



Newsletter

Commonwealth Games Baton Relay Design Competition

Uplands has been invited to take part in a unique competition to design a Relay Baton inspired by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

In partnership with Active Together children across Leicester City are being asked to take inspiration from the upcoming Commonwealth Games to design a unique CWG Relay Baton personal to them. The lucky winners will see their baton design come to life, with 3 Batons being produced:

- 1 for the winning individual to keep.
- 1 for the winning individual's School.
- 1 to be relayed around Schools in Leicester City.

Further information and entry form can be found on the last pages of this newsletter.

Comic Relief 2022



Mrs Raybould would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents, children and staff for making this year's Red Nose Day a huge success. We raised a whopping **£817** last Friday!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, we had dressing up in red, cake/sweet sales, raffle prizes and other fun activities.

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Diary Dates

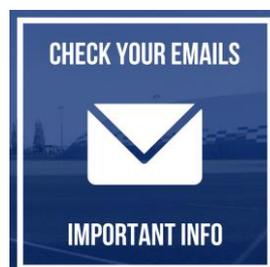
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| 29 th March 2-3pm | NSPCC Parent Workshop 'Keeping Children Safe Online' |
| 8 th April | Year 3 Snappy Opera Performance at 'The Venue' |
| 18 th May | Book Fair |
| 11 th – 22 nd April | Easter Holidays |
| 9 th - 11 th June | Year 6 Residential to Crowden Education Centre in the Peak District. |
| 7 th July | Last day of summer term is Thursday – no school on Friday 8 th July. |

Dinner Money Price Increase

From Monday 25th April 2022, the new price for school dinner will be £2.34 per day or £11.70 for the whole week. Dinner money needs to be paid in **ADVANCE** (no arrears are acceptable).

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Gatherum, Miss Southwell is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead and SENCO, Mrs Raybould is a Deputy Safeguarding Lead.



It is important to check your email/app daily to keep up to date with the latest news, trips and changes to clubs.

The 1000 Year Old Boy

The 1000 year old boy...I have really enjoyed this book with my daughter.

Imagine living for ever... sounds like a dream but, in reality, a life without end becomes more of a nightmare for Alfie, who has watched numerous generations of neighbours, friends and acquaintances grow up and die, whilst he stays 13 forever,

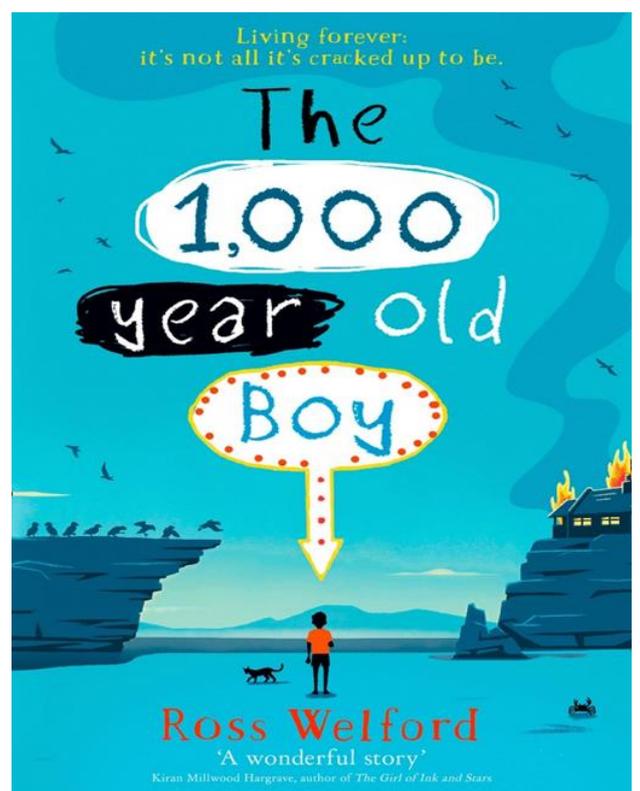
since swallowing a "life pearl" during the Viking invasions.

Living in secret with his mother, the modern world is about to catch up with him, as Alfie desperately wants a way to stop endless existence and to start living for real. A touching story, full of adventure, excitement, danger, suspense and the importance of friendship.

Mrs Adam



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TWYXCROSS ZOO

Because year 3 have been studying Africa and reading 'The Lion King' and 'The Night Zoo Keeper' in English, on Wednesday 16th March and Thursday 17th March they visited Twycross Zoo. They had a wonderful time and learnt lots of information about different animals from around the world. They were amazed at the wide variety of animals they saw. They heard Siamang monkeys howling at each other, giraffes eating their breakfast, heard about the conversation of the leopards and the white rhinos too. The children listened to the zoo guides speaking about the animals throughout the day, and they also read information about the animals too. Even though there were lots of walking, the children thoroughly enjoyed their day.

The zoo provides the animals with vast spaces full of entertaining and stimulating activities. Twycross Zoo are all about conservation and protecting animals to increase their population to prevent extinction.



I enjoyed seeing and learning about the different animals from around the world. My favourite animal was the Snow leopard because I have never seen one in real-life before.

