



Greg Clark Visits Capel

Today, we were pleased to welcome MP, Mr Greg Clark to our school. Following his assistance with the recent power cuts, we thought he might like to meet the children that he helped. He started his morning watching our anti-bullying Assembly, where Year 5 helped us think about different bullying scenarios, and Year R shared their ideas of friendship with us. Joe and Jamie then helped us understand the effects that bullying can have on a person.

Mr Clark was then given a tour of the school by the Head Boy and Head Girl. He was able to see our classes in action, meet the guinea-pigs, see the Haven and hear about the different activities that we do. He was keen to hear about the Year 6 Leavers plans and when he saw the beans being grown by Year 2, it reminded him of his own time at school growing cress.

Finally, our School Council interviewed Mr Clark, asking him about his own school experiences; his favourite football team; his job as an MP, his views on local housing plans and his hobbies.

We thank Mr Clark for taking the time to visit us today.

Please see our Special Events on the website for more pictures and the interview.



Upcoming Dates and events

9th May—Key Stage 2 SATs week

11th May—Year 5 11+ Information talk at 3:30pm

13th May—Own clothes Day—Cakes for May Fayre

14th May—May Fayre

18th May—Year 6, Anti -Crime Assembly

20th May—Class 1 Assembly

27th May—Last day of term—Jubilee Celebration Day.

30th May—3rd June—Half Term

6th June—INSET day / Year 6 Residential Trip

7th June—Pupils return

10th June—Own clothes for Secrets Room

15th June—Secrets Room for Fathers Day

21st June—Enrichment Day

27th June—Sports Day—parents welcome

1st July—Class 2 Assembly

6th July—Year 6 Dress Rehearsal

7th July—Year 6 Performance—evening

15th July—Reports out to Parents

21st July—Last Day and Leavers Assembly 9:15am

2022-2023

Dates for your Diary

INSET days

1st September 2022

2nd September 2022

10th November 2022

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

Gardeners Wanted

We are appealing for any budding gardeners who might like to volunteer at the school. Our After School Club have the vegetable patch under control, but we need some help with our pots. If you have time to spare and would like to be involved, please let us know via the office. Thank you.

27th May—Jubilee Celebration Day.

On 27th May, we will be holding a day of celebrations to honour the Queen's Jubilee. The children are invited to wear their own clothes for the day, and we will have some special activities to mark the day.



Cyrus was wearing quite a spectacular hat last Friday because he was taking part in Brain Tumour Research 'Wear a hat day'. Cyrus is well known among his friends and family for his love of hats. He has 36 hats and people voted for him to wear the Willy Wonka hat. He has raised £150 for the charity.

Well done Cyrus, what a brilliant way to raise money and for such a worthy cause.



Year 2 are enjoying the generous gift from the PTA. Each class was given a £100 to enhance resources in their classroom. In Year 2, they have updated their reading area and invested in some new books which the children are already enjoying.



On Friday the 6th of May the school celebrated its 3rd 'Anti-bullying' day of the year! Our theme for the day was 'see it, stop it, get help' and the day started with a whole school assembly within which class 5 and class R shared some of their thoughts around solutions to different scenarios and what it means to be a good friend. Afterwards, all of the classes had the opportunity to take part in an online theatre show from 'Open View Education'. The younger children watched 'Time to Unite', a show that focused on what bullying is, how it can happen and how to respond, The older children focused on the question of the difference between 'banter and bullying', exploring what 'banter' is and how banter/a shared joke can go too far.



Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out a range of **national assessments** in school. These assessments include the Year 1 phonics test, KS1 SATs, Year 4 Multiplication Test and KS 2 SATs. If you have a child in one of these classes, you have probably already spoken about the upcoming tests, but I wanted to provide some reassurance for families that may be concerned about undue pressure on our pupils.

Whilst our Year 6 pupils are very aware of the SATs, and this is discussed openly with them, our younger pupils are barely aware of a 'quiz', let alone a national test. Our teachers work hard to minimise any stress and focus their praise on effort and a child trying their best. For our older pupils, we stress that their best efforts are absolutely good enough and is all that we ask.

The National Tests assess a limited amount of the child's skills. It provides a brief snapshot of a moment in time, rather than a picture of the whole person and all their skills and talents. They do not measure a love of history and in-depth knowledge of the past, or a fascination with the world around them. They do not measure their advanced computer skills or ability to draw or paint with flair. They do not measure sporting talents or music ability. And they certainly do not measure a child's kindness, empathy or humour.

