



GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



I hope you have all had a good week.

Wear Pink for Cancer Research

Thank you to all of you who donated £1 on wear pink to school day on 3rd November. We raised a fantastic **£353.45** towards this important cause.



Save the Children Fundraiser

We are planning a fundraiser in conjunction with a group of parents to support Save the Children in their efforts to help the children caught up in the conflict in Gaza. Details will follow but the date for your diary is **Wednesday 6th December 3.30 - 4.30pm**



Weekly Attendance %

1A	100
1C	99.3
3ME	98.7
4W	97.9
5G	97.5
RG	96.9
4JL	96.9
6L	96.9
6K	96.9
5V	96.6
3R	96.3
2S	96
2M	94.7
RB	94.4
1L	94.4
5I	94.4
2P	93.3
3V	93.3
RP	92.8
4J	91.8
6A	91.1

Whole School

95%

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

Year 2 Recorder Performance



Imagine 90 six and seven year old children playing the recorder. Well for the parents, carers and family members of the Year 2 children, they don't have to imagine, they experienced it first hand on Wednesday!



We were treated to a performance of all the things the children had learned over the last 10 weeks in their 30 minute sessions with Ms Quirk. They have learned a huge amount - not only had they been introduced to music vocabulary from the year 7 curriculum, they have learned to play a range of notes as well as some tunes.



The children performed with gusto and impressed the sell-out crowd. Well done to all involved! 😊



SPORTS NEWS

Netball Matches

Both Team A and Team B had matches on Wednesday evening against Warrender's Team A and Team B.

Team A put up a brave fight but the shooting ability of Warrender's GA combined with the team's excellent interception skills, meant that Warrender won the match.

It was end to end in the B Team match with a nail-biting finish. We managed to hold on for a draw with the Warrender team making a come back late in the game. The game ended 4:4.

A huge well done to both teams and to Mrs Long and Miss Kielty for training the teams. Also a huge thank you to the parents who braved the dark and cold to cheer the teams on.



CURD CORNER

Last week the children from Gardening Club were invited to the Co-op in Ickenham to celebrate our award of £2126.85 from their Local Community Fund. The staff very kindly gave out goody bags and a new gardening set for us to use in the spring. We have already ordered our new greenhouse and look forward to its arrival soon!



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Key Information & Dates



Nasal Flu Spray

Please see below for the link to book for your children to receive the flu spray. This has also been sent to you via Parentmail.

Please note, without a booking, your child will not receive the flu immunisation nasal spray at school.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/CNWLLon/pr/CNWLi2324flu/102380>

The date for the flu immunisation at school is Friday 8th December.

Key Dates



- Monday 27th November - 2M Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
- Tuesday 28th - Friday 1st Dec - Scholastic Book Fair in the small hall before & after school
- Monday 4th December
 - Year 4 Trip to Shakespeare's Globe (return @ 3.45pm)
 - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am
 - Year 2 Christmas performance - 2.15pm
- Tuesday 5th December
 - Year 2 Christmas performance - 10am
 - Nursery Christmas performance - 2.15pm
- Wednesday 6th December
 - Nursery Christmas performance - 10am
 - Year 2 Christmas performance - 2.15pm
 - **Save the Children fundraiser for the children of Gaza on the playground after school 3.30 - 4.30pm**
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Dinner Day (please book via The Pantry)
- Friday 8th December - Flu Immunisations [NOT mandatory] (Reception - Year 6)
- Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Fayre - during the school day, children only
- Thursday 21st December - Term ends - school day finishes 1 hour early**

Please note: There is no training day after Christmas. The spring term starts on Monday 8th January 2024

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Menu Change

The Pantry should have been in touch to notify you of a change to the advertised menus on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December.

To accommodate our Christmas Lunches, the usual Thursday menu offer will now be served on Wednesday 6th December, and a Christmas Lunch Menu will now be served on Thursday 7th December. They advise anyone who has previously placed orders for these dates to login to their accounts and review their order accordingly.

