



Catcott News

56th Edition – Friday 15th March 2024

Whole School Attendance Figures

11th – 15th March 2024

92.68% Attendance

This week's attendance information:

Reception & Year 1 94.39%

Year 2 94.17%

Year 3 92.80%

Year 4 90.34%

Year 5 & 6 92.16%

Houses –

Robins 92.42%

Goldfinches 96.45%

Woodpeckers 92.00%

Kingfishers 91.29%

Dear Families

As I write to you today, I can hear such joy and enthusiasm from every classroom. The children are simply having the best 'Break the rules day' to support Comic Relief. Thank you all for the huge effort you have put into this – some of you must have been up incredibly early to create such crazy hair. As you may have seen, the staff too are breaking the rules, I have tried to confiscate Mrs Darby's water pistol!!

This week we have been celebrating National Science week. Each year group has focused on a different area of science, demonstrating an incredible amount of creativity, curiosity, and compassion. I have seen Year 4 learning about Climate change, Year 5 and 6 dissecting chicken feet and Year 2 making poo to demonstrate digestion. I would like to say an enormous thank you to Jo Horn who delivered some inspiring Science workshops this week, she will be back again next week to work with the rest of the children.

It has been a busy week for our young musicians as the annual Highbridge Music Festival took place. We were proud to send 9 of our children to take part in this amazing event. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Adele who has worked with all the children and their families to prepare them for these performances.

And finally, thank you for your support during our recent Ofsted inspection. Thank you to all parents who contributed to parent view, which was helpful to the inspectors. We were able to highlight all that we offer at Catcott, the children were exemplary and were proud to talk about their school. The report will be published within 30 working days and will be shared with you all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Constanza

Laura Constanza

Year 3 Forest School

Mini Rafts!

Year 3 discussed raft building and the key factors to think about- materials, fixings, flotation aids.

They practiced their knot tying skills as rafts will be lashed together with string: granny knots and simple hitches.

The children were given a demo of simple raft build and then the children collected materials and begin construction.

After this, the children tested the rafts on the water.

To develop and extend their designs they added sails, turning them into catamarans, creating passengers, racing each other!



Eggs & Bake-on!

The next PTA fundraising event will be 'Eggs & Bake On' which will be held on **Thursday 28th March**.

Catcott School & PTA presents...

Eggs & Bake-on!

Thursday 28th March

Eggs...
Egg Design contest!
Design and decorate a hard-boiled egg.
50p entry

...Bake-on!
Baking competition!
Bring in your homemade Easter bakes.
Prizes for Best Design and Best Taste!
50p entry

All Easter cakes will be sold off at the end of the day with all monies raised going to the PTA

Tuning Into Kids Program Opportunity

Please find attached information regarding the upcoming Tuning into kids' program at Willowdown Primary school lead by the mental health support team.

[Tuning in to Kids for Professionals | What is Tuning in to Kids?](#)

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust



Free 6-week program delivered by the mental health support team.

The Mental Health Support Team/Somerset FT NHS Presents:
Tuning into Kids

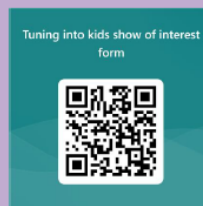
Tuning in to Kids® is an evidence-based, emotion-focused group parenting program originally developed by Professor Sophie Havighurst and Ann Harley in 1999 based on the work of John Gottman. Adaptations of the program include Tuning into Kids®, Tuning in to teens™, Dads Tuning in to Kids™ and tuning in to Toddlers™.

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We hope to help you:

- Nurture your child's development through coaching and connecting.
- Manage behaviours from a positive emotional climate.
- Reduce stress and conflict.
- Establish lifelong connection with your child.

Fill in the form to show interest!



<https://forms.office.com/e/dMzf20TIn4>

Where:

Willowdown Primary School
Kings Drive
Bridgwater
TA6 4FU

When: 17th April-22nd May
2hr sessions 1pm-3pm

For additional resources please see our:
[Parent & Carer Wellbeing Toolkit \(padlet.com\)](#)



Highbridge Festival of The Arts

PHOTOS & RESULTS: Latest from the 2024 Highbridge Festival of The Arts (burnham-on-sea.com) – A writeup has been included in the Burnham-on-Sea coverage.



Highbridge Music Festival A Glittering Array of Successes

Nine talented pianists from the school attended the Highbridge Music Festival in March and won medals for a range of amazing achievements. Their piano teacher, Mrs Wills, commented, 'I couldn't be prouder of what everyone has achieved. All the performances were hugely successful, and many were playing for the first time in front of a large audience. As well as winning medals, we were also given some helpful and encouraging advice from the judge and this will help us as we move forward on our musical journey'.

