



Friday 19th  
March 2020

# WhatsUp @ EXETER

## Pupil of the week

### 12.3.21

FS2: Anastasia and Alistar

Year 1: Rhylee and Callie

Year 2: SJ and Eric

Nurture: Scarlett

Year 3: Sebastian B, Brodie and Olivia K

Year 4: Wiktor, Leyton and Madison

Year 5: Liam N, Elizabeth and Ioana

Year 6: Summer W, Carrick and Keziah

Potter: Hallie

### 19.3.21

FS2: Leila and Natalia

Year 1: Paulius and Maja

Year 2: Lionel and Oskars

Nurture: Daniel

Year 3: Amelia J, Patryk and Ianis

Year 4: Iurie, Sofia and Owen

Year 5: Maya, Poppy and Kyle M

Year 6: Cole, Lukasz and Joshua

Potter: Rachel

Well done to all these children.

## Upcoming Dates

Clap for unsung heroes – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 11am

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3:15pm – Last day of term

## Our children are amazing!

The children have now settled back into school as we come to the end of our second week of full re-opening. As we knew they would, the children have come back showing great resilience and a zest for learning.

Did you know? – Next Tuesday will mark the one year anniversary of schools shutting and only opening up for key workers!

As we (the IFtL Trust) believe this is a moment in history that we don't want to go unmarked, we have decided to recognise it in the following way: At 11.00 am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March our schools within the IFtL Family will socially distance on their playgrounds for a minute silence followed by a clap for all the unsung Heroes within schools and the wider community.

We are opening this up to the local community so please join us from your front door step or garden. More information is attached to this newsletter.



**CLAP FOR ALL THE UNSUNG HEROES  
WITHIN SCHOOLS & THE WIDER  
COMMUNITY**

Can you believe it has been one year since schools first opened as a  
keyworker provision and life has changed dramatically over the last year!



TUESDAY 23RD MARCH AT 11AM

## Wellbeing day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

To help your child/ren with their return to school, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we held a 'Well-being day'. This included a range of activities to help the children settle back into school and catch up with their friends and teachers.

We have continued this with daily well-being activities each morning. This supports the children to be ready for learning everyday.



1. **Connect** with other people. Good relationships are important for your mental **wellbeing**. ...
2. **Be** physically **active**. Being active is not only great for your physical health and fitness. ...
3. **Learn** new skills. ...
4. **Give** to others. ...
5. Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness) - **Take notice**

An example of a fun day: Year 2 had an amazing, fun filled day back with all our friends and teachers. The pictures show two of our activities, making our own play dough and 'guessing the animal' from the classical 'Carnival of the Animals' composed by Camille Saint Saëns in 1886.

It was fun to take notice of the music and move the way it made us feel. Then we looked at images of animals and guessed which matched the music! In the pictures below the children are dancing to 'The Swan,' before they knew what the music was about. Great listening Year 2. It was great to slow down and listen to music instead of rushing around like normal. We learnt how music is great for our well-being.





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## Loan of school laptops

If we loaned you a school laptop to support remote learning, can you please bring this back to school by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. These laptops will then be used in class to further support our computing offer to pupils. Thank you.

## Parent's evening

Most parents have now had their parent's evening meeting this term. We would really appreciate hearing from you regarding how you felt the meeting went, the use of the booking system etc. Please complete this short questionnaire so we can listen to your views and make improvements in the future. All entries are anonymous.

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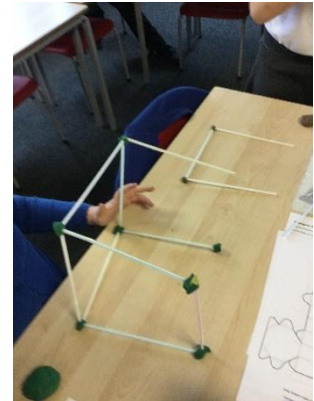
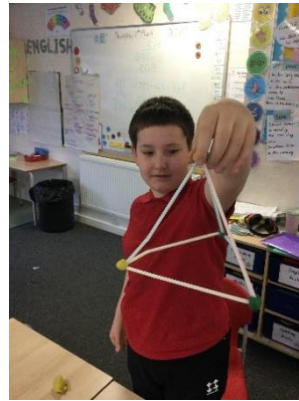
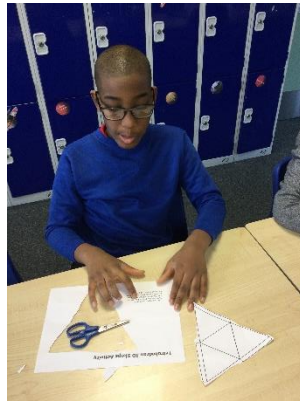
## Social media

We would like to remind parents of the age restrictions by law for children accessing social media platforms. Almost all platforms are for children ages 13 and above. If you do allow your child to have access to these when underage, can we please remind you of the importance of monitoring their access on a regular basis. We are very fortunate to have the team from TARGET coming in to work with our Year 5 and 6 students in April to go through the dangers of being online and how to keep themselves safe.



