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OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



TAKE A PEEK!

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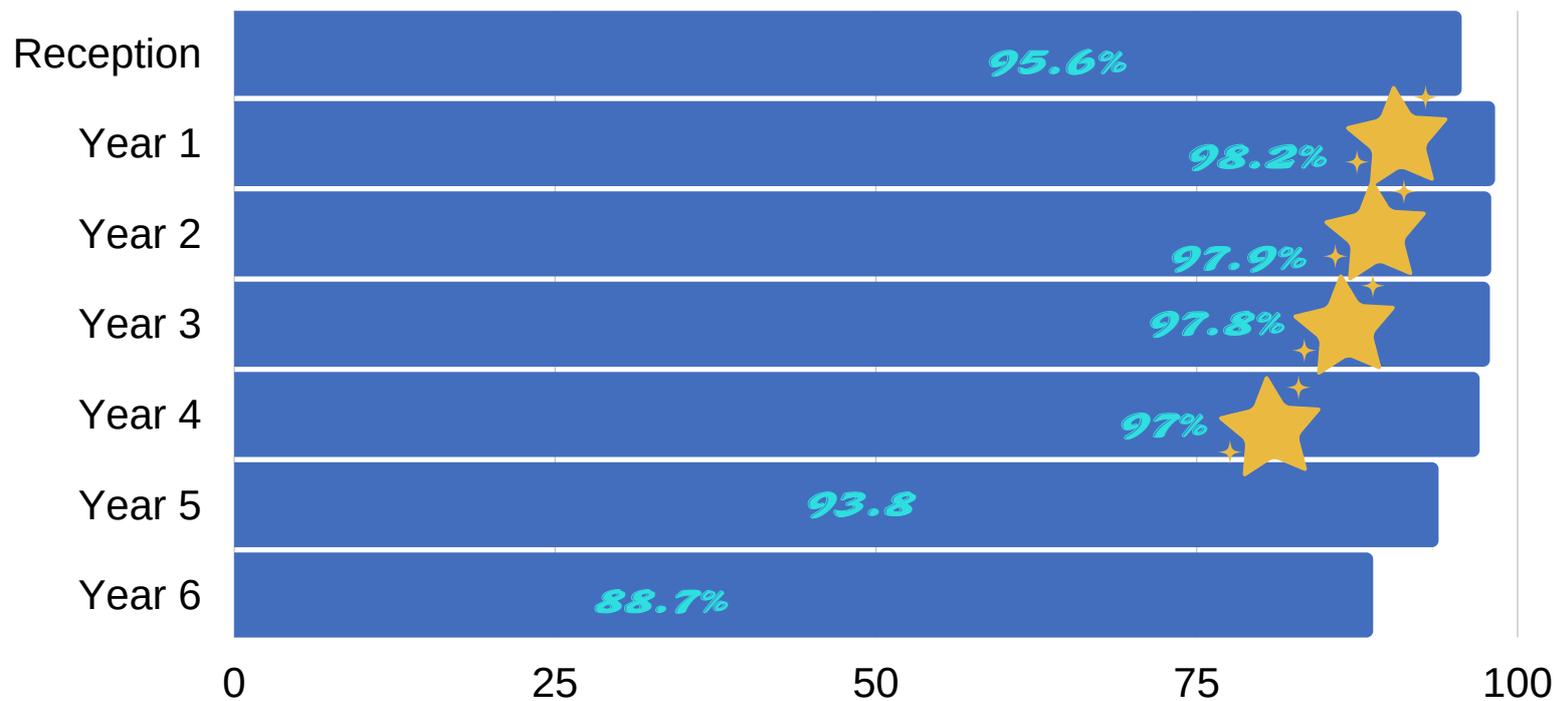
Thank you to everyone for such fantastic support this half term. Without hesitation, I can say that this has been the hardest half term of my teaching career as we have tried to navigate the constant changes that our region is experiencing, as safely as possible. It is with much regret that we finish the time with less than half of our children. Necessary precautions to keep us all safe.

Since Tuesday morning, our school has been just over half empty and another class has gone home today. We have really missed all the members of staff and pupils who are currently isolating - doing their bit to ensure that this awful virus does not spread. Thank you to all of them.

I have heard so many comments over the last few weeks around the debate about whether the virus does exist. Careless talk will cost lives. I can only listen to the doctors, who know far more than I do, and see the figures of people infected - even in our local area. We have to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. I wish you all a very happy and healthy half term, though a quiet one - I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS TERM = 96%

WELL DONE!



Birthdays this week...

Logan (Rec)

Next week....

Layla (Y1)

Leah (Nurs)

Max (Nurs)

Logan (Y1)



HOME LEARNING

Paper-based work for each child isolating has been provided by their teachers - these should be returned to school as soon as they return.

We are trialing the use of Google classroom for after half term.



RSE

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Catch-up week was this week - teachers were looking at the areas of the curriculum that should have been delivered last year. Please talk to your child about what they learnt during a 'Journey of Love'!