Please make sure you order a Christmas lunch if you would like your child to have one. There will be limited alternative options on Christmas lunch day.



Coats

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a coat to school. Staff will remind the children to wear their coats at playtime.



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Scholastic Book Fair

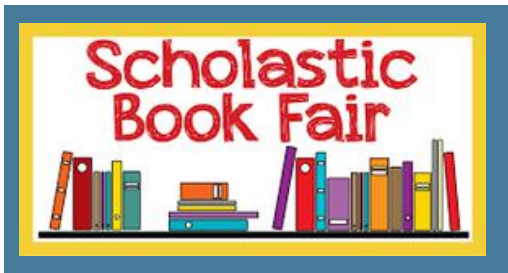
Don't forget that over four days next week we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair:

- Tuesday 28th November
- Wednesday 29th November
- Thursday 30th November
- Friday 1st December

Where: in the small hall.

When: Before and after school

It's a opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents and school can earn FREE BOOKS for every book sold at the Fair.



UPDATES

**This week's
winners are**



Spelling Shed

3ME 5G

Doodle Maths

2S 5V

REMEMBER



Term Dates for 2024-25 September 2024 - July 2025



AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2 September 2024 - Friday 25 October 2024

Half Term - Monday 28 October 2024 - Friday 1st
November 2024

Monday 4 November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Christmas Holiday - Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday
3 January

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 14 February 2025

Half Term - Monday 17 February 2025 - Friday 21
February 2025

Monday 24 February 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025

Easter Holiday - Monday 7 April 2025 – Monday 21 April
2025

(Easter weekend 18 - 21 April)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025

(May Day Bank Holiday 5 May 2025)

Half Term - Monday 26 May 2025 - Friday 30 May 2025

(Spring Bank Holiday 26 May 2025)

Monday 2 June 2025 - Tuesday 22 July 2025

5 Inset (teacher training) days to be finalised and will be
sent out shortly.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players, sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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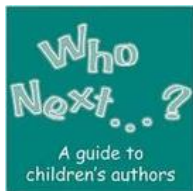


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NURSERY

Our week in
Nursery-
Superheroes part
2...The revenge of
the slime!



