



CHINA VISIT



I was very fortunate last week to visit Xian in China. The trip was with 5 other Warrington heads to secure links with a school to share good practice and to learn from each other. Our school is called Chang an South Park Primary School. It is a very good match to us as their focus is on ensuring children are happy and belong in order for them to go fulfill their full potential academically.

The school had a lovely warm ethos and the children were all engaged and eager to learn. The school is keen to send pupils out to England so that they can experience a week in our school. I will keep you posted on the developments of this but it may happen late in the summer term. There may also be an opportunity for us to take Newchurch pupils to China if there is interest in this. The proposed timing of this is to be confirmed but I will arrange a briefing session for parents with plenty of advance notice if this is something that, as a school, we are going to explore. I am more than happy to answer any questions parents have on this in the meantime. I will be delivering an assembly for pupils so that they can have a detailed account of my experience in China and I will also be uploading this on the homepage of the school website for parents to read.

YEAR 3 UPDATE

Year Three have been reading 'The Night of the Gargoyles'. The suspense was getting to them after they spent time

unpicking and researching the front cover, before finally reading the book. The children have looked at the famous building, Notre Dame and created non-chronological reports. Following this, they have written diary accounts, drawn skillful illustrations and much more. Year Three are now very excited to design and make their own gargoyle heads, during DT, using simple pneumatic systems.

Jamie Forster: I enjoyed sketching and using the text to figure out what to do.

Izzy McCormack-Pym: I enjoyed reading the book because it was exciting and all our work is based around it.

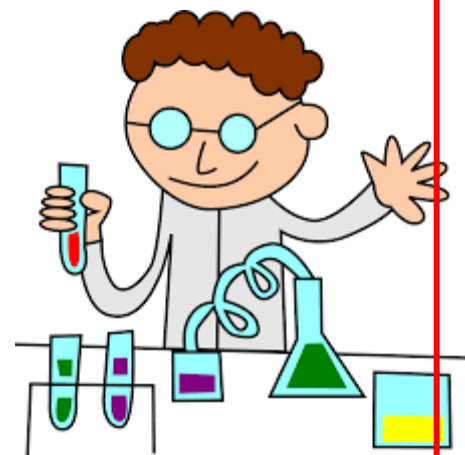
BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

British Science Week is an annual event to get people all over the country involved in science. This year, it will be from 10th to 19th March, so today the children have celebrated their love of Science by taking part in a 'Scientist Day.'

The theme this year is 'change' so at Newchurch, we have been trying to answer the question – '**How have British Scientists changed the world?**'

Each class was given the challenge to learn about a different British Scientist. These included: David Attenborough, Alexander Graham-Bell, Isaac Newton, Edmond Halley, Tim Berners-Lee and Alexander Fleming.

We then shared our work in a special assembly, where we also learnt that scientists don't have to wear white coats – we are all scientists!



Attendance
w/e 10th March 2017
Our whole target is 97.5%



Y6 99%

Y5 98.7%

Y4 96.7%

REC and Y1 96.3%

Y2 95.5%

Please remember to telephone school if your child is unwell so that such absences can be recorded as authorised. If permission is not given for a holiday or we are not informed of the reason for an absence, it will have to be recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you.

READING LADDER w/e 17th March 2017

	Y4 93%	+
	Y2 88%	-
	Y5 80%	-
	Y3 78%	-
	Rec 73%	-
	Y6 63%	=
	Y1 50%	-

COMIC RELIEF INFORMATION FRI 24TH MARCH

Children will receive a 'Who's Who?' sheet to take home on **Monday** (baby photographs of the staff for you to guess- this is just for fun!)

Thursday is the Year 5 Cake sale and **Friday** is Red Nose Day.

We will be in uniform on Friday but your child may wear red accessories for a donation.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

6-24.3.17	Pan EXHIBITION Parr Hall Warrington
17.3.17	Dress down day for Easter egg donations
20.3.17	Y6 to Parr Hall PM
21.3.17	Traffic meeting 7.30pm
23.3.17	Year 5 Cake Sale – Proceeds to Red Nose Day
23.3.17	PTA meeting
24.3.17	Thank you service (9:15am)
31.3.17	Easter Bingo
3.4.17	Y6 trip Liverpool
27.4.17	Year 6 Cake Sale
8.5.17	SATs Week (KS2)
19.5.17	Class photos AM
19.5.17	Summer Disco
22.6.17	Year 1 Cake Sale
11-12.7.17	Y4 Beeston
13.7.17	Y6 LEAVERS
14.7.17	Year 6 Prom
20.7.17	Reception Cake Sale
29.9.17	Individual photos AM
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July 2017.	

**WELL DONE TO YEAR 3
FOR ACHIEVING 100%
ATTENDANCE FOR THE
SECOND WEEK
RUNNING.**

Please look at our School Blogs on the front page of our website this weekend for the latest class news. THIS WEEK IT IS THE TURN OF:

NEWCHURCH BLOG	Y3
MATHEMATICS	EYFS
READING BLOG	Y5

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Lawrenson