CALENDAR

Subject to change:

Y3 Trip	-	4th November
Y6 Assembly	-	11th November
Stay & Play (Maths)	-	12th November
Year 5 Assembly	-	27th November
Year 4 Assembly	-	4th December
KS1 Play	-	8th December
KS2 Carols	-	10th December
EYFS Christmas 'Play'	-	15th December
Finish for Christmas	-	18th December



NASA

When our Year 6 class were in Reception, Nasa launched a space mission to collect samples from an asteroid called Bennu. Schools could put their class forward to have their names put on the probe that they were sending into space. We were lucky enough to be one of the schools. That probe has only just landed on the Asteroid. Here is a link to Newsround with the details!

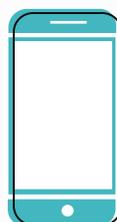
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/54626519>

SCHOOL APP

If you change your phone:

1. download the PA Connect APP
2. Press Login and search for our school logo
3. Enter your email and password

All of school communications are now via the APP - there is not a texting service from school anymore!



Parents' Evening

Thank you for the positive reports that we have had back already about our 'settling in' reports. All teachers will follow up any concerns that you have raised after half term.



HALLOWEEN



Halloween is a holiday with a long history and can have different meanings for different people. The name Halloween is a shorter version of All Hallows' Eve or the night before All Saints Day, which is celebrated on 1st November.

This year's Halloween is a little different with lockdown, but should still be fun. Here are some ideas for keeping it fun:

- Treat Scavenger Hunt in your home
- 'Zoom' Halloween party with friends (virtual)
- carving pumpkins or painting them
- decorating the front of your house
- dressing up and having a 'devilish' themed dinner at home

Black History Month

Pupils have ended the half term with some work on Black History Month. We are extremely fortunate in our school, that during the 'lockdown' all teachers, lead by our Curriculum lead, Mr Lindsay, developed our awareness of BAME groups - to thread them into each topic - so although we will continue to celebrate Black History Month, we will also have a number of dedicated lessons across the year.

Our focus this year was on British, Black Olympians and each class shared their 'hero' and the work carried out in assembly yesterday. Do you recognise some of these names:

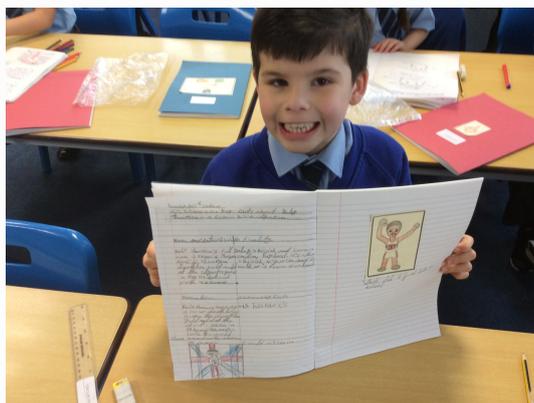
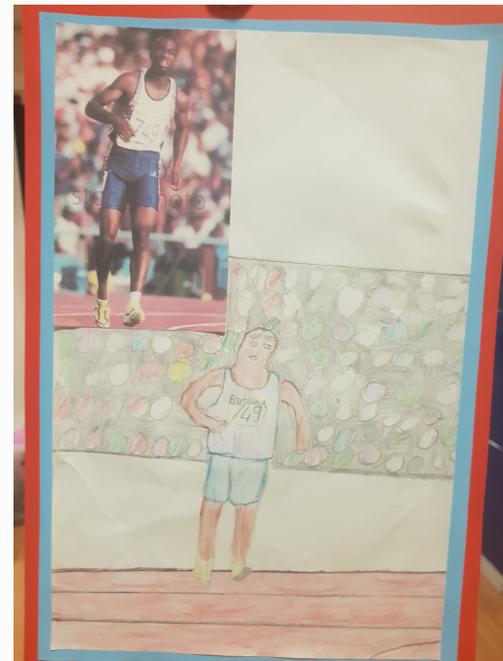
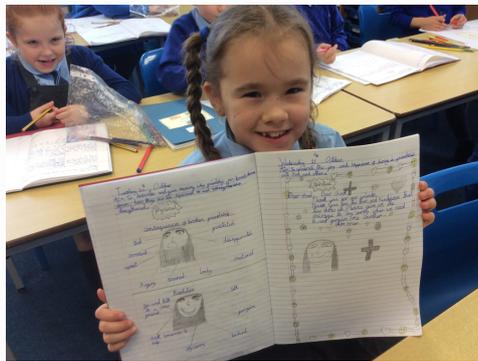
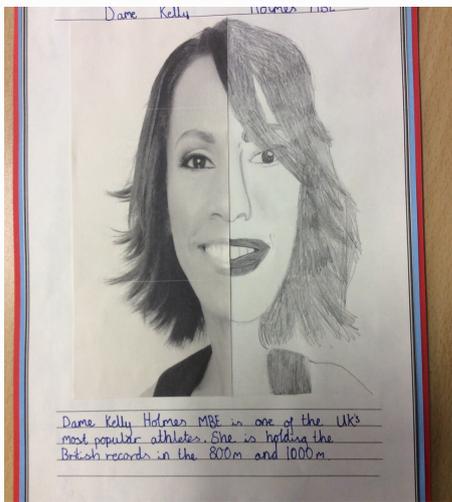
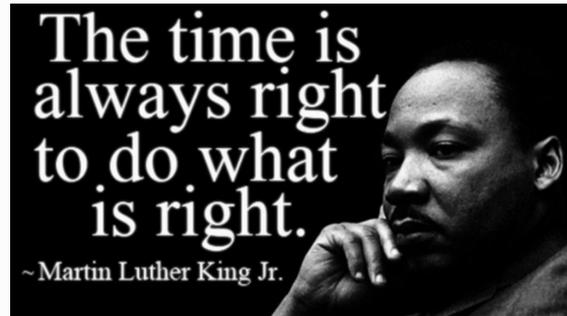
Year 6 - Dame Kelly Holmes

