ask college children to meet you in our playground.**

Many thanks,

Mrs H Alexander (Deputy Headteacher)

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Youth Mental Health Workshop

Class 14 had a workshop with the 'Youth Mental Health Foundation' on Wednesday morning. Presenters were a father and daughter duo and the daughter had ADHD and dyslexia. They came in and talked about the idea that everyone has different 'geniuses' and that they were all different with different talents. Children completed a short quiz and then were told what their particular genius was—

- Dynamo—creative (Albert Einstein and Richard Branson are in this category)
- Blaze—great with people/leaders (Barak Obama and Oprah are in this category)
- Tempo—calm and thoughtful (Nelson Mandela and Gandhi are in this category)
- Steel—great with systems and processes like maths and computing (Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg are in this category)

Most of the children were able to guess what their genius might have been based on who else was in their group which was great to see. Children were then encouraged to think about their interests and reduced these down to one single interest that was their favourite. They took this interest and created a poster of what their dream future might look like based around this interest.



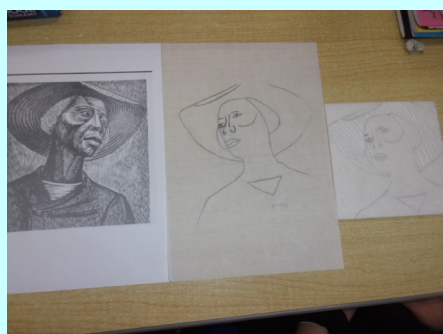
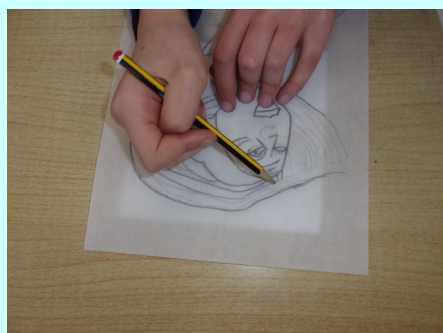
Fancy a free swim?

Half term is just around the corner and Meadowlands Leisure Centre has a great program of activities to help unwind and work on physical and mental wellbeing. They are very kindly offering our children and their parents a FREE pass (gym or lane swim).

To take advantage of this offer, simply scan the QR code (left) and fill out the quick online form.

Year 6 Mono Printing

Year 6 were inspired by The Sharecropper, a mono print by Elizabeth Catlett. Next week, our inspirational artist is going to be Corita Kent and we will be learning how to use stencils to convey a message.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

With Covid 19 cases on the rise nationally, please remember it is Government advice to continue to undertake a lateral flow test regularly. Please inform the school if you receive any positive test results. If you have not yet had your vaccine or booster jab, please consider booking in for it.

Let's all do our bit to get through this!

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Dartmoor Residential Parents Meeting
Parents are invited into school on Thursday
17th February at 3.15pm—4pm.

Year 3 Garden Day

This week for Garden Day we decorated our volcanoes which the children took home. We kept back one volcano which we put bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in, and it exploded.

We used trays with sand in to make 'beaches' and made paper beach huts of which we added people sunbathing. Next we added water and they washed them away with a tsunami!

We also taped two bottles together and quickly turned them over so the water went into the empty bottle and a 'tornado' was formed.

We finished our day by making dens and poured water over them to check if they were waterproof.



Red Nose Day 2022

That time of year is nearly upon us once again and this year our theme is 'My Hero'. On **Friday 18th March 2022** we are asking all children to come to school dressed as their hero. Please bring £1 to school on this day.



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- A jar or plastic bottle
 - A jug of warm water
 - 60ml glitter glue
 - 3 drops of gel food colouring
 - 60g glitter
1. Add warm water until your jar/bottle is a third full.
 2. Squeeze in glitter glue and mix until combined.
 3. Add food colouring and glitter and mix.
 4. Add in the rest of the water, secure lid and swirl the jar for full effect.

Given it a try? Send us a picture to share on our social media pages.

