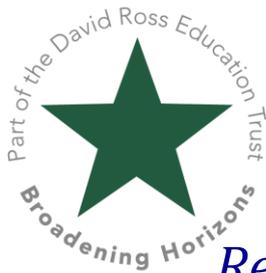
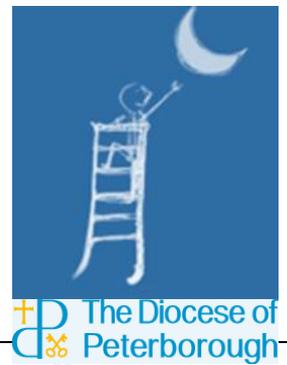




MALCOLM ARNOLD
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Broadening Horizons



Reaching for the moon



MAPS Newsletter: guiding you through life at our school!

Term 4, Edition 14. Week ending 5th April 2019

We have been working on our overarching vision which defines us as a school which is part of both DRET and the Diocese of Peterborough. This has involved various different stakeholder views to ensure we capture what we are really about.

Broadening Horizons & Growing Passions

Learning together to shape our community

...Please send them on their way in a manner that honours God. 3 John 16

Underpinned by *The Parable of the Talents*

“Broadening horizons and growing passions” captures our aim to provide a whole range of opportunities in order to grow a passion in each child. We are seeking to not only educate your children, but also prepare them for life in a wider sense, and seek out their strengths by providing a wide range of experiences to create well rounded individuals. In linking this to the ‘Parable of the Talents’ we are reinforcing the message given to Jesus’ disciples who were urged to use their abilities and gifts to serve God without reservation or fear of taking risks.

We hope you will agree with the meanings and purpose behind our vision but would welcome any further comments or thoughts if you have them; please speak to either myself or Mrs Stevenson.

Attendance:

Being at school and learning is vital, and gives each and every child, the best chance in life. We always celebrate good attendance with awards each term. Next term there is a Trust wide push on even better attendance, this will include all students who do not meet our expectation of 97% and above without genuine reasons. This emphasis will ensure all students are accessing their full education.

On this note, there were lots of children who had 100% attendance certificates presented today for this term – well done!

We are particularly keen to ensure that the start of terms and ends of terms are not eroded by parents taking their children on holiday. However, we also appreciate that if your child is ill, then they are ill, and we are not encouraging you to send in ill children, as this merely spreads the virus and germs.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child’s attendance please do contact us. Thank you for your support with this.

CLUBS

Monday Clubs:

Freestyle Soccer (am)
Junior Choir (lunch) (y1-2)
Choir (y3-4)
Chess (y1-4)
Maths (Invite only y1 & y2)

Gymnastics (y1-2)

Tuesday Clubs

Freestyle Dance (am)
Soccer (y1-2)
Hockey (Invite Only)
Athletics (y2 - y4)
Freestyle Multisports

Wednesday Clubs

Gymnastics (y3-4)
Fencing
Hotshots

Thursday Clubs

Tennis (am)
Book Club (Invite only y3-4)
Soccer (Invite only y3-4)
Lego (R - y1)

Friday Clubs

Freestyle Gymnastics (am)

Tuesday 23rd April

2019

Back to School!

Staying safe online:

We are sure the children are looking forward to the next two weeks, enjoying some time at home with family and friends. With extra free time, we know they are likely to be upping their screen time and access to online games; please remember to balance this though with a variety of other activities.

While they are online, please remember that supervision is key to ensure your child is kept safe at all times. Make note of who your child is playing the game with, is it just the computer? 'Real' World friends? Or strangers? Check that chat is turned off, if it needs to stay on, make sure you know exactly what is being shared via this online chat system. If you would like further advice, don't hesitate to contact Miss Brown who will try and help. Below is a link for parents information about online gaming produced by ThinkUKnow.



