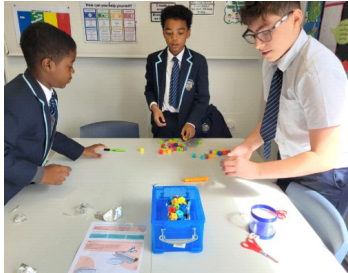
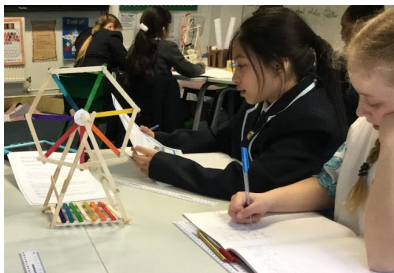


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Exploring the Fascinating World of Connections!

We are excited to share the wonderful events and activities that took place during our recent Science Week, where we delved into the captivating topic of "Connections." Our children embarked on a journey of discovery, exploring the various connections in the world around us.



Our young scientists were immersed in hands-on experiments that showcased the power of connections. From circuits and magnets to chemical reactions, children actively participated in conducting experiments, fostering their curiosity and understanding of scientific principles.



They were involved in exciting STEM challenges, where they had to use their problem-solving skills and creativity to build structures, create circuits, and design mechanisms. These activities encouraged teamwork and critical thinking while highlighting the importance of connections in engineering and technology.



Science Week provided a platform for our children to nurture their scientific inquiry skills, develop a love for exploration, and appreciate the significance of connections in the world around us. We are immensely proud of their enthusiasm, engagement, and the exceptional work they produced.

'What I enjoyed about Science Day was that we did lots of fun activities like building a tower with marshmallows. The thing that was fascinating about it was that we won medals!' Year 2

Important Dates

26th May 2023

End of Term

5th June 2023

First day of half term

19th June 2023

Well-Being Week

21st June 2023

EYFS Sports day

22nd June 2023

KS1 Sports Day

23rd June 2023

KS2 Sports Day

5th & 6th June 2023

Years 1-5

Parents' Conference Meetings

7th July 2023, 6:00pm

International Evening
Celebration

10th July 2023

EYFS closed for Parents'
Conference Meetings

11th July 2023

Years 1-5 end of year visits

11th & 12th July 2023

Year 6 Parents'
Conference Meetings

14th July 2023

Y6 Leavers' Production

17th July 2023

Y6 Leavers' Awards

18th July 2023

End of Term Mass

18th July 2023, 2:00 pm

Last day of Term

Healthy Living by Year 2

Some of us in Year 2 go to netball after school club. We like netball because it is a sport and helps us to keep fit and healthy. When I get upset, I know I can talk to Coach Jaidene and she will help me.

I really like to read because it makes me feel calm and comfortable. It's important to stay calm because we won't get super stressed.


In school we have hymn practice; I like hymn practice because it makes me relaxed.

We get free fruit at break times. I have a banana which helps me to stay healthy and have a balanced diet.

I like to dance and it makes me feel happy. It also makes me fit and healthy; it's important to stay healthy so we can take part in other activities and not be lazy!



this half-term is the Kingdom of Benin. In class we spent time discussing the Benin Bronzes and how they were taken to Britain in 1897, then we visited The British Museum to actually see the Bronzes - it was amazing to see them so close up! We were able to explore lots of the imagery and symbols on the Bronzes as well as learn a lot about other Benin artefacts. We also explored artefacts from Anglo-Saxon Britain, North America and Korea. Some of the children had written letters to the Director of The British Museum explaining why they thought the Benin Bronzes should be returned back to Nigeria - we took some of these letters with us and handed them in to the friendly museum staff who said they would pass them on to the Director himself!

A photograph showing a group of children in a museum setting, looking at an exhibit. The children are of various ethnicities and are dressed in school uniforms. They are gathered around a display case, which is partially visible in the foreground. The background shows other museum visitors and exhibits, including a large wall display. The lighting is warm and the atmosphere is educational.

Gold: Reception E 98.6%
Silver: 1K & 4R 97.8%
Bronze: 5R & 6G 97.7%

Attendance must be 100% because any absence affects children's learning and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up.


 Going for Gold 
 Congratulations to all pupils who have been on
 Gold since 17th April 2023





On Wednesday 3rd May, the Brilliant Club attended a graduation event to celebrate their hard work on The Scholars Programme. The graduation event took place at King's College London. The pupils had a tour of the university with current students, an Information, Advice and Guidance session followed by an opportunity to

celebrate their achievements in a graduation ceremony. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and hope it inspires them to pursue their goals in the future.



"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

You, too, can shine the same light. Even when the world around you feels dark, remember this and live your life for God. Even a small candle can illuminate the deepest darkness.

To celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla, the children at St Francis' held a special Royal Design and Technology Day. The children were tasked with planning and making special items and structures important to the Coronation, thinking carefully about what made them special and how they might be improved upon. This ranged from making commemorative tote bags and celebratory bunting, where children learnt sewing and needle skills. Children also thought carefully about what makes different structures strong and freestanding by designing a new wing to Westminster Abbey and a brand new coronation throne for the new King and Queen. Of course you can't have a coronation without a crown, and some fabulously decorative ones were produced by the children in Reception and Nursery. The children really enjoyed themselves, learnt some important design skills and got to celebrate this very special occasion.

'The best part about DT Day was learning how to sew so I can help at home. On DT Day, we made a tote bag using a needle and thread. This was my first time so I was really enthused!' Year 4

