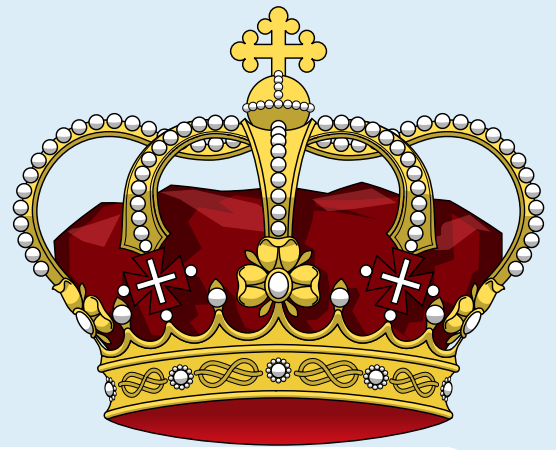




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Coronation Celebrations

As you will be aware, the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May. We will be marking this special occasion in school the day before, and the children are invited to dress for a special occasion or wear red, white and blue. Throughout the day, the children will learn about the history of the coronation and play some traditional party games. We will also be having a coronation 'street party' style lunch (which will be outside, weather permitting) and we will be making a time-capsule with contributions from the children.

London Marathon and the Schools' Mini-London Marathon

Thank you for all the support I received for the London Marathon last Sunday. It was the most amazing day and I enjoyed every minute (well, apart from the last mile!). I am delighted that we have managed to raise over £900 in sponsorship, which will go to our wonderful PTA and in turn further enhance the wonderful experiences the children have at Meltham Moor. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

Following the enthusiasm and support for the London Marathon, we have decided that the children's Schools' Mini-London Marathon will now be held as a whole-school event on the afternoon of Friday 12th May, starting at approximately 1.30 pm. Nursery hold their event in the morning - Mrs Hewson to communicate further details. During this time all children will run, jog or walk a mile and it will be fabulous for the children to have the support of the whole-school community. Parents and families are also invited to spectate. Please note there will be no Special Mentions assembly on this day. All children to come dressed in their PE kit on this day and ensure they have a water bottle.

Through our participation in the mini marathon, we are joining together with other schools across the country in an attempt to break the World Record for making the most pledges to join an exercise campaign in one month. If successful, school will receive a Guinness Book of Records certificate on behalf of the children. More information can be found at Mini London Marathon in schools - TCS London Marathon.

Let's continue to raise money through the children's challenge!
Any contribution, no matter how great or small, will be appreciated.
Feel free to share the following link with friends and family.
You can donate to a JustGiving page by clicking here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/melthammoormini-marathon>





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Lambing Live

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, the children from Years 2 and 6 went on a field trip to Holme Village. The focus of the trip was to augment work in their RE topic relating to New Life and kick start this term's science topic – Animals Including Humans. The children visited a working farm where they met owner and farmer, Sarah Nobles. Sarah introduced the children to many of the tasks around the farm and explained in detail how sheep are reared. One group were lucky enough to see the birth of a lamb – staff and children alike were stood in awe and wonder as they witnessed this new life arriving into the world. The children were able to hold the lambs, brush the ponies and watch a sheepdog demonstration. After thoroughly washing their hands the children tasted cheese, made from Ewes milk, and tucked into some lamb sausages. After a picnic lunch the children went on a nature walk which focused on understanding the different habitats within the area of Holme. It was a fabulous two days and we'd like to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers who supported the trip – we couldn't have done it without you. Photos of this fabulous two day trip are already on School Dojo but the links are below:

<https://youtu.be/iv81s3eKaU0>

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Neiley Races

Well done to the children who took part in the first of the Neiley races on Wednesday this week. Everybody ran well and were great ambassadors to our school. The next race takes place next Wednesday. If your child signed up and didn't attend yesterday, it would be great if they could come next week.



Cross Country Event

A fantastic job from our Year 6 girls' cross-country team at Temple Newsam last Thursday. They were competing for Kirklees against children from all over West Yorkshire on a tough, hilly course. Although the sun was shining there was a really strong wind which made their job even tougher. Outstanding perseverance and determination meant they all finished the course with a smile. Well done girls!



