



A Message from the Head Teacher

As we come to the end of June, I would like to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and exciting month in school. There has been so much happening across all year groups, and it has been wonderful to see our children embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and positivity.

After having to rearrange it a couple of times due to the weather, we were finally able to hold our much-anticipated Sports Day. It was fantastic to see our school community come together to support the children as they competed in a range of events. The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, determination and teamwork throughout the day, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved. Thank you to all the families who joined us and helped create such a positive atmosphere.

We were also delighted to host our Community Summer Picnic, which was a great success. The event had a wonderful community feel, bringing families, staff and children together to enjoy time with one another. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and to celebrate the strong sense of community that makes our school so special.

Last week, the children coped exceptionally well during the warm weather while continuing to work hard in school. A special congratulations goes to Panthers, who achieved the highest attendance during the heatwave. Well done for your excellent commitment to learning!

Across the school, several year groups have reached important milestones this month. Year 4 showed great resilience and determination as they completed their Multiplication Tables Check, while our Year 1 pupils worked incredibly hard during their Phonics Screening Check. We are very proud of the effort and perseverance shown by all of the children.

Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Ash End Farm, where they had a fantastic day learning about animals and the world around them. The trip was a wonderful experience and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Reading has also been a focus this month, with some year groups enjoying visits to the local library. These visits have provided valuable opportunities for children to immerse themselves in books, discover new authors and further develop their love of reading.

As we approach the final few weeks of the academic year, I am looking forward to the many exciting events and activities still to come. There is much to celebrate, and I know the children will continue to demonstrate the enthusiasm, determination and positive attitude that they have shown throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we continue to make our school a thriving and successful community.

Great Athletes Sponsor Event

We recently enjoyed a fantastic visit from Great Athletes' professional BMX rider, Danny Butler. Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of activities, challenging themselves and learning about the importance of perseverance, dedication and leading an active lifestyle. Danny wowed everyone with his incredible BMX skills and delivered a highly entertaining and inspirational assembly that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Although we sadly did not raise enough sponsorship money to earn additional funding for PE resources, the day was a huge success, and the children had a wonderful experience that they will remember for a long time.

A special shoutout goes to Timmy in Year 4 who raised a whopping £115!



Baggie Bird Penalty Shootout Sponsor Event

On Friday 5th June, we were delighted to welcome the Baggie Bird into school to take part in our annual penalty shootout event!

The day was a huge success, with all the children thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to test their skills. There were plenty of smiles (and cheers!) as many pupils managed to score all of their penalties against our special guest.

We are also very pleased to share that, as a school, we have raised over £700 through this event.



Nursery – Art Gallery

We were delighted to welcome parents to our nursery art gallery, where children proudly showcased their wonderful artwork. The room was filled with colour, creativity and imagination, highlighting all the fantastic art experiences the children have enjoyed. Families also had the opportunity to take part in fun art activities together, making special memories while exploring creativity side by side. Thank you to everyone who joined us and celebrated the children's achievements!



Reception – Sports Day and Ash End Farm trip

Reception had a fantastic time during their Sports Day in the hall with Mr S and Miss Hickman. As well as doing fantastically in our races, we had a good old boogie in between. We cheered on our friends in our class and Nursey. Our trip to Ash End Farm made our teachers very proud. We were very well behaved and sat on the coach nicely having a good old sing song on the way there. At the farm we walked nicely and were very careful with the animals. Some of the children were braver than others and actually fed the animals with their special food. We saw some pigs and piglets, horses and their foals, sheep, goats, cows, llamas, donkeys and many more farm animals. We had our lunch in a room that was a little bit like a barn and then we had a play on the park. Our teachers loved the journey back to school because most of us fell asleep so it was lovely and quiet after such a busy day. We have been looking at mini-beasts and we made a mini-beast hotel and then we looked for mini-beasts in our outdoor area. We found lots of ants and some ladybirds. On our summer walk we looked at the changes we have seen from our Autumn walk and then we had to draw the trees and plants that we could see as we sat and admired the view. After our walk our teachers treated us to some yummy biscuits.



Year 1 – Father's Day Celebrations

Year 1 had a lovely Father's Day assembly, where the children shared a selection of songs and the thoughtful pictures they had created of the special men in their lives. Guests enjoyed a hot drink and a cookie together. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.

