



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

A Sneak Peek at Our Collage Logo



Take a look at this fantastic collage version of our school logo, created by our talented Reception children. Their creativity has really shone through. You can read more about their zine-inspired collage work in the piece below.

Every Day Matters



It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

This week's winners are...
Andersen with 98%

Lantern Parade - A bright start to the Year!

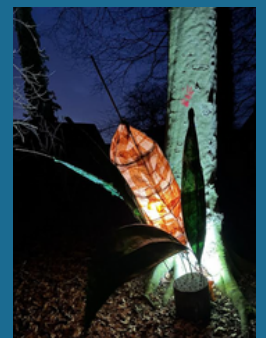
Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for our annual Lantern Parade. It was a truly magical evening that brought our community together and filled a dark January night with colour, creativity, and light.



A big thanks go to the Pupil Arts Council and to Ms Booth for their imagination and hard work in bringing this special event to life. We are incredibly proud of what our pupils achieved. We are also grateful to all of you for your continued support. Your involvement is what makes events like this so meaningful.

To help us keep improving, we would really value your thoughts. If you can spare a few minutes, please do complete our feedback form.

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The Great Science Time Tour

I liked how he went back in time with the time machine and the disco ball!

Winnie

I liked the bit about the astronaut in the space station.

Archibald

I liked it when the scientists were talking to us about their discoveries.

Evelyn



On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a scientist from the Norwich Science Festival, who presented The Great Science Time Tour. The children were taken on an exciting time-travelling journey, where they met some inspirational scientists – Charles Darwin, Marie Curie and Mae Jemison. We learnt about their scientific discoveries, but also their resilience and positive mindset to work with their team.



The Norwich Science Festival runs over half term, so if you're in Norwich, pay a visit to the Forum to see what science events you can get involved in!
<https://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk/>

Join the UK's Largest Toad Crossing Rescue



The Devils Punchbowl toad crossing which is situated in Croxton is the largest crossing in the country. Last year they rescued almost 6,000 toads!

If you are interested in helping this year between late Feb early March at dusk please follow this website to register your interest –

<https://www.froglife.org/what-we-do/toads-on-roads/tormap/>

Please also see the below poster for more information.

Creative Collage Adventures



Our Reception children have been exploring collage techniques using old, donated magazines in preparation for creating their own mini zines next week. They've shown great enthusiasm, experimenting with different designs - from Mr Gumpy's river and learning about river banks, to animal creations, and even a child-led idea to create our school logo!



It's been wonderful to see such clear progression in their art skills and growing confidence this term already! They've just loved seeing the pictures come to life!

Tabei's Courageous Adventures at Time & Tide



Firstly, we just wanted to say how incredibly proud of Tabei we were. They represented our school with good manners, respect and enthusiasm. The staff at time and tide asked for us to pass on their thanks to you at school as they were so impressed with the children. The children had a fantastic trip and loved venturing out on the minibuses! Upon our arrival at Time and Tide, we were met by a very nervous Randall who needed Tabei's help to get his courage back. Alongside Randall and his two explorer friends, the children sailed to British Columbia, explored jungles and created their own magical animal masks.

I want to be an explorer when I grow up so I can explore mystery islands!
Levi

I found British Columbia on the map and it wasn't in Britain, it was in Canada!
Cienna



We saw a giant turtle in the museum, and a crocodile.
Casper

By the end of the day, Randall was filled with bravery to go on more adventures, inspired by Tabei class!

TOAD TIMES

Between the end of **February and mid April**, toads all over the country will come out of hibernation and begin their hazardous journey back to their spawning ponds.

Common toads are declining in the UK with thousands of toads being killed on our roads every year, and they really **need our help**.

Toads usually **move after dark** when the temperature is above 6°C on damp evenings.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We welcome **new volunteers** for a couple of hours a week to patrol in teams of two or three. Short training, insurance and answers to all your questions are provided.

If you can help us protect these animals please contact:

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LOCAL DRIVERS

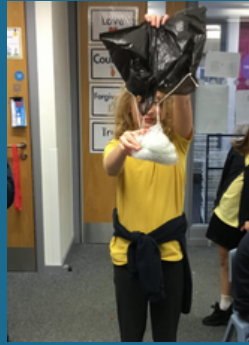
We need your help too!

We put up toad signs with lights on when we are patrolling the roads.

Please take care, **slow down** and look out for our patrollers in the **Hi-Vis jackets**.

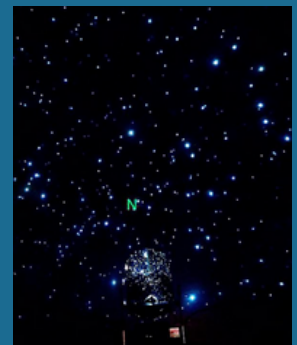
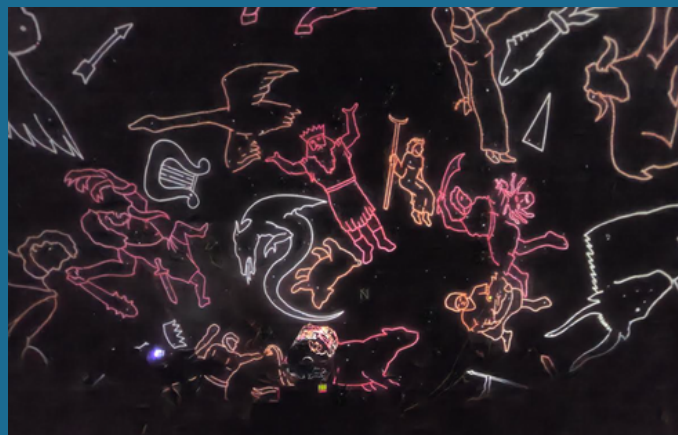


Year 5 Space Adventure with StarLinc



Year 5 pupils had an exciting and memorable visit from StarLinc today, packed with hands-on learning and space exploration.

The morning was spent inside an inflatable planetarium, where children learned all about our solar system and explored the wonders of the night sky. They were fascinated by the planets, stars and constellations, and loved the immersive experience.



In the afternoon, pupils worked in teams to design and build a rover for landing on Mars, putting their problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test. As a special treat, they also tasted dehydrated strawberries, just like astronauts eat on space missions! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, which inspired curiosity, creativity and a real sense of wonder about space.