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Dear Parents,

Sport Relief

On Thursday every child participated in the Sport Relief Mile Challenge. Our aim was to walk, skip, jog or run around our 250 metre course until we had covered a total of 200 miles. Whilst it doesn't sound much each pupil from Reception to Year 6 needed to complete more than one mile – clearly some would do more, some less, but it was a team event with each child contributing to a class total. To cover 200 miles we would need to do 1280 laps! Each class was determined to do well and it showed. The standard was set by Reception who tore around the track at a remarkable rate. Other classes relentlessly ground out the laps, the pace often increasing as their allotted time ran down. Smiles were the order of the day with children pleading to do 'just one more lap please!'

At the end of the day the miles were totalled up:

Reception covered 18 miles.
Year 1 covered 21 miles.
Year 2 covered 26 miles.
Year 3 covered 30 miles.
Year 4 covered 33 miles.
Year 5 covered 39 miles
Year 6 covered 51 miles



What comes across is what an amazing feat this was. When the miles were added up they came to a remarkable 218 miles. This was not however the end. A group of hardy (foolhardy?) parents took up the challenge and added a further 11 miles. Our total for the day was therefore 229 miles – the challenge was met and the target smashed. So... 250 miles next time? A big thank you to everybody who took part, your resilience and 'can do attitude' were a credit to you all and we raised £153.39.



Recorder Jamboree

This term in music, Foxes have been learning to play the recorder. They have started to read music and compose their own tunes. So it was with great enthusiasm the children travelled to Rutland rugby club to share their skills in a mass recorder ensemble. They were fortunate to meet the composer of their recorder tutor book (Red Hot and others), Sarah Watts, who explained how she came up with her song ideas and answered questions. The children really enjoyed her silly songs session and reading music to notes they had learnt. They also tried some more challenging tunes and have asked if they can try these again at school. Well done Foxes you did a great job!



Mathematical Masterminds

On Wednesday a group of mathematicians from Year 5 and 6 travelled to Ketton school to take part in a Mathematical Masterminds competition against other schools. In pairs the children were put into teams with children from other schools and with the support of a Year 10 student from Casterton College had many different maths challenges to complete throughout the day. The challenges included completing calculations to finish a crossnumber, logic problems and spatial puzzles with points being awarded for answers, effort and for demonstrating the 5Rs (being resilient, ready, reflective, resourceful, responsible) After a whole day working together the points were added up and it was a very close result. Joshua and Ben won Bronze prize and Ryan and Thomas were in the Grand Winner team. Well done to Violette, Charlotte, Ryan, Finlay, Thomas, Ben and Joshua who took part as it was an amazing day and one of the many new opportunities we will have working as part of Rutland Learning Trust.



Badgers visit to Bugtopia

On Wednesday, the children in Badgers Class went on a trip to Bugtopia the Zoo. In the morning the children were able to handle a selection of bugs – a millipede, cockroaches, a tarantula and stick insects. They really enjoyed this and learnt lots of facts about the insects too. In the afternoon, the children explored the animals that lived in The Cave. This is a dark section where the nocturnal animals live. Again the children learnt lots of facts about the animals in there and were fascinated to see lizards without any legs. The class are very excited about using their learning from yesterday's expedition in their classwork over the next few days.



Child Care Survey

Rutland County Council are currently consulting with parents and carers to assess the childcare needs of families in the county. If you would like to share your views then the link for the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LB5GZL9> If you wish a paper copy to complete then this is available from the school office.

Job Vacancy



We are currently looking for a Premises Officer to join our staff team to manage and maintain our premises. If you are interested please pop into the school office for more details. Please also share this message with any friends or family who may be interested. The closing date for applications is Friday 20th April.

Safety

We have just been made aware that an unknown adult driving a white van approached an older student outside of Catmose College and tried to engage in conversation. The student acted appropriately and quickly raised the alarm, and the police have been informed. If your child walks to or from school on their own it would be really useful if you could remind them about safety aspects when walking to and from school. They may wish to consider walking with a friend.

Diary Dates

Monday 26th March **Easter Service** 2pm at Church. If you can help walk down to church then please come to school at 1.30.

Monday 26th March **Foxes and Rabbits Production of "Daniel and the Lion's Den" 6pm**

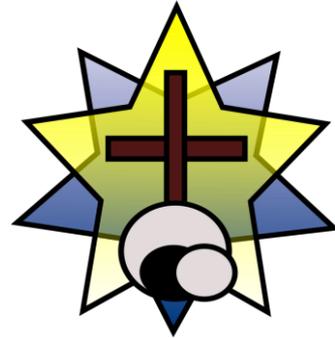
Wednesday 28th March **Spotlight Dance Showcase**
Thursday 29th March

Thursday 29th March **LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

Enjoy the Easter holidays!

Monday 16th April **FIRST DAY OF TERM 5**

Holy Week Craft Service for Children



*Come and watch the story on
the big screen
and make some crafts*

**Good Friday
10.00am
Uppingham Parish Church**

All Welcome