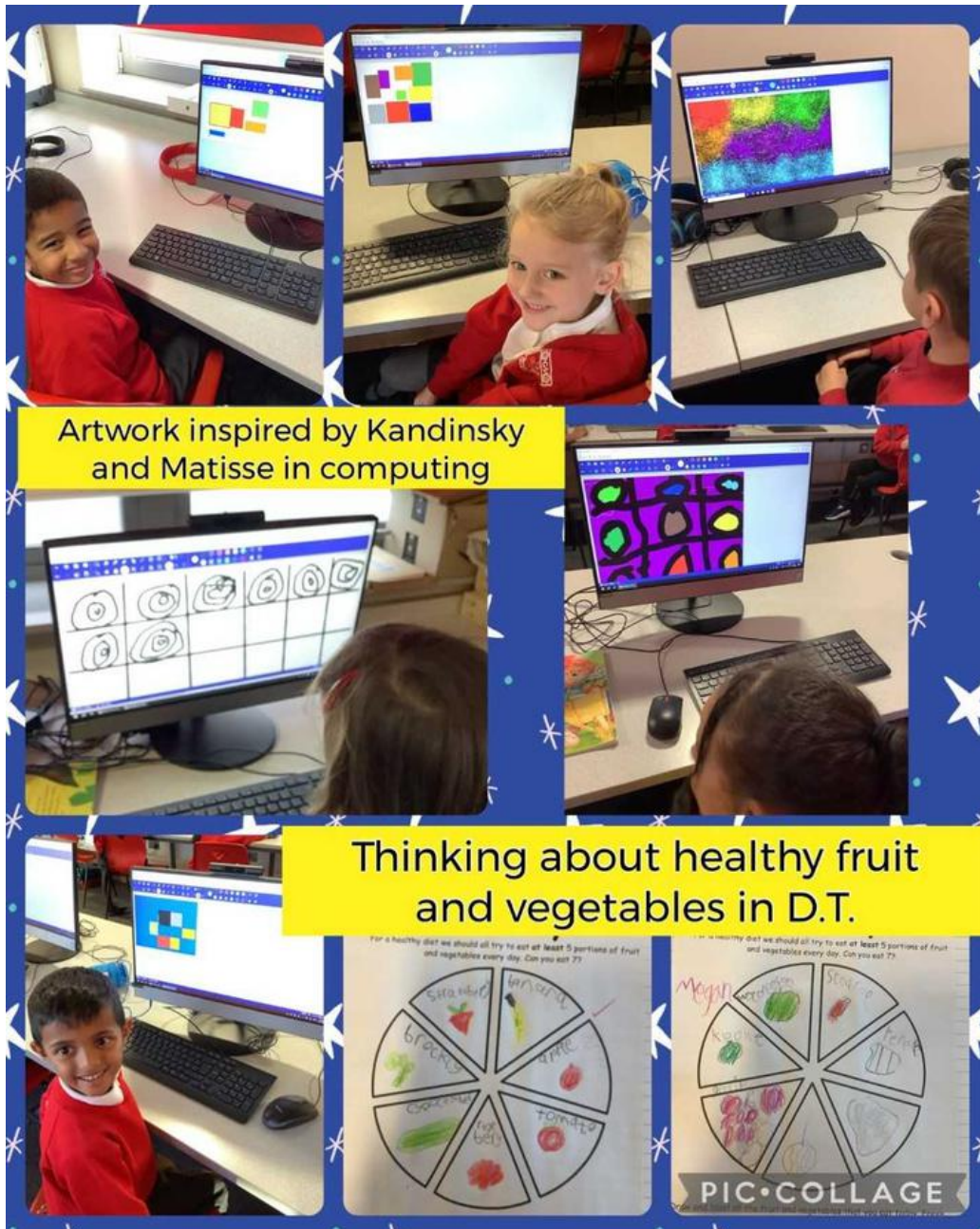
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RECEPTION



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YEAR 1



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YEAR 2

We have been following instructions to make snowflakes.



Diva lamps in R.E.

We have loved our recorder lessons.



