



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a difference the sun makes! Welcome to May, we hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend, which has definitely made this week pass quicker than ever. As we enter warmer days please ensure your child has a water bottle daily. Sun cream, sun hats and rain coats should also be provided.

As we enter next week, our fifth week of this term, we all wish our year 6 children the very best in their end of Key Stage 2 assessments, known as SATs. All of the children have been working incredibly hard and for that we are already proud. Our message is to do your best and be the best you can be.

**Arbor:** Thank you for downloading the Arbor App and communicating with us now via this source. StudyBugs will cease working on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May so please ensure you are keeping an eye on Arbor instead. As with any new system there have been a few teething problems which we greatly receive your feedback about, because this helps us identify and resolve any potential problems. Please always discuss or email the school office if you have any concerns.

One factor to know is there are in app messages and emails. The school needs to use both. The emails are like any other email that has a subject line and allow attachments to be added. The in app messages are literally there as an instant message. These do not allow attachments and do not have a subject line. Any in app messages that are now sent will have the first line as the headline to help you locate messages quickly and easily. We will also send an in app message to say an email has been sent – which will hopefully ensure our communication remains strong. The school is developing an Arbor information page for our school website, which we will share when it go live, we hope this helps.

**School Uniform:** As you will know the school logo has changed slightly to include the word ‘nursery’. Any uniform ordered through Brigade will have the new logo. We however have some stock with the old logo which is at a reduced price on ParentMail.

**Road Crossing:** Huge thanks are extended to Charlotte Goldsmith and Lucinda Steeden for delivering



the road crossing petition the council officials at County Hall offices in Lewes. We will now continue to raise awareness through the local media. We are not alone in our awareness as three other schools were also sharing their concerns. In school we continue to speak to the children about road safety and ask you to continue your conversations at home as well.

**Wellbeing:** Everyone’s wellbeing is a primary concern of the school and all staff work hard to ensure all children are known and feel valued. In all of our lives there are events and moments when the everyday or an element of it is too much. We thank parents for their honesty and would like to reiterate to please catch the class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns, so we can help resolve any worries efficiently. We have attached a flyer for Spurgeons, who are offering a 20 minute live chat session, which might be of interest. In school we have a wellbeing curriculum which encapsulates RHSE, PHSE, SMSC and the Empowerment Approach, ensuring all children are taught skills and facts to help support them in their development. In year 5/6 the children complete the My Health, My School survey with Mrs Winter which helps us identify trends where pupils are confident and where there could be further development. Our message is to reach out and speak to us.

**Spurgeons**  
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15.30-16.30 and 18.30-19.30  
Friday 17th May  
15.30-16.30

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**Events:** The remaining 9 school weeks of the school year are certainly busy so please make a note of dates, times and events – we will provide details for each event, year group appropriate, as separate messages on Arbor.



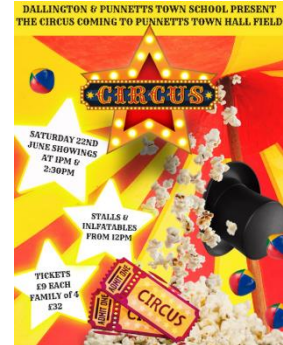
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**Y4 Multiplication Check Parent Information session** – Year 4 parents are asked to join Mrs Smith on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at either 2.45 or 3.30 for a parents information session about the Multiplication Check that your child will complete in June. Please come along at the times shared above.

All children across the school are busy learning their traditional Maypole and folk dances in readiness for our **Maypole Event**. All parent/carers across the school (this includes nursery) are invited to join us on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 1.15pm**. The afternoon is weather dependent and long term forecasts are currently variable so a decision will be made nearer the time. Please join us if you can. Friends will be providing refreshments so please bring some loose change.

As I am sure you have seen the **Circus** is coming to Punnetts Town for our annual summer fair, which this year we are hosting alongside our Federated school, Dallington on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. There are 2 performances the first at 1pm and the second at 2.30pm. Single tickets are £9 and a family of 4 for £32. There will be inflatables, stalls and refreshments also available for you to enjoy prior to and after attending the performance. Tickets have gone on sale and we ask you to buy yours soon. Please invite your friends and family so we can sell out the performances!



**Attendance:** Please see our attendance table below showing percentage data for the last two weeks. Our overall school percentage is 95%. Please keep your holidays to during the school holidays. I can now share that we will start the new school year on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024; Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September are INSET days.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 3	96	99	95	100	92	90	89	87
Week 4	89	93	100	90	93	84	93	97

**Beech Class:** It has been a busy term 5 so far in Beech class. In phonics the children have moved on to chapter 3 sounds, concentrating on new digraphs and characters. Ask your child what a digraph means!

In Maths, the children have continued to explore number relationships through composition and are extending their skills in subitising, and number order within 20.



In understanding the world, the children have been looking at lifecycles and have been watching with great interest the development of the Caterpillars that we have in Beech class. The children will be able to see the creation of the cocoon and the emerging butterflies will be released.



In Drawing club, the children used their imaginations to extend the adventures of our stories relating to colour. We have had some amazing pictures and code descriptions from the children, showing that they have been really engaging in the stories. The books and animations we have explored so far include The Colour Monster, Little Red Hen, and the Wacky Races.