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Uniform: Just a reminder about uniform as we enter the summer term. You will have seen my plea about proper school shoes and not boots, please do take this opportunity to comply with this. Also as we enter shorts weather while we ideally like boys to wear the fully MAPS socks, we appreciate they are costly, so alternating them with regular long grey socks is fine. Girls should wear either long grey or long white socks. Finally, a reminder that we are switching uniform suppliers next June to www.yourschooluniform.com those pupils in Year 3 need to start thinking about getting their blazers for next year and their proper ties. There are numerous videos on youtube about how to tie a tie – worth practicing now!

Return to School Tuesday 23rd April: Just a reminder we start school on a Tuesday after the Easter weekend. We will hopefully be operating the new drop off system outside our gates. Please take extra care around this area as people get used to this system. All pupils wanting to make use of this need to be sitting on the passenger side of any car.

Year 3 Camping:



Please ensure that your confirmation/ consent to attend the camping trip has been successfully logged by the office, and that payment (£40 to cover transport and food etc) is made in good time. 1st June is the deadline for payment. So far only 14 parents have given consent and if it remains like this we will not be going on the trip. We really want everyone to come! Consent forms will be sent out again by the office.

Deadline for consent is 30 April.

Cornwall:

We have canvassed parents about this trip in Year 6 for our current Year 4. Only two sets of parents felt paying for this trip will be difficult so we have taken the decision to book this trip and get the wheels in motion. We will set up a parent pay account so parents can make payments over the course of the two years to ease the burden. This link will be sent to you shortly. We will need parents to commit to this trip – please can you do this via the link sent to you by 1st June 2019 (this summer). Your commitment will be the first payment made on parent pay.



- Consent forms: deadline 1 June 2019
- Payment Deadline (£400) : April 30th 2021
- Trip: 4 -8 July 2021

CLUBS: A reminder that the clubs are now live for bookings. Please log into the parents evening booking system via the MyEd app to book places. Spaces are limited and the closing date is Wednesday 17th April.

MALCOLM ARNOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL BEFORE-SCHOOL TENNIS CLUBS

Come and join us for a summer of tennis, the best season to get the rackets out enjoy the sunshine. The breakfast club tennis is open to 1 to 4, with groups being split into ages and standards. Please use the link below to book your space, places are limited so book early to save your space!

Thursdays - 25th April to 18th July, £42

<https://premiertennis.co.uk/basket/add/1902>

Don't forget our Easter Holiday Tennis & Multi-Sport Camps are on next week with 9am-4pm or 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri. You can book using the link below or calling the office on 01604 434288.

<https://premiertennis.co.uk/basket/add/1688>



A report from our Year 4's:

MAPS APRIL FOOL'S MAYHEM

Earlier this week, a pranking master fooled the clueless pupils of his school with one of the most incredible April fool's joke ever known to man.

Mr Northcott, head teacher and geography teacher, of Malcolm Arnold Prep School, squeezed in an 'emergency' geography lesson that turned out to be completely fake! He told everyone about a made-up island called Bandiaterra, which is situated in the Indian Ocean. Year Four experienced extreme shock after later discovering it was all pretend.

"I am so surprised that Mr Northcott played a joke on us," chuckled Amelia, aged 8. "I can't really can't believe we fell for it- especially that there are thirty-one days in June!" However, not everyone thought the joke was funny. "I am so annoyed that someone pranked us. I love geography and I want to learn things about real countries and islands!" exclaimed Slavi.

It turns out that it wasn't just the pupils who were fooled. Mr Hobbs, who works in Year Four, explained, "I watched the video and can't believe I fell for it. I felt a bit embarrassed too!" Others were more impressed, "I thought it was a brilliant idea!" commented Mrs Brown. "I just wish I'd thought of it myself!"

April Fool's day is celebrated on the first day of April every year and is also known as 'All fool's Day.' Jokes are played on family and friends and must take place before midday on April 1st. One thing's for sure - this class of 8 year olds will be checking their calendar more carefully next year!

This week in Pictures: Scott House had the most special pebbles this term and won the Celebration Cake at lunchtime yesterday – well done.

Year 2 had an Egyptian day on Monday this week, the children had a great day – the costumes were fantastic!