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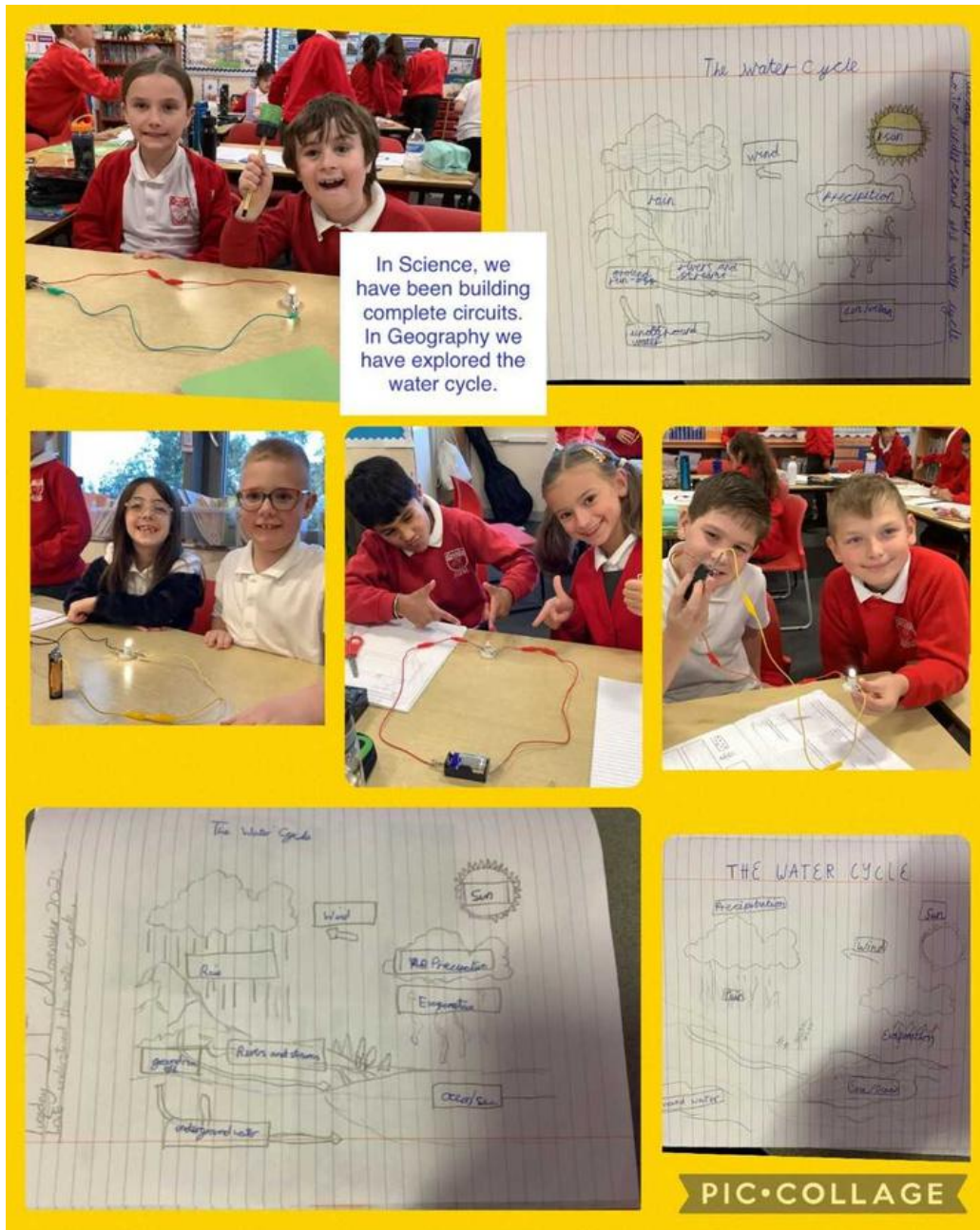
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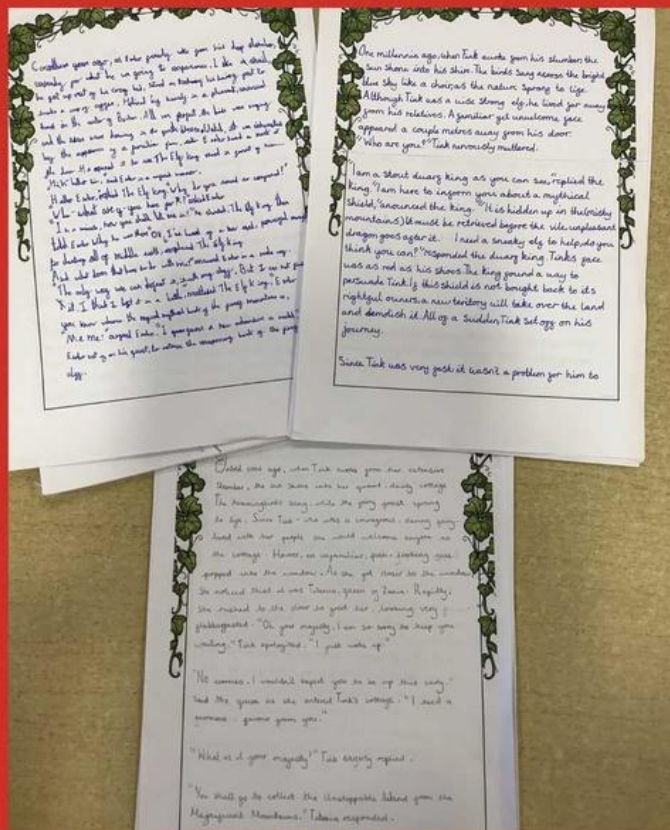
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YEAR 5