Suhaan 3YA

I liked the apes because they are flexible and agile.

M.Aaqil 3SR

I enjoyed seeing the Spider monkeys, especially when they were swinging one-handed from rope-to-rope.

Yahya 3MS

I enjoyed the giraffes because I read the information and learnt lots of interesting facts, such as they have horns on their heads and they can hear and communicate from miles away.

Umar 3MM

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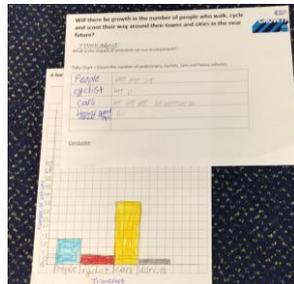


British Science Week

Science Week brought fabulous experiments and knowledge around the theme of 'Growth'. It was a great way for our children to engage and celebrate the practical demonstrations.

Year 3

Year 3 had a fun packed day on Science day; they became soil investigators, traffic surveyors and read about Fossils. Investigating soil was fun. The children had to analyse the soils, and decide what type each one was: sandy, clay, loam, peaty and so on. They also discussed why there are different types of soils and how they impact on flower growth. For the traffic survey, they discussed how the popularity of cars have risen compared to other forms of transport.



Year 5

In Year 5, children were encouraged to explore various theories, concentrating on prediction, investigation, data interpretation, evaluation and reliability of findings. They enjoyed designing their own practical investigations and presenting their data for discussion amongst their peers.

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Year 4

Year 4 completed four different science experiments which were all about Growth. Children learnt how to create exercises without any equipment, they made bubbles using various wand shapes and sizes, researched the life cycle of four different animals and created some slime using PVA glue and various other ingredients.

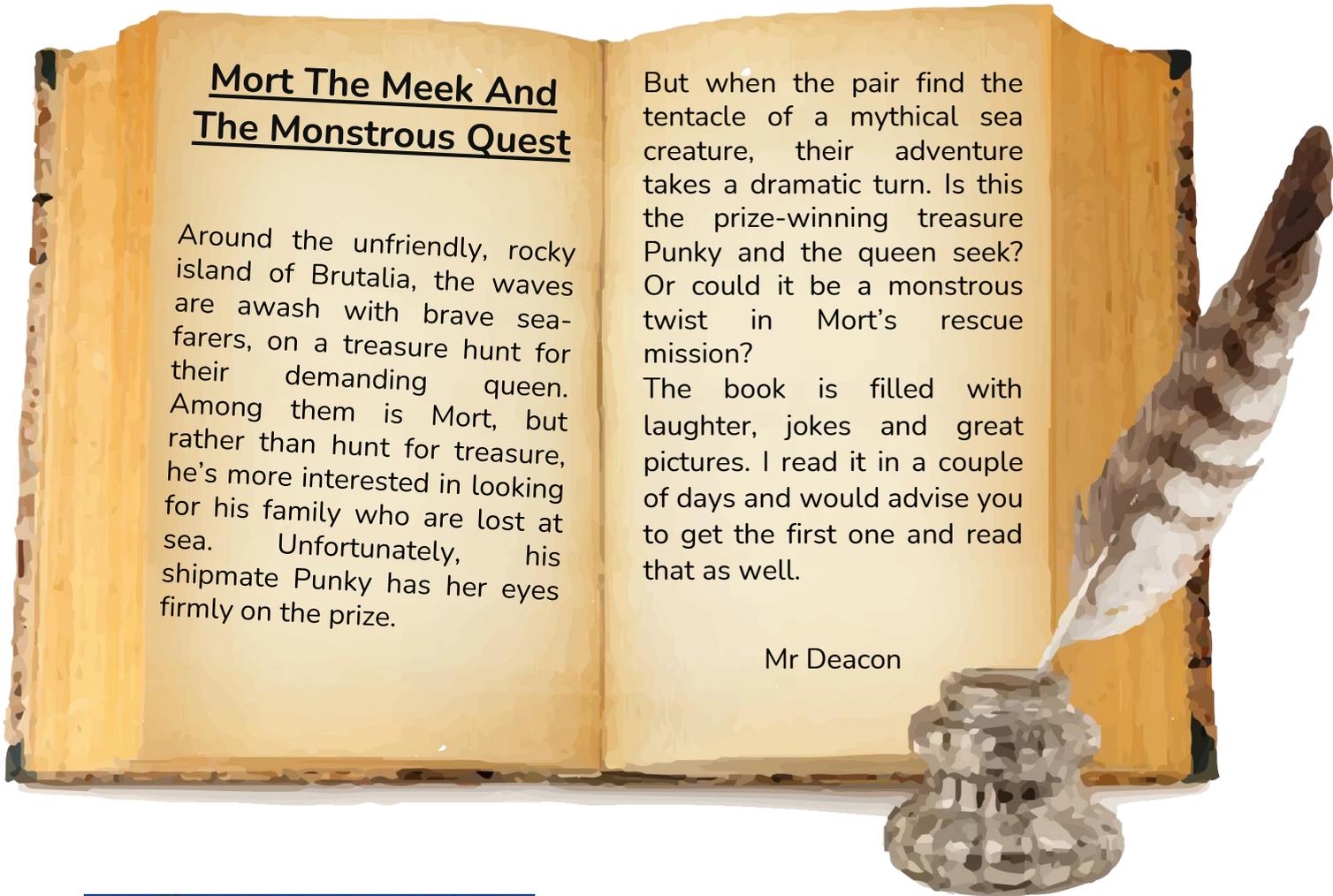
"I really liked Science day because it was fun and exciting because we were able to visit other classes and complete different experiments." Marwa 4JD

