



# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

### 03.03.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

We've had such an amazing week in school this week...we hope you've already heard lots about it!

On Tuesday we had the Wonder Dome Planetarium visit the school. Each class visited the dome and they all enjoyed the experience greatly. Children and adults alike were genuinely awestruck. The offer we set up on Weduc to enable parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5 is still open, thank you to everyone who has contributed already. We kindly ask any parents who have yet to make their contribution to log into Weduc and make payment via the offer. Alternatively, we can accept cash payments sent to school in a sealed, named envelope.

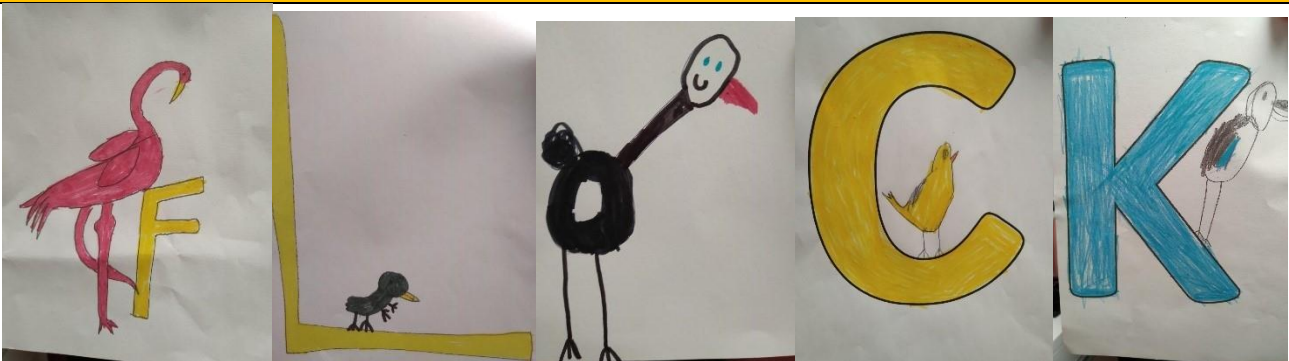
On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. It was great to see so many different costumes from a wide range of books. The children enjoyed a day of activities linked to books and got to hear stories being read from adults across the school as well as lots of staff retelling the story of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' in assembly. Also on Thursday we had a visit from the police who came to speak with the nursery and reception children. They are busy learning about people who help us so it was great they got to see the officers, hear the sirens and even sit inside the police car!

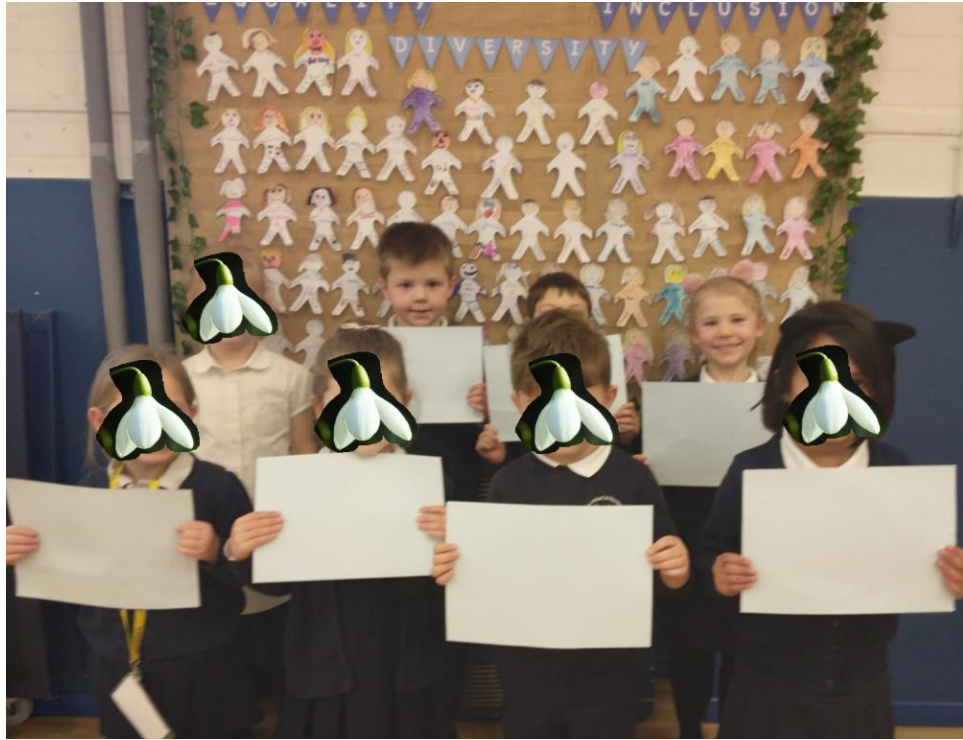
If you've been into school lately you may have noticed music being played in our library. Mrs Boyce chooses different music daily which we all love listening to throughout the day. This is often linked to current celebrations and events or music being studied as part of the music curriculum. We're working hard at raising the profile of music and wondered if we have any musicians in our parent community. We wondered if anyone could bring some live music to our Music assembly on a Thursday. If this is something you may be able to help with please speak to member of the team.

Wishing you a great weekend!

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

#### FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK





### Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson, our family liaison advisor, oversees and is able to support with attendance matters, routines and behaviour, family support or is always happy to listen and support with any concerns you or your child may have. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her, please contact her directly on the email address below.  
[Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk)

### School Council

School Council have had the brilliant idea of growing Sunflowers to raise funds for the RSPCA



We will start growing the sunflowers in school and then the children will take the plant home for a donation and can plant at home to grow. A date will be chosen for final photos and measurements to be sent in to see which sunflower is the tallest. There will be a prize in every class.