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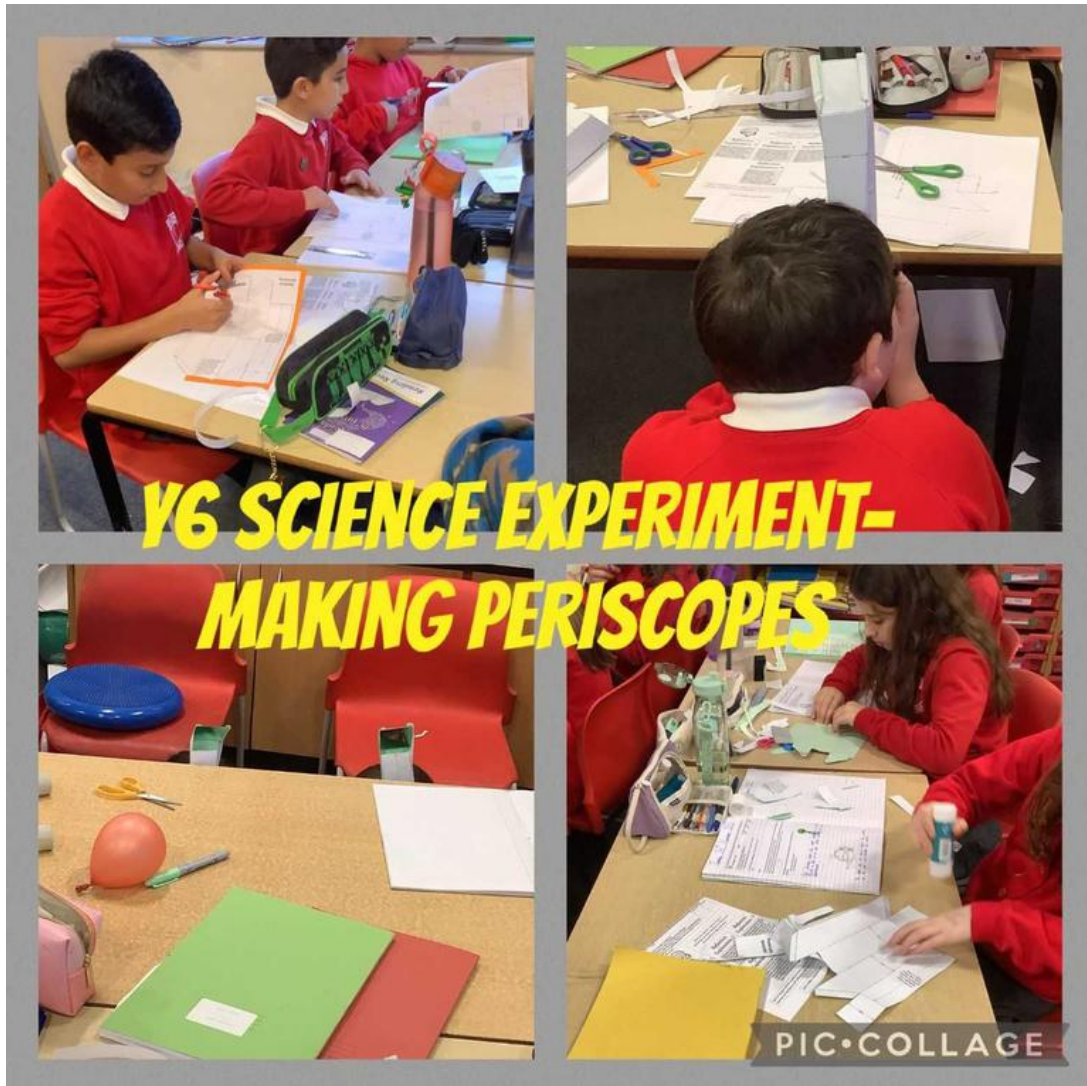


We have finished
our fantasy stories.

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YEAR 6



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Wishing you all a lovely
weekend.

Mrs Penney



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