



'BROADCAST

Newsletter 17: February 2nd 2024

Dear Parents,

I am seeing lots of good quality work now that the children have immersed themselves in their topics. It is especially lovely to hear about some of the conversations you have had with your children at home. For example, talking about mega-structures in Year 1 Harper said, 'In a city there isn't enough space for people to work so they have to work in a tower'.

Year 1 and 2 had a successful local walk. They found out more about their local area and the names of important buildings

Wraparound Childcare Survey 2024

You will be aware that the Government is aiming to ensure that all local authorities and schools have adequate wraparound childcare options from September 2024 onwards. For this reason we need all primary schools and parents to complete a survey that will provide data for analysis so that any gaps in provision can be identified.

We would be grateful if you would complete the Schools survey by 6pm on Friday 23rd February 2024.

We would also be grateful if you could issue the link to the parents survey to parents of children at your school.

Links are below:

[Schools Survey](#)

[Parents Survey](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Early Years Service](#)

Thank you so much.....

We are overwhelmed and very grateful by the love and support you have shown our children by buying an item from the Amazon wish list. The joy of seeing the items flood in on Monday morning was overwhelming. Thank you so much.

If you feel you are able to donate any of the items on the links below, we would be hugely grateful. By clicking on the wish list links, you will be able to select the item and purchase with Amazon then sending the item directly to the school. When ordering, please feel free to add a note to the delivery stating the name family/child donating the item - in the case of books, we can then add a little note saying who donated the book. It is always fun for a pupil to find the book they donated in our library.

Thanks in advance for any help you can give.

English Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/bnNWVET>

Forest School Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>



Who would you give an award to and why?

What a great discussion you can have together. Do you all share the same opinion or do your views differ? Maybe someone has played a significant part in helping you develop your interests. Perhaps you have noticed someone that always goes above and beyond to help people.

P.E : A reminder that on PE days it is good practice to remove all earrings. If your child is unable to do this unaided it is best to not wear earrings to school on that day. We will continue to provide tape if worn but cannot take responsibility for their safety if this option is taken.

PAWS- Hound- Look at doodles google.

Design a Google doodle for a significant individual or event linked to your topic. Rylee (Year 1) created this doodle based on the Megastructures topic.



Over the Rainbow- Big Write-Totally independent writing by Colby, Year 4

Over the window lies a giant mountain range called the Alps. There's a rainbow with a glacier behind it. The window is special and ancient. The mountain is giant and ragged. At the peak, where the clouds are, it's frosty and cold. The glacier is long and big. It towers over the blue, misty ocean. The glacier has a man in his mid 40s. This is why the rainbow is so important. The man died about 500 years ago. He's been there ever since. His name is Otzi, Scientists have been researching about Otzi. When he was in the glacier, he saw he has diseases. He had tooth decay for example. He could also see the beautiful, colourful window. Otzi didn't have much food when he got there. He is more famous than Howard Carter and his great find of Tutankhamen. The rainbow is famous for the icemen who lived there for 5300 years. Otzi is one of the most famous artefacts of humans there has ever been. He wanted to live next to a rainbow all his life. Early scientists then were hearing about Otzi and wanted to learn more. However, scientists today still learn about him. But Otzi's body is not in the glacier anymore. It's in a science lab. Otzi was quite old in his time. Some say he's elderly some say he's not. But I think that he's elderly. The rainbow is as long and as big as the Nile in Egypt. Where did he live before he died? No one knows where he lived. The vivid colours of the rainbow were scarlet, orange, yellow, green, indigo, pink and a smooth light violet. The ocean blue is so close to turquoise or the indigo of the colossal bow of colour. The rainbow will stay here forever. The lovely pink is like a beautified ruby colour. The big bow is like a bridge going on towards a big town of gold emulates and treasures.



Congratulations to Olivia, Year 6 for representing Castle Hill at the Gloucester Schools' heat. She spoke with clarity and

Tesco Tokens

We have managed to secure one of the Blue token boxes at your local Tesco store. Thank you for your amazing support by placing your tokens in the Castle Hill allocated box. The box is looking very full. We are hoping that we will be able to raise sufficient tokens to buy new cycles for the Reception class.

Thank you for every contribution.

DATES FOR SPRING TERM

- Friday 2nd February- School Disco KS1 4.15pm-5.15pm KS2 5.30pm-6.30pm
- Wednesday 7th February – Gloucester Schools' UKS2 Gym Competition
- Tuesday 20th February- Gloucester Schools' KS1 Orienteering (by invitation)
- **Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February- Half Term**
- Tuesday 12th March-Friday 15th March- Year 6 Residential
- Tuesday 19th March- Parents' Evening- 3.30pm-6pm (face to face)
- Wednesday 20th March- 4pm-7pm- Parents' Evening (online)
- Friday 15th March- PAWS in
- Friday 22nd March- Easter Service 1pm. School finishes at 2pm

Football News: Well Played.....

Congratulations to the boys for their 4-0 victory in last night's cup match against The Grange. Theo Parker scored all four goals!!!!!!

The girls did well too, but losing a very close match by one goal to Coney Hill.