### PSHE

You may hear your children talking about the 'PANTS' rule at school. The 'Talk PANTS' initiative helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

To help you start the conversation with your child, visit the NSPCC website for lots of tips and tricks. There's also links from our school website!


<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

PANTS	
Privates are private	+
Always remember your body belongs to you	+
No means no	+
Talk about secrets that upset you	+
Speak up, someone can help	+

## Who's Who

Parents have said they would like to know the staff a little better. We will introduce a few a week for you but if you would like to see the whole team then please visit the Who's who on the school website.

### MEET OUR STAFF



**Mrs Goodson**

I love sport and have watched it live on 3 continents


I'm left handed

I have lived in 7 English counties

I was nominated to run with the London 2012 Olympic Torch

My favourite cheese is Cheshire

### MEET OUR STAFF



**Mrs Hales**

I enjoy going to National Trust places with friends and family

I love long walks in the countryside

My favourite colour is green

I like picnics and afternoon tea

I adore it when my family are all together



**Family Voice Norfolk**



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**John Innes Centre, Norwich, NR4 7UH**

Family Voice Norfolk will be celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

The long-awaited conference will be back with the following highlights:

Keynote Speaker

Over 30 information stands

8 Workshops

Face-to-face "Speed-Dating" sessions with service professionals

Free refreshments, lunch and on-site parking

Click [here](#) to book a place.

If you are unable to use this link, please email [conference@familyvoice.org.uk](mailto:conference@familyvoice.org.uk) and we will book you on directly.

## Community Events



### EASTER FAYRE

In aid of

TAVERHAM, TM & DRAYTON  
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

11.00 am – 3.00 pm

BOB CARTER LEISURE CENTRE

SCHOOL ROAD,

DRAYTON NR8 6DW

Entry £1.00 p.p. incl raffle ticket &  
Easter gift for child from the Easter Bunny  
Free Parking

*Children &  
Adult  
Tombola*




*Come and Make  
your own Crafts  
at our Craft  
Station*

*Easter Bunny  
12.00-2.00  
p.m.*



Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages!



<p>EYFS</p> 	<p>What a busy week we have had in EYFS this week! The children really enjoyed learning about space through their wonderdome experience, some of us went on to paint and model solar systems using paint and playdough. Thursday was world book day, all the children looked incredible! We spent the day sharing our favourite stories and exploring with puppets and costumes to create our own stories. Our topic this week was all about the police, we were very lucky to have two lovely police officers visit us in school with their police car this week! Every child was given the opportunity to ask questions, try on a real police hat and sit in the driver's seat of the police car! In Kingfisher class the children have focussed on chunking longer words to read and write them, for example: l-a-p/t-o-p laptop. In maths the children have been counting beyond 10 to 20 and 30. We have also explored the composition of numbers 6-10 in greater depth. In Nuthatch the children have looked closely at the patterns on a police uniform and made their own patterned police cars. They have also started creating repeating patterns using maths resources in the classroom.</p>
<p>Key Stage 1</p> 	<p>In key stage one this week we have continued to learn about the alternative traditional tale of Rapunzel. We described what Rapunzel and the witch looked like e.g. long golden hair, and thought about what their character is like e.g. lonely, scared, wicked. We had a fantastic day on Thursday dressed up as book characters. We enjoyed playing 'drop and read' in the afternoon where we had to find a book and read every time we heard the bell ringing. In maths this week we have recapped 2D and 3D shape. The children worked with their special partner to describe a 3D shape. We thought about the names of the shape, what it looked like, how many faces, vertices and edges it has. We also described the 2D shapes we could see on the faces of the 3D shape. In Geography this week we discussed what physical and human features are, having learnt about these last half term. Next, we went on a walk around the school site looking for different human and physical features.</p> <p>Cuboid  Looks like a box  6 rectangular faces  8 vertices  12 edges  Some short edges, some long edges</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cuboid</b></p>

**Dates for the diary**

March 2023		
Wednesday & Thursday	15.03.2023 16.03.2023	Strike Action – possible disruption/closures - Opening TBC
Friday	17.03.2023	Friends Event – Mother’s Day Cake Sale – after school
Wednesday	22.03.2023	KS1 Family Phonics

Thursday	23.03.2023	Multi-skills PE Day in school, Year 1 / 2 to wear PE kits
Monday	27.03.2023	Friends Event – Launch of the Easter Competition – “Mad as a March Hare” hat/bonnet activity.
Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)
Friday	31.03.2023	School closes for Easter holiday
<b>April 2023</b>		
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term
Friday	21.04.2023	Earth Day Activities in school
Monday	w/c 24.04.2023	Friends Event – Easter evening in school – details to be confirmed.
Thursday	27.04.2023	KS1 Tri Golf (10 children attending)
Friday	28.04.2023	Friends Event – Sponsored Sports Event (raising funds for the minibus) – details to be finalised.
<b>May 2023</b>		
Friday	05.05.2023	King’s Coronation Event
Friday	05.05.2023	Friends Event – Coronation paper plate competition being sent home.
Friday	26.05.2023	School closes for half term
<b>June 2023</b>		
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens
Monday	05.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Tuesday	06.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening
Thursday	08.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos
Friday	16.06.2023	Friends Event – Father’s Day cake sale - after school.
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)
<b>July 2023</b>		
Thursday	06.07.2023	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children attending)
Thursday	06.07.2023	Golf Activity Day in school, whole school to wear PE kits
Saturday	08.07.2023	Friends Event – Summer Fayre.
Friday	14.07.2023	Friends Event – Year 2 leavers – ‘water extravaganza’

Monday	17.07.2023	Friends Event – Year 2 leavers disco.
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday



## Term dates

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# 2022-2023

## Norfolk Model Calendar

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