



# Weekly Bulletin

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Brainiacs of the Week:**

Cairo	Noah D and Kyla
Cardiff	Elliott and Chi Chi
London	Elsie and Oliver
Lisbon	Frankie and Zach
Paris	Skye and Kyla
Prague	Ayuhsh and Gypsie
Washington	Ethan P and Megan
Warsaw	Lexi and Eissa

**Attendance and Lates this week...**

	Cairo	Cardiff	London	Lisbon	Paris	Prague	Washington	Warsaw
Attendance	90%	94%	100%	88%	84%	93%	96%	96%
Lates	3	4	2	3	5	3	1	1

*Well done London Class!*

**This Week In School...**

**Year 3** – have settled back into school for the Spring term very well. In English, they have been writing a letter to the 'King who banned the dark' to persuade him to change his mind. They have thought of some excellent ideas to support their argument. In Maths, they have been learning how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. In Humanities, they have been researching continents of the world, with a focus on major rivers and mountain ranges. They have really enjoyed using atlases to aid their learning. In Music, they have begun to play glockenspiels to accompany their singing.

**Year 4** – have been coming up with different clues to write their own riddle about an animal. In Maths, they have been multiplying by 10 and 100, dividing by 10 and 100 and started multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. In Science, year 4 have been enjoying our new topic 'Electricity'. They created a complete circuit using different components and were able to turn a light bulb on. In Geography, we have been looking at the different weather and climates across Africa. Year 4 were interested to find out that Africa has different climates, depending on the location. In Guided Reading, they have been excited to start our new text 'Varjak Paw' where we have been developing our reading skills to retrieve information from a text.

**Year 5** – have begun writing character descriptions based on a video - Rock, Paper, Scissors. They worked hard to incorporate details in their writing to bring the characters to life. They also started exploring the world of Mayans in Humanities, imagining themselves to be Spanish explorers discovering Mesoamerica. In Maths, children have started to apply their times table knowledge to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. They also started learning about forces in Science and started to gain an understanding of what forces might act on an object. In addition to this, Year 5 had a visit from NSPCC to talk about child safety, which was insightful - they learnt about Childline and how and when to use it. It has been a busy week in Year 5!

**Year 6** – have begun writing their own narratives inspired by the story of Skellig by David Almond. They are working hard to include features from the Year 6 writing success criteria, mainly: convey atmosphere, describe characters, describe settings and integrate dialogue to convey character and advance the action. In maths, they have been solving problems involving converting units. In Humanities, Year 6 have begun their new geography topic about North America.

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**Polite Notice**

Please remember to be considerate when parking locally. We are regularly getting complaints from our neighbours. We have been informed that the local PCSOs will be sent to police the area if this continues. Thank you.

*School Pledge: 'I pledge to do all that I can, so that we can all learn and be happy at school.'*



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Iver Village Junior School

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Believe. Achieve. Succeed Together.



Date	Event
15th Jan	<a href="#">Y6 Heights and Weights</a>
1st Feb	Cardiff Coffee Morning
WC 5th Feb	Y6 Bikeability Week
5th Feb	Curriculum Market, Parents Welcome
<b>Feb Half Term 12th – 16th February</b>	
19th Feb	Spring 2 Half Term Starts
23rd Feb	FISA Disco, 6.30pm
27th & 29th Feb	Spring Term Parents' Evenings
8th Mar	World Book Day
11th Mar	Parent Drop In Afternoon, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Any child with 100% attendance for the week will enter the 'Wheel of Fortune' prize draw! The winner will be drawn live with a chance to win a book!



Don't forget we are a **NUT AND SESAME FREE SCHOOL** - we have children who have allergies! (let's leave them for the squirrels)



## NSPCC WORKSHOPS IN UPPER SCHOOL

During the week, the NSPCC have come in to deliver workshops for the Year 5 and 6 classes. Throughout the workshops, children discussed worries that people might have, definitions of abuse and the importance of speaking out. They explored their rights and the importance of keeping safe.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PEN

*A Poem by Ria, Y6*

29th November 2023 - teachers strike

2nd to 8th December 2023 - railways strike

8th January - pens strike!

Your diligent minds falter at this - how does a mere pen go on strike? This very narrative is just the beginning, as I'm using a computer, which is far less convenient than a pen by the way. I intend this towards the insensitive teachers - the menace of my very existence! Every day one of those harebrained headaches proceeds to a child's workbook and a grin augments, spreading across the majority of their face. "Well done! This is one of the best narratives I've read in a long time!" How disrespectful! The child merely clenched us and we did all of the work. Look at Albert Einstein. He discovered the theory of relativity. Those mind-boggling mornings, tenacious twelves, arm-breaking afternoons, energetic evenings of scrabbling away at his staggeringly large chalkboard until he cracked the case. All a pen hears is Einstein this, Einstein that, but no-one gives a second thought to the sticks of chalk that were reduced to minimal stubs by the time he was finished with them!

Which brings me to another everyday aggravation in a pen's life. Einstein was never fluent in English (written or spoken) but teachers think they've pulled it out of the bag with this one. "A noun is an object, place or thing, like table, chair, pen." Excuse me! We write - unwillingly I must add - on paper, the backs of children's hands, on the table, and for what? For you to call us a thing? Teachers hate the word thing and stuff (especially the one in my classroom) so it simply must be added.

But that was not the last of me yet. I must inform you of the luxurious holidays we have. Relaxing in the recesses of a pencil case, savouring the beauty of not being used. That is for only 15 minutes until the frostbitten children stumble back through the door. Rarely, we get a whole day free, Like on No-Pen-Day, so a pat on the back to the one teacher who thought of that one!

**Please remember to make sure that if your child has a smart watch, they leave them at home as they are not allowed in school.**

**You**      Words Of The Week...      **Cackle**  
**Own Everything**      **Renew**  
**Group**      **Throw**      **Transform**  
**Evolve**      **Taught**