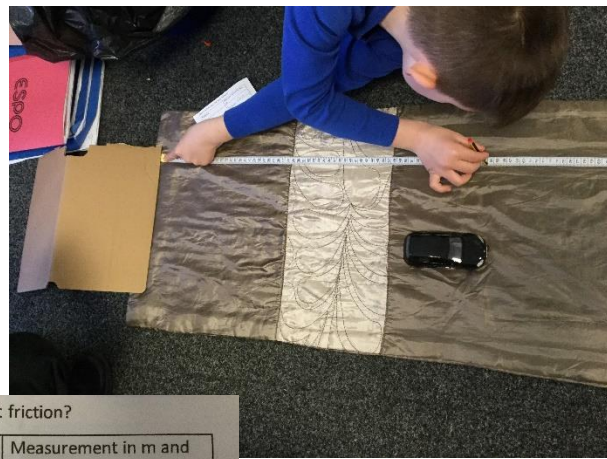
## Year 4 – Maths work

Over the last few weeks Year 4 have been expanding their knowledge on 3D shapes by experimenting with different types of nets. They have been making a range of 3D shapes including cubes and triangular based pyramids. They have discussed the number of vertices, faces and the size of the angles.



## Year 3 – Forces

Year 3 have been learning about forces and particularly friction in their science lessons. They investigated which surface had the least and the most friction by rolling toys down a ramp onto different surfaces including: a towel, tin foil, lino, silk and carpet. They used their measuring skills to find out how many centimetres it travelled and found out the lino had the least amount of friction.



Which surface has the least friction?

Material	Measurement in m and cm
carpet	26 cm
tin foil	33 cm
fabric	15 cm
towel	24 cm
lino	49 cm



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## **After school Sports Clubs**

There are a few remaining places at our after school sports clubs starting up after Easter. Bookings can be made on the Gateway App - places are limited to ensure we stay COVID safe. All clubs finish at 4:15pm. The children will need to bring their PE kit into school if it is not their PE day.

Year group	Day	Activity	Collection point
FS2	Thursday	Multi-skills	Main reception
Year 1	Tuesday		Miss Esslemont's gate
Year 2	Tuesday		Main reception
Year 3	Wednesday	Invasion games	KS2 playground
Year 4	Wednesday		Main reception
Year 5	Monday		KS2 playground
Year 6	Monday		Main reception

## **Year 5 – Swimming**

Starting after the Easter break, pupils in Year 5 will be having swimming lessons as part of their compulsory PE sessions. Swimming is a vital life skill and we are very fortunate to have such a great facility on our door-step. Can all Year 5 parents please complete the clubs section on the Gateway App so we know your child's swimming ability and place them into the best group to ensure they improve in their ability and gain a love of swimming.

## **Plastic milk bottle tops**

Instead of throwing away your plastic milk bottle tops, please wash them and bring them into school. They are a fantastic resource for junk modelling, maths activities, spelling games - just to name a few! A box will be available by the Brayford Avenue school gate each day to drop your clean lids into. Thank you.



## **Keeping everyone safe on the school site**

Can we please remind you of the following to ensure we keep our school community safe:

- All adults to wear a face covering whilst on school site;
- Only one adult per household to bring a child/rem in;
- Only arrive at your dedicated drop off and collection time, not before.



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## **Safely dropping off / picking up**

Thank you to all the parents who have parked their cars further away and walked the last way in, or changed their habits and walked the whole way to school. The number of cars at the end of the Brayford Avenue has massively reduced. For the last few cars still using this road, please ensure that you drive slowly and carefully.

Parents – please ensure that you walk along the pavement and cross directly opposite the school gates, not down the road, as cars do still have right of way. There have been a number of incidents this last week where children and parents have walked out in front of moving cars – our number one priority is to ensure all our school community is kept safe.



Taxis – if you come to school in a taxi, please ask them to drop you off by the garages. We have been in contact with most of the taxi companies to ask this and already seen a large improvement.



## **Red Nose day**

It was great to see all the children in their non-uniform / superhero themed outfits today.

We will count the money up and let you know if we reached our £500 target.

Thank you for your support.

**Next Newsletter** – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## School Term Dates: Academic Year 2020 – 2021



### Spring Term 2021

Term 3	Re-open	Monday 4 January
	Closes	Friday 12 February
Term 4	Re-open	Monday 22 February
Easter	Closes	Friday 26 March



### Summer Term 2021

Term 5	Re-open	Monday 12 April
May Bank	Closes	Friday 30 April
Holiday	Re-open	Tuesday 4 May
Bank Holiday	Closes	Friday 28 May
Term 6	Re-open	Monday 7 June
	Closes	Friday 16 July