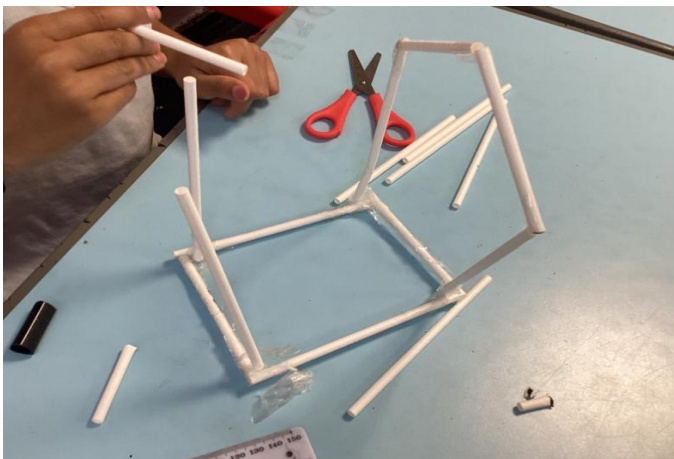


Year 2 – Sikh Visitor

Year 2 were delighted to welcome a special visitor who follows the Sikh faith as part of our RE learning. He shared fascinating information about what happens inside a Gurdwara, including how people come together to pray, sing, and share food in the langar. The children also learned about important Sikh values such as equality, kindness, and serving others. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our learning to life, and the children were very enthusiastic, asking lots of thoughtful questions throughout the visit.

Year 3 – DT Greenhouses

Year 3 have been busy in Design and Technology creating their own mini greenhouses. They began by designing and constructing prototypes using art straws, carefully practising their measuring, cutting and joining skills. Once they had tested and refined their ideas, the children moved on to making their final products from wood. They showed great creativity, perseverance and craftsmanship throughout the project, and were very proud of the finished greenhouses they produced.



Year 4 – Father's Day Celebrations

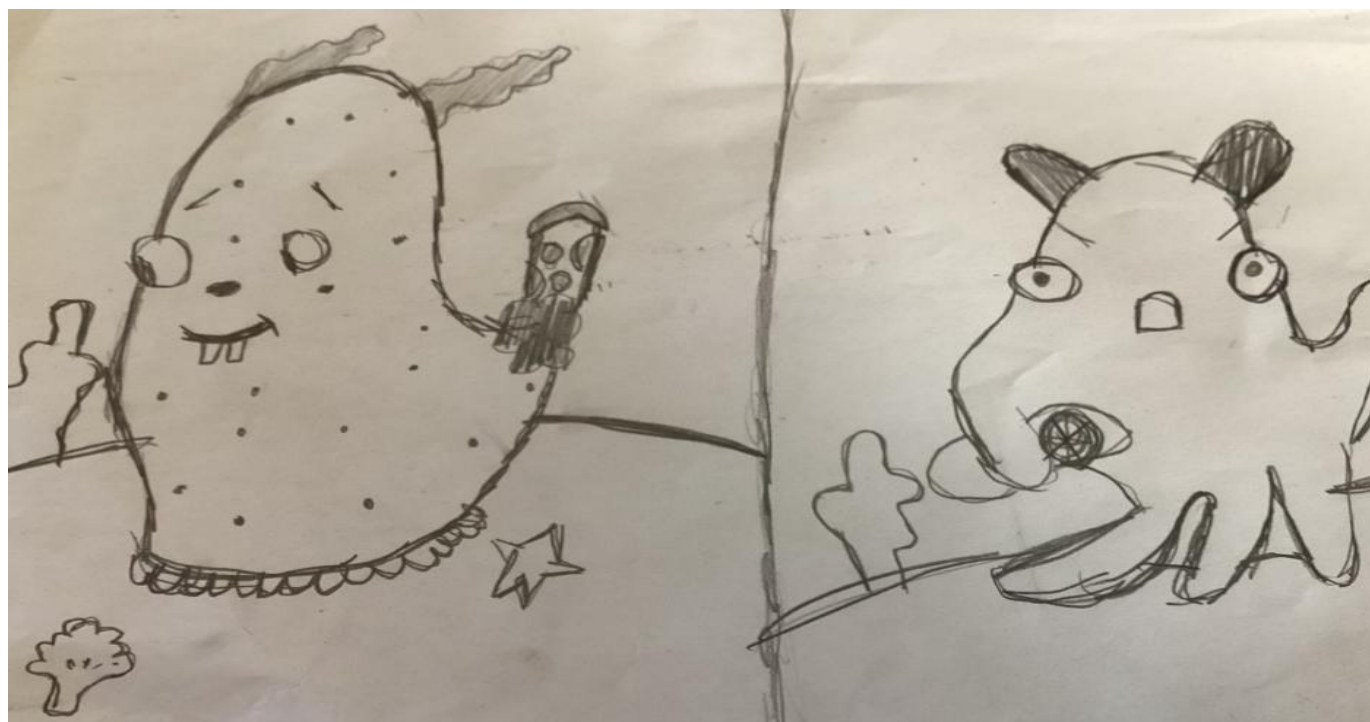
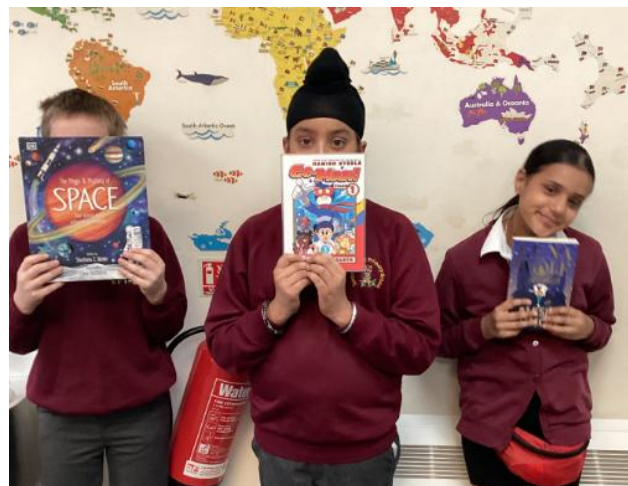