Road Safety Workshops

Last week, Years 3 and 5 had a visit from Chris, who is part of the Kirklees Road Safety Team. He gave them lots of information about being a safer pedestrian in an informative and entertaining way.

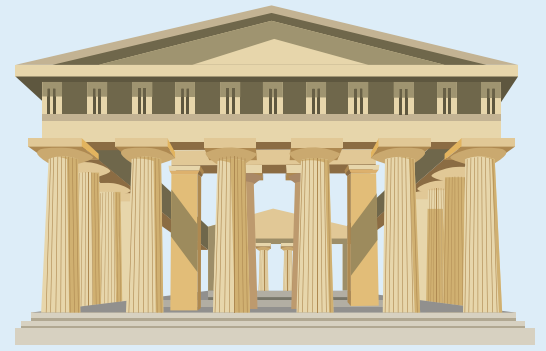




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Year 6 Greek Workshop

Last week, Year 6 learned about life in Ancient Greece. They looked at artefacts, took part in drama, crafts and also played games. At the end of the workshop they had to decide whether they would have rather lived in Athens or Sparta! The children really enjoyed the day.

Rugby Tournament

A group of Year 5 and 6 boys played in a rugby tournament at the YMCA this week. They all played brilliantly, showed excellent team work and came in third place overall!

Well done boys!



Dogs Trust Workshops

This morning we had a visit from Lauren at the Dogs Trust. She held a workshop with each class, from Nursery to Y6, which emphasised the importance of dog safety. The children learnt key information to help them look after their own dogs and keep safe around dogs that they do not know. Our younger children learnt never to touch a sleeping dog, never to feed a dog our own food and never to take a toy off a dog. The day was very informative and forms part of our whole school PSHCE work around keeping ourselves and others safe.



Steps for Success Course

Following on from the success of the Family Links course we recently hosted, I am pleased to say that a Steps for Success course is due to begin in a few weeks. I have heard reports that this course can be 'life-changing' and it will be a great progression from the Family Links course, but equally can be completed without having done Family Links first.

The Steps for Success course is 2 hours a week for 8 weeks and will take place on a Thursday morning, starting on Thursday 18th May.

This ever-popular and inspiring eight-week course, delivered by Kirklees Success Centre, introduces us to different strategies we can use to help develop our self-esteem, motivation and plans for the future. It also looks at ways that we can make changes to our lives, if we so wish, either now or in the weeks, months or years ahead. This course will help build confidence and teach us how to set realistic goals and empower us to take control of our futures in a positive and enlightening way.

If you would like to enrol on the course, or you would like more information, please send Mrs Woodfield a Dojo or email.

Pedestrian Safety

Can we please remind parents to drive and park safely when dropping off and picking up from school.

As this is a particularly busy time, could we please also ask parents to ensure that children are kept safe when crossing the roads between parked cars etc.





Good Attendance Really Matters

Regular attendance and punctuality are very important at Meltham Moor Primary School. Not only does it help our pupils to build and strengthen firm relationships with their peers and members of staff, it is also a proven factor in better attainment. Good attendance (above 96%) is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning. Please ensure that your child comes into school unless they are genuinely unwell or have been sick.

A Few Reminders

Emergency Contact Numbers

Please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact numbers (at least 2) in line with our safeguarding procedures. Just contact the school office if they require updating.

Asthma & other Medical Conditions

Asthma healthcare plans are renewed at the start of every school year, but please ensure that staff in the school office are made aware of any changes to your child's requirements as soon as possible, along with ensuring that the asthma medication has not expired. If your child develops asthma, or any other medical condition, please inform staff in the school office immediately.

Allergies

Just a reminder that packed lunches and any other food items brought into school should not include any whole nuts/seeds or nut-based products. Items with 'may contain traces of nuts' are allowed.

Testing Times

Year 6 and Year 2 are soon to complete their Statutory Assessment Tests. Year 6 will be sitting their tests week commencing 8th May (Tuesday to Friday) and the Year 2 assessments will be spread out throughout May, so as not to overwhelm the children (these are kept very low key for Year 2 children).

In June, Year 1 will be completing their phonics screening check and Year 4 their multiplication check. The children have been working extremely hard and we are sure that they will try their very best.



Dates for your diary

Monday 1st May

May Day
Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

Extra bank holiday for
King's Coronation

Please check our website for more
'Dates of Your Diary'