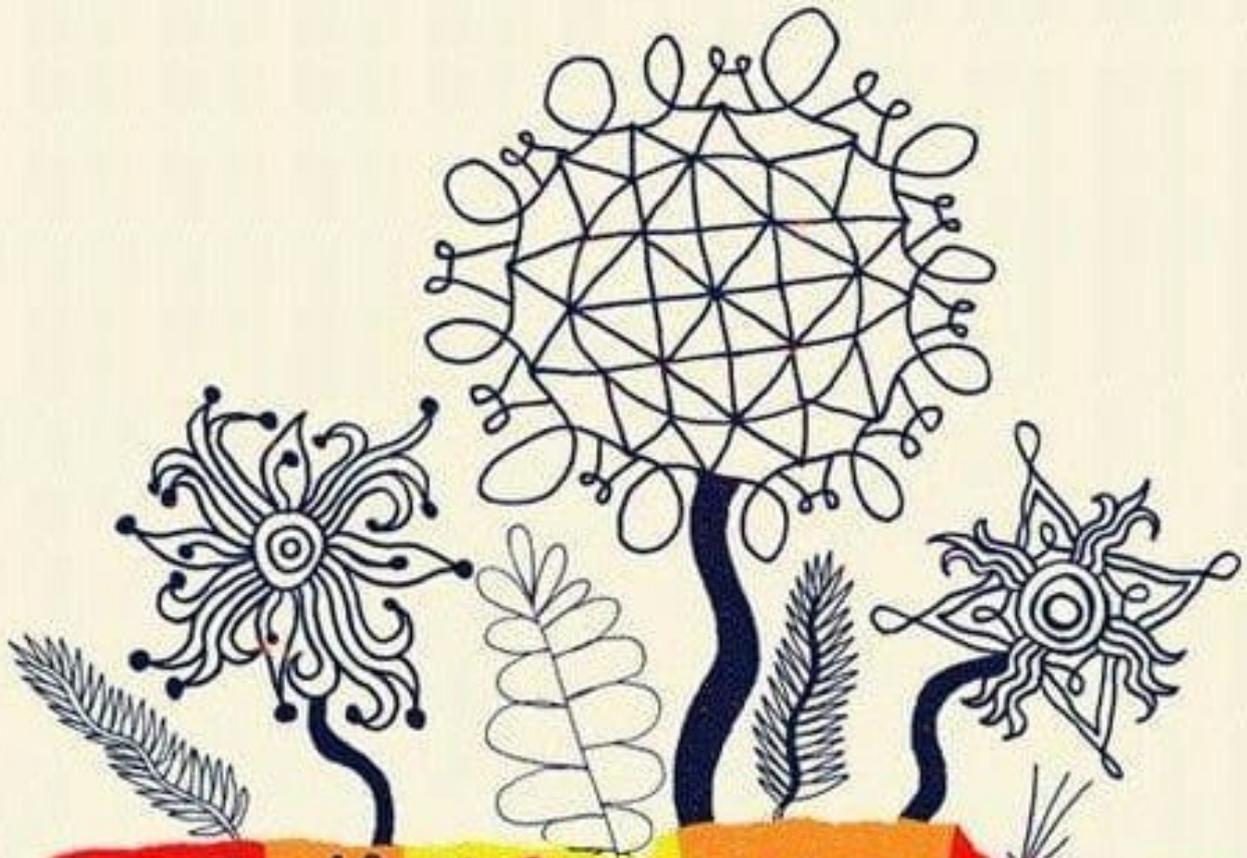
Year 5 - Derek Redmond

Year 4 - Daley Thompson

Year 3 - Sir Mo Farah

Reception / Nursery - Dame Tessa Sanderson





WE all SHOULD know That
DIVERSITY makes for a rich
tapestry, AND WE MUST
understand that all the
threads of the tapestry
are EQUAL in Value no
matter what their color.

- Maya Angelou