Year 4 enjoyed a lovely Father's Day celebration, welcoming dads and special people into school. The children performed songs, shared poems, and presented heartfelt letters expressing why their loved ones are so important to them. It was a touching and joyful event, and we thank everyone who joined us.



Year 5 – Planetarium and Live Author Lessons

Year 5 have had a great time! We were visited by the mobile Planetarium and got to see the planets and stars up close-our knowledge was fantastic! Our visit to Glebefields library was great fun and we got to choose some books to take back to school. We also, had a live-author reading lesson, teaching the children how they create their illustrations. Ours were amazing!



Year 6 – Transition to Secondary School

Year 6 have been busy preparing for the end of the year and the pupils' transition to Secondary School. As well as rehearsals for our end of year production, another highlight has been our final library visit of the year, where pupils returned old books, listened to a twisted tale and solved some riddles!



Dates for the diary – July

Date	Event
Friday 3 rd July	Year 6 sleepover
Monday 6 th July	Skills Builder Challenge Day
Tuesday 7 th July	Summer Disco
Thursday 9 th July	Nursery Teddy Bear Event
	Year 3 rearranged trip to Weston
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Production (10am and 2pm)
Monday 13 th July	Reception home visits
Wednesday 15 th July	Reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Prom (5:50pm doors open)
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Graduation (9am)
	Nursery Closed
	1:15pm finish for all children



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or trends, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.

SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.

CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.

PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.



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Attendance matters!

Attendance for June has dropped significantly to 90%, our current target is 95%. We understand that this has been impacted by the recent high temperatures, we would like to have a final push on the year and ensure all pupils are in school every day and on time, when they are well enough to.

If your child is unwell and you are not sure on current guidance for treatments, periods off school etc, please visit the website below as it provides lots of advice:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

A massive well done to Ladybirds AM for the best attendance for June, they will all receive a special prize this week for amazing attendance throughout June.

Group	Attendance
Ladybirds AM	96.30%
Ladybirds PM	93%
Bumblebees	93.90%
Honeybees	92.90%
1 Tadpoles	90.10%
1 Dragonflies	93.50%
2 Penguins	89.50%
2 Puffins	90.10%
3 Flamingo	91.70%
3 Parrots	88.90%
4 Toucans	85.50%
4 Hummingbirds	86.70%
5 Panthers	93.10%
5 Jaguars	87.30%
6 Lions	89.70%
6 Tigers	86%
Totals	90%