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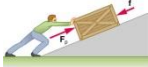
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Fun With Forces

On Thursday afternoon we had 36 people (19 children and 17 adults) taking part in the FUN WITH FORCES Science Workshop, run by the Family Learning Team.

It certainly looked like everybody who attended had a wonderful time: carrying out investigations, producing fact files, making fuzzy ball flingers (using a paper cup and a balloon) and using magnets. There was so much to do.

Despite Covid cases rising nationally and within Halton, we have had not had any positive cases reported in the last 10 days. Therefore, we are hopeful that we can begin to plan more opportunities for parents, carers and grandparents to come into school later this term.

Christmas Card Project



You should have now received your order form to order Christmas cards, gift labels, mugs, thank you notes, place mats and fridge magnets with your child's Christmas art design.

If you are wanting to place an order, could you please return the order form – with the correct payment – before the end of next week (Friday 15th October); so we can place the order before half term and accept the delivery at the beginning of November.



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 22nd October

As we wish to prioritise inviting parents into school to watch the infant nativity play in December, it is unlikely that we will be able to hold a Christmas fayre indoors this year. Therefore, the PTFA have decided to organise a large Christmas raffle instead.

Our aim is to produce five magnificent hampers (containing a wide range of items that can be enjoyed by all ages: games, toys, chocolate, other food items, candles, luxury products, etc).

To encourage as many people to donate a prize to go in one of these hampers, we will be having a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 22nd October - in return for the children bringing in a raffle prize.

We are asking all of the children in:

- Bridge – to bring something in that is RED or ORANGE
- Castle – to bring in something that is BLUE or PURPLE
- Mersey – to bring something that is GREEN or LIME
- Priory – to bring something that is YELLOW or GOLD
- Staff & Governors – to donate something that is WHITE or SILVER

The items should be new and unopened – and, if they have an expiry date, for this to be on (or after) 26th December 2021.

It would be amazing if everybody could support this fundraising project. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the last week in November and the draw will be made on Friday 17th December (to allow the winners time to collect their prizes).

The PTFA will also be holding a Christmas Surprise Room on Monday 13th December and Tuesday 14th December. For £2.50, the children will be able to enter the surprise room, choose a gift for one, or more, of the adults who take care of them, wrap it and bring it home – as a gift to be opened on Christmas Day.

Previously we have only held Mother's Day and Father's Day Surprise Rooms – and the children have loved taking part in these.

Hopefully this is another way that we can keep the cost of buying presents for family members down – and making the children feel special and proud to buy something for somebody they deeply care about.

Please look out for an order form that will be sent out next week. These MUST be returned by Friday 22nd October for your child to take part – as we need time to purchase all of the gifts for mums, dads, step mothers, step fathers, carers and grandparents.



NSPCC

Following on from the 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' sessions that your child has taken part in, in school, you may be interested to know that Penguin and Ladybird publishers have partnered with the NSPCC to create a brand new Pantosaurus book aimed at children ages 4 - 8.

You can find copies of the new book on sale, either in Matalan's selected stores and online, selected SPAR stores or at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/>. All profits from the sale of this book will support the NSPCC.

You may also be interested in the NSPCC's new selection of BUDDY goodies available from the NSPCC shop at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/buddy> which make perfect gifts for children - and all profits go to help keep children safe.

Extra School Holiday Date



As there will be an extra bank holiday this academic year, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (in June), the Department of Education has advised schools that there will be a reduction to the 2021-22 academic year by one day – and Halton has advised schools that they can decide when to take this extra day as a holiday.

Following discussions this week, we have decided to take the extra holiday on Wednesday 22nd December 2021 – which means that we will now close for the Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm on Tuesday 21st December.

On the final day of the Autumn Term, we have arranged for Chaplin's theatre company to come into school to perform Dick Wittington to all of the children in the school.

The full cost for this production will be met from the school budget – through the INEOS Forgotten Forty grant that the school is benefiting from – so, hopefully it will be a great way to end the term (and conclude our Christmas celebrations and festivities in school).

	First day of term	Last day of term
Autumn Term*	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
	Monday 1 November 2021	Tuesday 21 December 2021
Spring Term	Wednesday 5 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 1 April 2022
Summer Term **	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
	Tuesday 7 June 2022	Friday 15 July 2022

* Includes Extra Holiday (Wednesday 22 December 2021) to account for the additional bank holiday in June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**Includes May Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

INSET Days

Wednesday 1 Sept 2021	Monday 6 June 2022	Monday 18 July 2022	Tuesday 19 July 2022	Wednesday 20 July 2022
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