Whilst these tests are important, we do not lose sight of the whole child. We encourage them to have confidence in themselves and try their best, whilst knowing that they have so much to offer that could never be shown in a test. Please ensure that you talk to us if you have any worries about the tests, or questions, and together we can make this as stress-free an experience as possible!

On the next page, you will see more details about the different testing taking place.

A quick Guide to National Assessments.

What tests will your Year 1 child sit?

Phonics Screening check

The Phonics Screening Check in June, is meant to show how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned up to the end of Year 1, and to identify students who need extra phonics help. The Department for Education defines the checks as "short, light-touch assessments" that take about four to nine minutes to complete. The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. Non-words (or nonsense words, or pseudo words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but don't mean anything - your child will need to read these with the correct sounds to show that they understand the phonics rules behind them. The 40 words and non-words are divided into two sections - one with simple word structures of three or four letters, and one with more complex word structures of five or six letters. The teacher administering the check with your child will give them a few practice words to read first - including some non-words - so they understand more about what they have to do. Each of the non-words is presented with a picture of a monster / alien, as if the word were their name (and so your child doesn't think the word is a mistake because it doesn't make sense!).

What tests will your Year 2 child sit?

KS1 SATs

Year 2 is an important year in your child's education. Using ongoing observation and their KS1 SATs results in May, teachers will assess the level your child is currently working at. The SATs will measure your child's ability in reading, writing, maths and science against other children across England. The educational level your child has reached will become an official record of progress, with the results showing whether or not your child has reached the expected standard for that year group.

Here's what the test involves:

Reading test for Year 2 pupils, this is made up of two separate papers:

Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts and Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages

Grammar, spelling and punctuation: Paper 1: a 20-word spelling test and Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test

2 separate maths papers (NO calculators or number lines allowed)

What tests will your Year 4 child sit?

Multiplication Tables Check

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) was officially announced by the Department for Education (DfE) in September 2017 but was delayed for several years due to the pandemic.

Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. The test will last no longer than 5 minutes and is similar to other tests already used. Their answers will be marked instantly.

Children will have 6 seconds to answer each question in a series of 25. Questions will be selected from the multiplication tables from 2 to 12, with a particular focus on the 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12 times tables as they are considered to be the most challenging.

The six-second time limit per question has been decided on by the DfE because it should allow children enough time to demonstrate their recall of times tables without giving them the time to work out the answers to each question. There will be no "pass mark" (expected standard threshold) and no child will "fail" the test. The DfE says the purpose of the check is to help teachers identify which children are falling behind and target areas where they're not being given a chance to succeed

What tests will your Year 6 child sit?

KS2 SATs

The tests take place in the week of 9th May and include:

Reading test

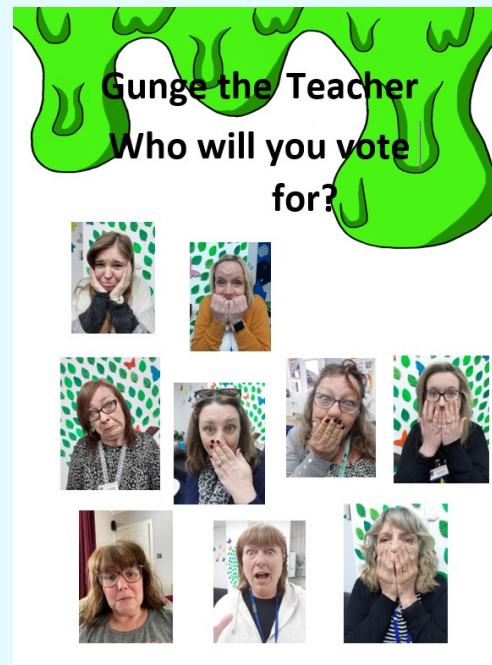
The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.

Grammar, spelling and punctuation tests

The grammar, punctuation and spelling (SPAG) test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

3 separate maths papers in arithmetic and reasoning

Paper 1 consists of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 involve a number of question types, including multiple choice and constrained questions.



After many postponements, the choir and year 6 finally performed at Young Voices. This year celebrated 25 years of Young Voices concerts, which have inspired hundreds of thousands of children to sing for pleasure.

We travelled by coach to the O2 and spent the afternoon rehearsing for the main event. We were taught to beatbox by the Beatbox Collective, and perform street dance moves with Urban Strides, as well as singing with the 2018 'The Voice' winner, Ruti, who sang with Young Voices as an eight-year-old.

By the time the show started, the atmosphere was electric with 7500 excited children ready to perform to friends and family. The singing sounded amazing and the children looked like a professional choir dressed in their Young Voices t-shirts and showing off their dance moves! A fantastic and memorable experience was had by all.