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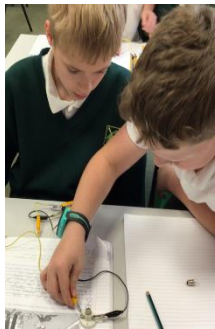


Our Art theme this term is all about colour and colour mixing; we have explored the work of Kandinsky, and the children have created their own Kandinsky painting. We have also looked at "painting with scissors" and the collage work of Matisse. The children have been working on a giant rainbow collage!



**Oak class:** Oak Class are having a buzzing time!

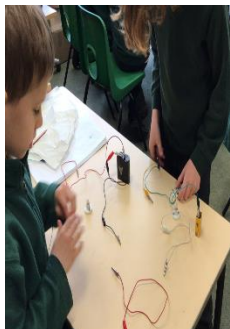
Oak class have been learning about circuits and electricity. Firstly we learnt about electricity safety. Freddy said "Wires have plastic around them to keep us safe from giving us a shock"



We then had to make a circuit that worked and if it did not we needed to work out why and what we might change, one piece of equipment at a time. Jack said, "It can be really hard to make them work because you have to

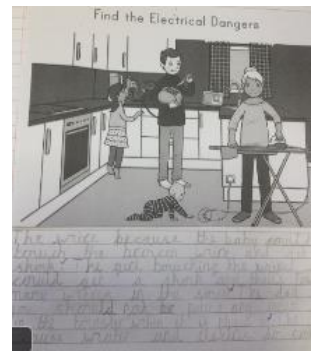
go through the circuit one piece of equipment at a time and check to see if it then works and lights the bulb."

This week we have been trying different materials and whether they conduct or insulate. Erin discussed the materials they used, "We tried tin foil to see if it conducts." Mia then said, "We tried plastic bags, paper, rubbers and our learning power teddies to see if their conducted. I learnt that everything with metal in it conducted."



Find the Problem With the Electrical Circuit			
Hand-drawn circuit diagram	What is the problem?	What is the solution?	Hand-drawn circuit diagram
	The bulb is not lit.	Check the battery.	
	The bulb is not lit.	Check the wires.	
	The bulb is not lit.	Check the bulb.	
	The bulb is not lit.	Check the battery.	
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	The bulb is not lit.	Check the bulb.	

Object (remember to record the material it is made from)	Prediction - is it an insulator or conductor?	Did the bulb light up?	Is the material an insulator or conductor?
metal coin	I think it will work	✓	conductor
plastic ruler	I think it will work	✗	insulator
piece of paper	I think it will work	✗	insulator
aluminium (metal) foil	I think it will work	✓	conductor
metal paperclip	I think it will work	✓	conductor
rubber	I think it will work	✗	insulator
white bread (sweets)	I think it will work	✗	insulator
plastic bag	I think it will work	✗	insulator
soft paper	I think it will work	✓	conductor



In PE we have started to learn our Maypole and country dance ready to perform to you. We are finding it a challenge, as we realise with the plait if one person goes wrong then the plait goes wrong! We will continue to work hard to improve it!



Tennis: On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May the Y3/4 tennis team went to Cross in



Hand Tennis Club for an afternoon of tennis with Mrs Curquejo. The children enjoyed developing their tennis skills and playing some games in the sunshine. I am delighted to share that the children finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position (out of 8). Huge congratulations to the team and thank you to all who took part and helped organise and manage the event.





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## Achievements out of school:



Huge congratulations to Elle who competed with her team at the South Downs Dance Festival, where they finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with an amazing 88 points. Well done and good luck in the next round.

## Star of the week:

Each week the adults and children reflect in their classes and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. I am pleased to share that in:

### Week 3:

Little Punnetts: Archie    Beech: Charlotte    Hazel: Dhyana    Oak: Freddy    Elm: George Wy

### Week 4:

Little Punnetts: Phoebe    Beech: Ollie    Hazel: Charlie    Oak: Ethan H    Elm: Ethan M

Thank you to everyone for being the best you can be!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*



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All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. **Yellow highlight** will show new additions from the previous newsletter.

Term & Week	Date	Event
T5 W5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
<b>T5 W5</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y4 Parent Multiplication Meeting 2.45 or 3.30</b>
T5 W5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1/2 Aquarium visit
T5 W6	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class photos – details to follow
T5 W6	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y3/4 Tri Golf competition
T5 W6	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Maypole afternoon
T5 W6	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM</b>		
T6 W1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	First day of term
<b>T6 W1</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Young at Heart Visit (Reception)</b>
<b>T6 W1</b>	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 Federation Day at Dallington – details to follow</b>
T6 W1	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00 – 6.00pm New Reception parents meeting
<b>T6 W1</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y6 Bikeability</b>
T6 W1	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
T6 W2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonic Screening
T6 W2	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception class outing to Wilderness Wood
<b>T6 W2</b>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 Cuckoo trail art workshop at school</b>
T6 W2	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Shop
T6 W3	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	HASP Y5/6 Olympics Day
<b>T6 W3</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Parent Consultations for Y1-Y6 – times to follow</b>
<b>T6 W3</b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Friends Summer Circus – please join us!</b>
<b>T6 W4</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Chartwells food workshop day for all classes</b>
T6 W4	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 taster day at HCC/Whole school change around day
<b>T6 W4</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>T6 W5</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>
<b>T6 W6</b>	<b>W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Early Years reports sent to parents</b>
T6 W6	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production – details to follow
T6 W7	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers assembly and Y6 sleepover – details to follow
T6 W7	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term
T6 W8	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET (closed to all pupils)
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>		