

# Newsletter 20

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## Happy Half Term

It is just mind blowing to realise that as we break up for the half term holiday we have already reached the half way point of this academic year! I know everyone is ready for a well deserved break and hope that you have lots of relaxing and exciting activities planned for the week ahead. We are so very lucky to live close to the beautiful city of Cambridge and its incredible, world renowned university, as there is always so much going on and so many activities for us to access. If you are staying at home and are looking for some exciting family days out, the museums in Cambridge are running their popular twilight sessions throughout half term week. Why not grab a torch and embark on an after-hours museum adventure? From night-time nature hunts to torch-lit trails there will be a variety of special performances and hands-on activities on offer, many of which are free or low cost. More information about the events can be found at <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/theme/twilight>

Whatever your plans I wish you all a happy, safe and enjoyable half term.

Mrs Howell

Twilight at the Museums



## Pirates Versus Mermaids

Year 2 thoroughly entertained us with a rip-roaring adventure on the high seas this week. Our visit to Me Hearty High School, the most distinguished pirate school on the seven seas, resulted in an incredible revelation—Captain Scary Pants and the trainee pirates can't swim! To avoid failing their 'Arrr' levels they had to swallow their pride and ask their rivals, some very spirited mermaids, to teach them to swim. With some fantastic songs, great humour and a talking parrot, Year 2 gave a fantastic and very enjoyable performance. Well done Year 2.



## Year 4 Maths Changers

On Monday, we were excited to take two teams of Year 4 children, representing Aquila and Cygnus Class, to the Network CB23 Year 4 Maths Challenge held at Hardwick & Cambourne Community Primary School. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm for maths as the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time working together on a variety of maths questions on topics including arithmetic, estimation and geometry.

We were very impressed with how well the children worked as teams and were delighted with Team Aquila's second place finish - just one point off the winners! Well done to all the children who took part - you really did your school proud and were wonderful ambassadors for mathematics.

*Mr Frame*



Aquila Class Team



Cygnus Class Team

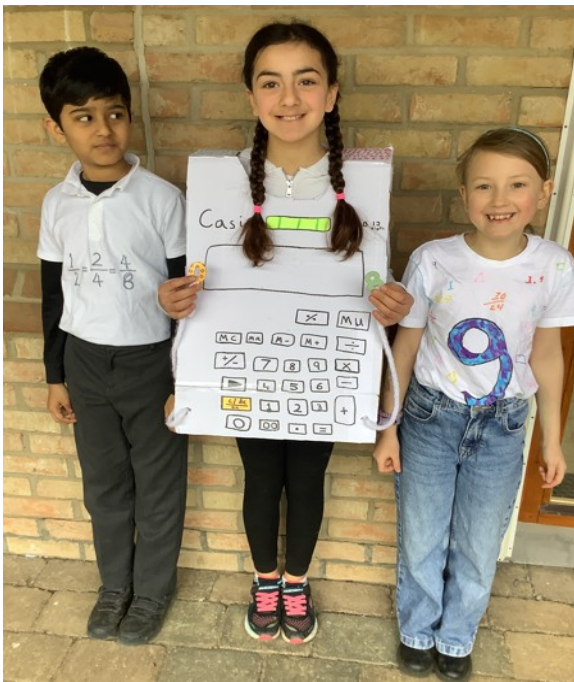
## Back to Ancient Egypt with History off the Page

Year 3 travelled back to the 14th century BC, the 8th year of the Pharaoh Akhenaten's reign, courtesy of History off the Page on Wednesday. The children were tasked with helping to construct a new utopian city to honour the god Aten. The children completed important tasks to help the Pharaoh including embalming, tomb painting and amulet making, among others. The day culminated with a banquet in which the Pharaoh named the new high priest, the Mery-Ra. With lots of drama and celebrating the children had a truly wonderful, immersive experience.





Last Friday we all celebrated the power of numbers by covering ourselves in digits to mark the 25th anniversary of NSPCC Number Day. However, we weren't just celebrating the power of numbers, we were channelling our love of maths to raise money for the incredible work of the NSPCC. Through donations and the after school bake sale we raised an incredible £305 for the work of the NSPCC. The children also took part in the amazing Times Table Rockstar challenge which ran throughout the day. A huge well done to all the children for such an impressive achievement.



## Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about the astronaut Tim Peake.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you how they made their vehicle.

Ask your Year 2 child to tell you what they have most enjoyed learning about this half term and why.

Ask your Year 3 child to explain how the Ancient Egyptians embalmed their dead.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain the difference between a fact, a belief and an opinion.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you the points of the compass in Spanish.

Ask your Year 6 child to tell you about their eco shelter design and how they would improve it.

## FORTHCOMING DATES SPRING TERM 2025

17th to 21st February—Half Term Holiday

24th February—Children return to school

5th March—Year 1 Kenya WOW Day

6th March—World Book Day

7th March—Cygnus Class assembly

12th March—Reception vision screening

13th to 18th March—Book Fair in Main Hall

14th March—Violet Class assembly

21st March—Red Nose Day

21st March—Green Class assembly

25th March—Reception performance at 10am

25th March—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm

26th March—Reception performance at 2pm

2nd April—Team afternoon

3rd April—Parent Consultation Evening from 4pm

4th April—Break up for Easter holiday

7th—21st April—EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April—Children return to school

23rd April—Year 4 Indian WOW Day

29th—30th April—Y4 Burwell House Residential trip

2nd May—Dorado Class assembly

**5th May—May Day Bank Holiday**

7th May—Reception Trip to South Angle Farm

12th to 15th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week

16th May—Blue Class assembly

19th to 23rd May—STEM Week

20th May—Reception Come and Share

21st May—Year 5 production at 2pm

22nd May—Year 5 production at 6pm

26th to 30th May—Half Term

**2nd June—INSET Day**