



to create a bridge structure out of 15 pieces of dried spaghetti which held a weight of 2kg! Steve Adams, from Walker-Adams, brought in



a racing buggy and talked to the children in Years 5 and 6 about progressing a project from the initial designs to a completed product. Year 5 learned more about Wind Turbines and ten gifted and talented children from Year 6 accompanied Mr Rose and myself to Prodrive in Banbury where we looked closely at how vehicles' bodies were strengthened enough to withstand higher impacts associated with differing terrain and how engines are re-engineered to deliver greater power and flexibility. In addition, this week Gary has been working with Year 3 on re-



cycling, culminating in the creation of a very large Dragon made from fully re-cycled materials, and Collette from 'Create, Build and Learn', who was unfortunately ill last week, has been in this week conducting a Lego School Workshop with Year 2. Meanwhile, Nursery and Reception have engaged in the topic through Duplo and Colour Chaos. The whole week was absolutely fantastic and the feedback from the children has consolidated our view that this has really been a week that they will remember for a long time to come.

Pathways

Open week at Pathways Nursery on Balsall Common School site. Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April 2013, 9.30am-2.30pm.



Chess

Normal life has continued with a Chess Tournament. 16 children from Year 2 to Year 6 competed to become the BCPs Chess Champion. The two finalists, **Oskar Y 2M** and **William M 4B**, both won their respective groups and played superbly in a close game, where William won the 2013 title. William will now play against **ME** after Easter! Many thanks to Mrs Varga for running this club and organising the competition.

Help the Heroes

Henry, Fred, Ryan, Callum, Archie and Luke from Year 3 raised £65.02 for this charity last week. Very well done boys!

Roving Book Fayre

We sold £1539 worth of books last week through this Fayre. Many thanks to Mrs Shimmell for organising this event. She will be sharing 'recommended reads' shortly and the school also now has an additional £250 of commission to spend on extra books! Fantastic!

Dogs on the Playground

Please remember that some children are frightened of dogs and for this reason they should **NEVER** be brought onto the school site or tied where children have to walk past them to access the school. Thank you for your support.

Scalextric Night

Friday 19 April! Bring your own beer. We will supply top quality sandwiches, black pudding and pork pie!

Disco

Another brilliant event! Thank you parents and staff and DJs Ashton and Prescott.

School Clubs

There will be no school clubs first week back. Clubs will re-start week commencing Monday 22 April.

Have a great Easter!

GT Burgess Headteacher

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Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 22 March

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RR	Top Class	5P
KS1	1S		100%
LKS2	4B, 4D	Week	96.9%
UKS2	6I		

5P's Class Assembly

This was an exceptional assembly. Well presented; well-articulated; thought provoking; factual. The level of confidence displayed throughout was genuinely exceptional. Well done 5P on a top quality performance around the emotive theme of Water Aid.

Eco Science and Technology Week

The children have thoroughly enjoyed this experience, led by Mrs King, Mrs Baker and Mr Rose. The large number of activities provided the children with a wide range of different, and unusual, learning opportunities. During the course of the week we were visited by a wide range of professionals. Kevin James shared information with Year 1 around the subject of Solar Panels. Paul Kelly worked with Year 6 regarding 'grinding'.



Alison Phillips built spaghetti bridges with Year 2 and these children managed

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Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Morning - Joe and Alex T

Afternoon - Jasmine and Isobel

Robin's Stars of the Week

Oliver M, RM & Zara D, RM

Yamine C, RH

Rohan H, RD

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Emily I 3C

James W, 4D

Megan D, 5B

Jack O'C, 6B

Eden H, 3P

Archie C, 4B

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Jessica R, 6M

Tom B, 3A

Hazel S, 4F

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Maddie C, 6I

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SUMMER TERM 2013

Monday 15 April	School returns
Thursday 18 April	17:30 Parents meeting with Ray Maher
Friday 19 April	Conference in Hall No Hot Dinners today
Monday 23 April	Musicians to King Henry VIII School
Friday 26 April	Year 4 to Tamworth Castle 09:10 RH Class Assembly Targets home to parents
Friday 3 May	09:10 RM Class Assembly 14:45 4D Class Assembly
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 10 May	09:10 RD Class Assembly 14:45 4B Class Assembly
Mon 13 - Fri 17 May	KS2 Tests Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 20 May	Team and Class Photographs
Tuesday 21 May	Reception & Nursery to Ash End House Children's Farm Team and Class Photographs
Wednesday 22 May	13:45 Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 23 May	Children break up for Half Term
Friday 24 May	INSET
27-31 May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 June	School returns Year 6 to Swanage until Friday 7 June
Thursday 6 June	13:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 11 June	Year 4 to Dunfield House until Friday 18:00 Reception New Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 June	13:45 Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon
Friday 14 June	14:45 3C Class Assembly
Tuesday 18 June	13:45 Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 21 June	14:45 4F Class Assembly
Saturday 22 June	13:00-17:00 GALA DAY
Tuesday 25 June	18:00 Nursery New Parents Evening
Mon 24 & Tues 25 June	Year 6 induction at H of E
Friday 28 June	14:45 3A Class Assembly



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