John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,



PRIMARY PENATHLON KS2







Miss L Buckley writes:

Our pupils had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a SEND Panathlon tournament, celebrating inclusion, teamwork and sporting achievement. The event provided a supportive and encouraging environment where children could participate in a range of fun, adapted sporting activities, challenge themselves and develop their confidence.

Throughout the tournament, the children demonstrated great determination, resilience and enthusiasm. They worked together as a team, encouraged one another and celebrated each other's achievements. It was wonderful to see them developing their communication skills, building friendships and enjoying the opportunity to represent their school, winning Bronze.

EYFS CINEMA AND ART GALLERY

On Tuesday, children in EYFS were treated to a cinema afternoon and enjoyed watching the 'Room on the Broom' film together! Following this, children revelled in sharing the fantastic range of artwork they have produced this half term with their parents. From self-portraits to clay leaves, the children have created art using a variety of media.





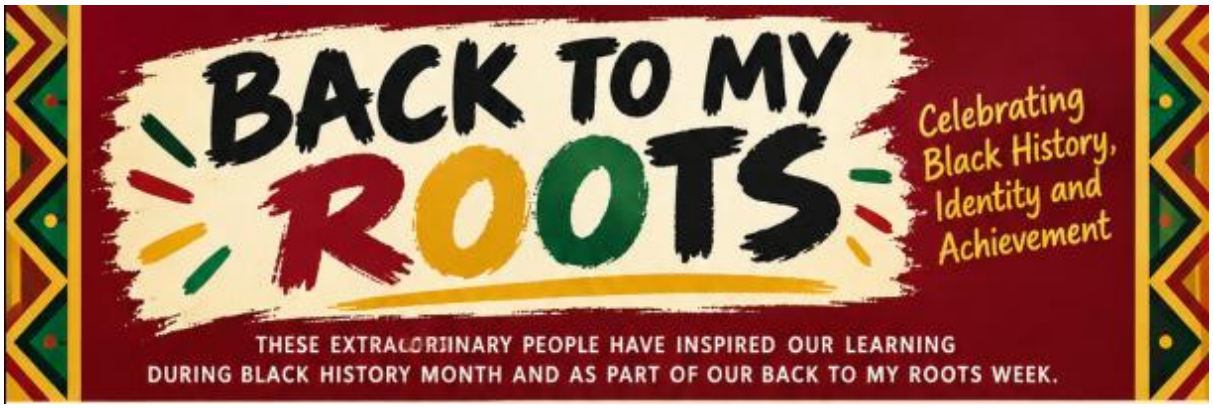
Thank you to all Early Years parents who joined us in the art gallery – and to the Early Years team for setting this up!

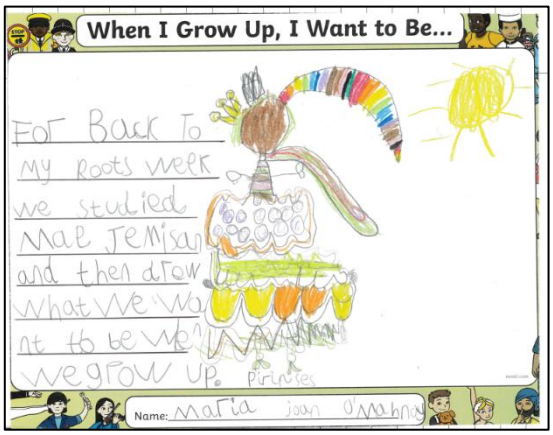
YEAR 6 PARENTS – SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder to all parents and carers of children in Year 6 that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2027 is fast approaching. Applications must be submitted by **midnight on Saturday, 31 October 2026**. If you haven't already completed your application, please make sure you do so before the deadline to ensure your child's application is submitted on time.

