

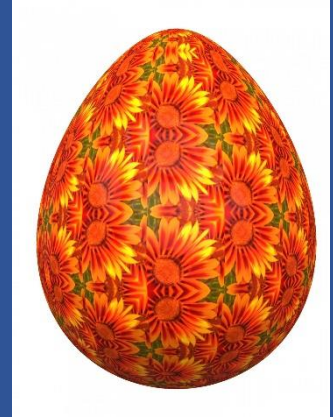


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Friday 31st March 2023

Thought for the week...



Christians believe Easter is a time for new beginnings because of the significance of Jesus' resurrection.

I hope that the Easter holiday will give you time to rest and enjoy the signs of spring.

Thank you for all that you do to support and encourage us at school – it is greatly appreciated!

I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Christina Singh



Watford & District Cross Country Final on 25th March



Joseph, Abhay and Yasmina were all invited to take part in the Year 5 Watford & District Cross Country Final on 25th March, due to them placing in the top ten in the Watford Cross Country competition last November.

They all ran well and Joseph was placed 25th and Abhay 52nd in the boys' race and Yasmina finished 43rd in the girls' race.



SPRING TERM

MARCH 2023

The Nascot News

Issue: #2

The second edition of the [The Nascot News](#) is available for you to view.

It is the brainchild of Jamie Newcombe and Amelia Chotalia and is written and designed by the children.



Many thanks to Jamie and Amelia for all their hard work and tenacity in creating this newsletter.

Letter from the Head Girl and Head Boy

Welcome to our Springtime message of 2023. We have enjoyed a short but busy few weeks and can't believe another term is already over. This half-term has flown by and has been packed with thrilling trips and filled with exciting events. The entire school has been lively and Spring is certainly in the air! We, too have been busy and have had lots of exciting opportunities to get involved in.

On Monday 20th March 2023, the School gathered for an International Food Day organised by the school council and Miss Derbyshire. We celebrated the diversity of the school and the different cultures and backgrounds of pupils by arranging this day. The event was attended by pupils, staff and also parents who generously brought in food for the children to try and enjoy. In the afternoon we were shown around the dining hall, where all the students that had brought food in helpfully told the students and teachers: the ingredients, the culture, the place it was from and what the dish was called.

All the dishes were amazing and very pleasant to eat. Thank you to all the children and parents for all their support. In addition to all the delicious food we are pleased to announce that the money raised from this great event went to the Red Cross (an organisation that helps protect people's health and their life). Well done to everyone who played an important role in this amazing and delicious display!

This term we were fortunate to have several visitors from the STA (the Standard Testing Agency), including the CEO of the organisation, visit the school. The STA is an agency that prepares some of the major tests such as the SATs, GCSEs and A-Levels. A number of students from Year 6 were involved in a session and asked a variety of questions about the preparation of SATs in the school. We were given the opportunity to enquire about the process involved in creating SATs, how the exams are designed and also the opportunity to suggest improvements. Did you know that it takes 3 years to prepare a SAT exam paper! The visitors then visited the Year 6 classes and asked some children questions about the work they were doing. This visit is

a milestone in our school's history and we felt very proud to take part in the meeting. The visitors commented that the students involved were remarkable role models and that they really enjoyed their visit. Thank you to those who took part for demonstrating such exemplary behaviour!

On the 26th of March, the clocks moved forward one hour from Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) to British Summer Time (BST). This first started in 1916 to save fuel and money. Moving the clocks forward gives us darker mornings, but lighter and longer evenings. We have all enjoyed a week getting used to British summer time and we are looking forward to summer and long sunny days.

We wish you a happy Easter and a restful break. Enjoy the holidays!

Prajna and Jamie



Year 5 Gymnastics competition



A team of children from year 5 competed against three other local schools in a gymnastics competition.

The children were assessed on a floor routine and also vaulting using a spring board, which they hadn't done before!

I am delighted to tell you that one of our teams came first in the Year 5 category.

All the children did very well!

Stars of the week Friday 31st March



Class	Nominee	Reason
Holly	Masuma Noor	<i>For being a fantastic member of Holly class. We hope you have a wonderful time living in Dubai. We will miss you.</i>
Willow	Freddie	<i>For being brave and demonstrating excellent gymnastics skills in this week's competition. Well done, Freddie. You showed real resilience and dedication to your team.</i>
Oak	Rayen	<i>For consistently setting an example to his peers and working hard across the curriculum.</i>
Juniper	Rahi	<i>For writing an excellent, informative fact file about the poet John Lyons.</i>
Elm	Arthur	<i>For making a huge effort to contribute more to class discussions recently. It is wonderful to see his hand going up more and his enthusiasm and confidence growing each lesson. Keep it up!</i>
Beech	Yashika	<i>For writing an emotive and personal diary as Lady Macbeth and always trying her best whenever a challenge comes her way.</i>
Rowan	Aarith	<i>For hard work and determination to make impressive improvements to written work and for showing pride in this achievement.</i>
Poplar	Sloka	<i>For an extremely detailed description of her mythical creature for Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide. Arthur Spiderwick could not have written it better himself. Well done, Sloka!</i>