"It felt amazing to experience new things like making the slime and creating bubble wands. We would like to see how different animals grow." Maheera 4JD

Year 6

As growth is one of the signs of life and Mars rovers are being used to explore the possibilities of life on Mars, year 6 children designed an animal that could survive on the red planet. After trying to determine if height is a good measure of pupils' ages in the class, they also had the chance to design and build a catapult. We tried and tested all of the catapults for distance and accuracy.





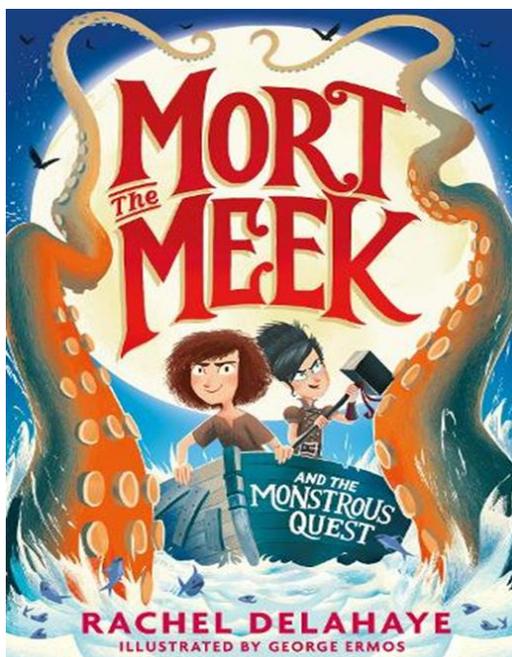
Mort The Meek And The Monstrous Quest

Around the unfriendly, rocky island of Brutalia, the waves are awash with brave seafarers, on a treasure hunt for their demanding queen. Among them is Mort, but rather than hunt for treasure, he's more interested in looking for his family who are lost at sea. Unfortunately, his shipmate Punky has her eyes firmly on the prize.

But when the pair find the tentacle of a mythical sea creature, their adventure takes a dramatic turn. Is this the prize-winning treasure Punky and the queen seek? Or could it be a monstrous twist in Mort's rescue mission?

The book is filled with laughter, jokes and great pictures. I read it in a couple of days and would advise you to get the first one and read that as well.

Mr Deacon



Reading Area

We were delighted to see some Year 4 children use our new reading area at playtime. We want children to be absorbed by a book and choose to use this area.



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Leicester Westleigh
Hockey Club



GET KIDS BACK TO ACTIVITY!

Want to be more
active this Easter
& try Hockey?

Get out this Easter with friends playing fun games

English Martyrs have teamed up with their resident Hockey club Leicester Westleigh to provide a day of Activity Learning and Fun

Westleigh will run an Easter camp day at English Martyrs for children who have not got or wouldn't get to do some sport.

Sessions are aimed at all abilities, from new starts to those who have played before. Equipment provided for those that need it.



SESSION RUN 9:00 – 15:00

21st APRIL - £15 per child

After the camp Westleigh would like to invite players to our club which runs at English Martyrs on Tuesday nights 6:30 – 7:30

Please sign up in advance through the following link:
<https://bit.ly/HockeyEasterCamp>



BATON DESIGN COMPETITION

Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland pupils are invited to design a relay Baton inspired by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

One winner will be selected for each School Sport & Physical Activity (SSPAN) area (10 in total), with the Baton design produced 3 times:

- 1 for the winning individual to keep.
- 1 for the winning individual's school.
- 1 to be relayed around schools in their SSPAN area.
- Winning designs celebrated at the School Games Summer Festival in June.

Design Considerations for Pupils

The designs should try to incorporate some of the following aspects:

- The Commonwealth Games Values (*Humanity, Destiny & Equality*)
- And motto ("*Games for Everyone*")
- Elements that represent Leicestershire, Leicester or Rutland
- Things that represent your school or where you live
- What does the County/area you live in mean to you or those around you?
- Physical Activity and Sport
- What makes YOU who you are?
- The design must be hand drawn or painted by a young person (no IT usage)

To Enter

Pupils draw their design on the provided Baton Template, including their details and information about the design.

Please return the completed design templates by the end of the day on Friday 8th April to:

SSPAN@crownhills.leicester.sch.uk

Presentations will be made to the winning individuals/schools at the end of May.

WINNING DESIGNS GO HERE!



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**LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER & RUTLAND
BATON DESIGN COMPETITION**

Use the space provided to draw your baton design (which will be wrapped around the whole relay baton) and tell us about yourself and your design.

Name:

Your School
Name:

Your School
Year Group:

Tell us a little bit about the reasons behind your design:

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