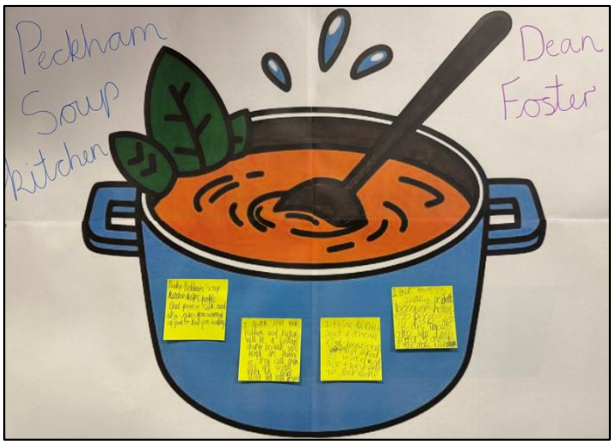
We encourage all Year 6 families to check that their application is complete and submitted by the closing date.

Please don't leave it until the last minute

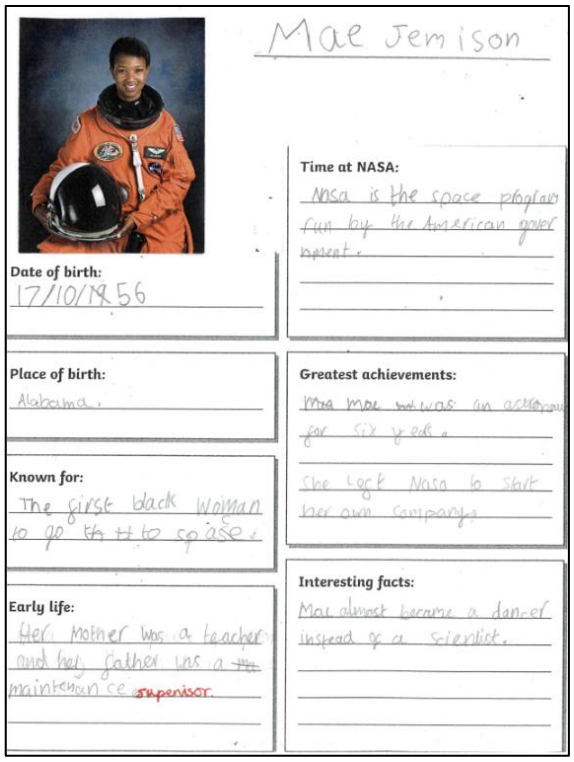