The nine performers were:

- Rogue Burrows – one gold and one silver medal
- Eddie Carr – one gold and one silver medal
- Lily Carter – one gold and one silver medal
- Darcey Chilcott – one silver medal
- Issy Kenny – one bronze medal
- Elizabeth Perfect-Porter – two gold medals
- Alice Phillips – one gold medal and one silver medal
- Emily Stanley – two gold medals and one bronze medal
- Elijah Warwick – one gold medal

In addition, two ex-Catcott School pupils also performed and achieved medals:

Lee Smith (now at Crispin) – three gold medals and one silver medal

Lottie Mills (on a gap year before university) – two gold medals and one bronze medal

The picture shows three of our younger performers – Lily, Elizabeth, and Rogue – proudly showing their medals with Elijah sharing their happiness.

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying

Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



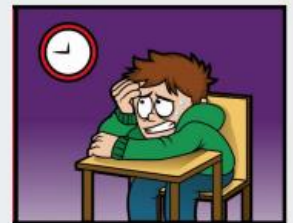
scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



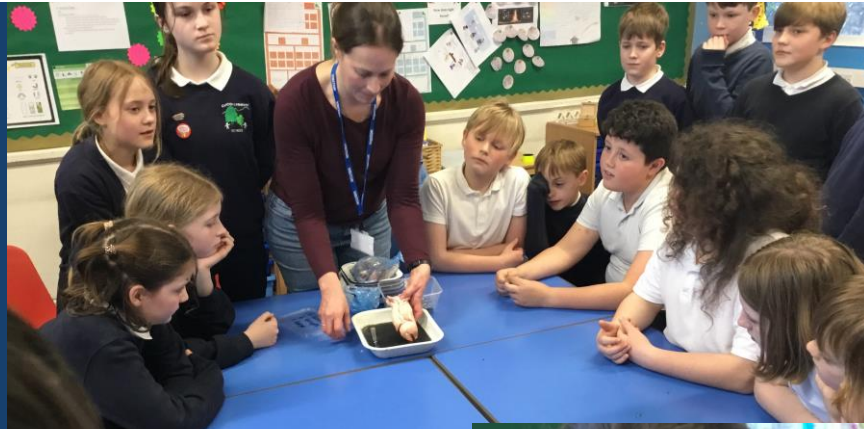
Skips

www.skipssafetynet.org

Science Week

This week Year 5 & 6 took part in 'Science Week' with Mrs Horn who is a Science teacher from Millfield School.

Year 5&6 created food colouring lava lamps, elephants' toothpaste, and dissection – Mrs Horn dissected a pig's trotter and the children dissected chicken feet. Whilst dissecting the feet the children pulled the tendons to make the claws move.



Science Week

This week Reception took part in 'Science Week' with Mrs Horn who is a Science teacher from Millfield School.

Reception made 'kitchen roll rainbows', fizzy coloured plates mixing acid and alkali (vinegar and bicarbonate of soda) and making salt dance using vibrations with tuning forks.



Recording your child's absence

Please can we ask that you notify us of your child's absence as soon as possible. **By calling 01278 722527, emailing office@catcottprimary.co.uk or reporting on ParentMail.**

Catcott School Attendance Policy –

Illness

*"The reporting of absence due to illness remains the responsibility of the parent. Absences due to illness which have **not** been reported to the school by the parent on the first day of absence may not be authorised.*

If a child is absent for more than one day, the parent should contact the school each day to provide an update on the child's condition, unless otherwise agreed by the school."

Medical Appointments

"Parents should try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. It is not acceptable for a child to miss a whole day's schooling for an appointment, unless necessary, in which case the school will need an explanation as to why this is.

If a pupil must attend a medical appointment during the school day, they must be collected from the school office by the parent or another authorised adult and signed out in the 'signing out' iPad. No pupil will be allowed to leave the school site without parental confirmation.

Advance notice is required for medical or dental appointments, unless it's an emergency appointment, and must be supported by providing the school with sight of, or a copy of, the appointment card or letter – only then will the absence be authorised."



Red Nose Day – Break the Rules!

Thank you to everyone who donated money to support Comic Relief, Red Nose Day.

**We raised an
AMAZING £234.90**

Our 'Break the Rules' Day was a complete success and the children have had such a fun day. Crazy hair, unhealthy snacks, extra play AND more!



Red Nose Day – Break the Rules!



House Points

This week's house points.
Well done, Robins!



1297



1268



1285



1248

Upcoming Dates

Dates for your diary!

28

Mar

THURSDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

Eggs & Bake-on!

All day

29

Mar

FRIDAY - SCHOOL EVENT

BANK HOLIDAY

All day

1

Apr

MULTI-DAY - SCHOOL EVENT

Easter Holidays

Apr 1 - Apr 12