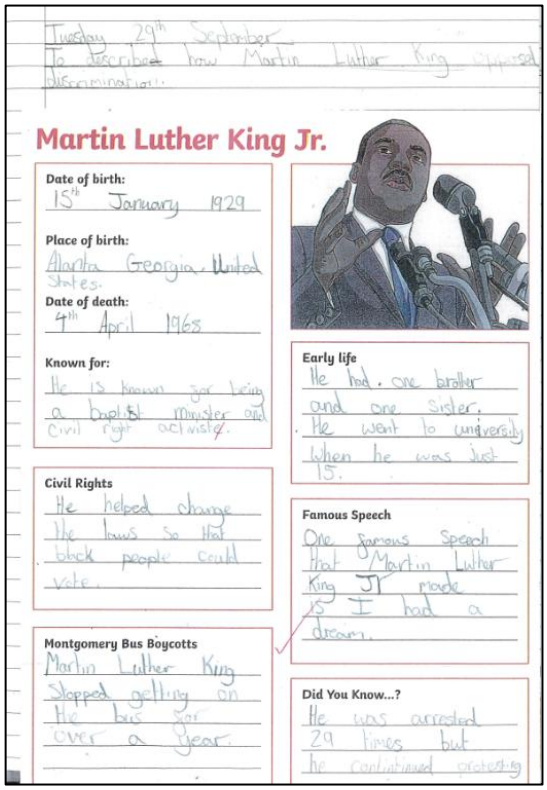
Year 1 - Mae Jemison



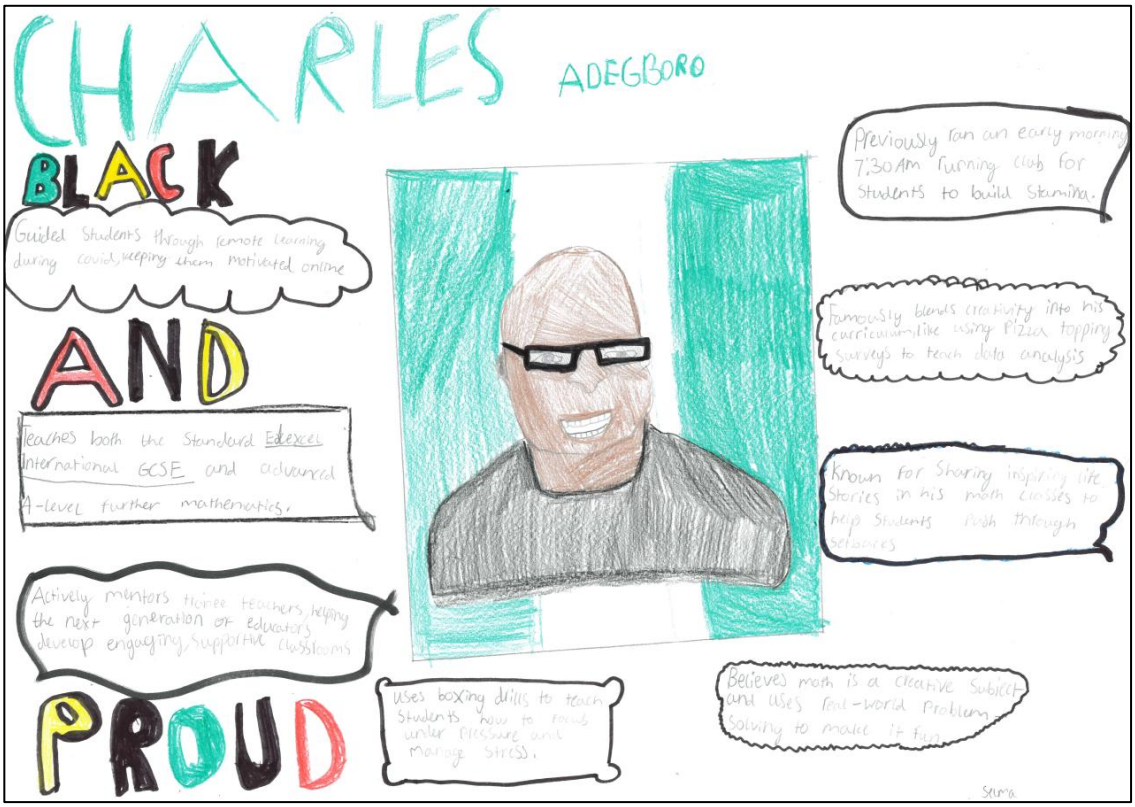
Year 3 – Dean Foster



Year 4 - Mae Jemison



Year 5 – Martin Luther King Jr.

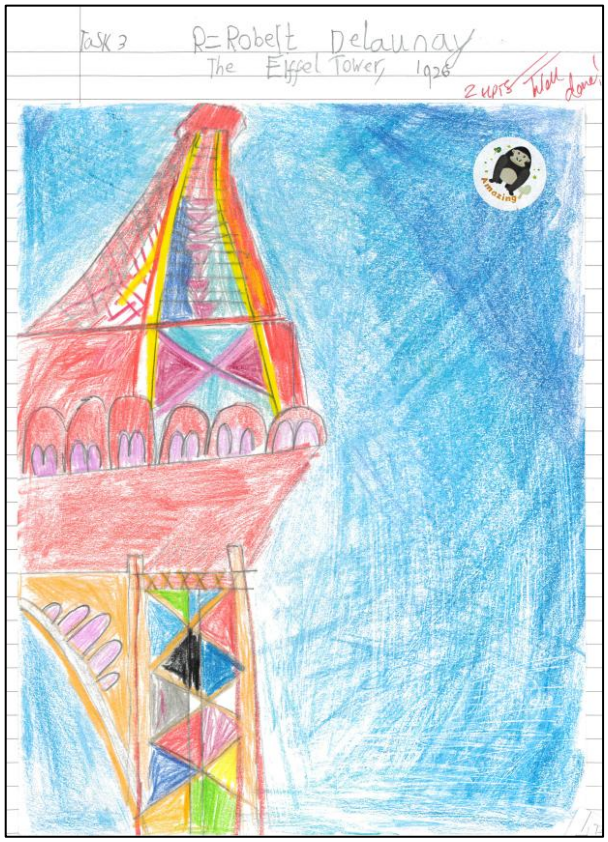


Year 6 – Charles Adegboro

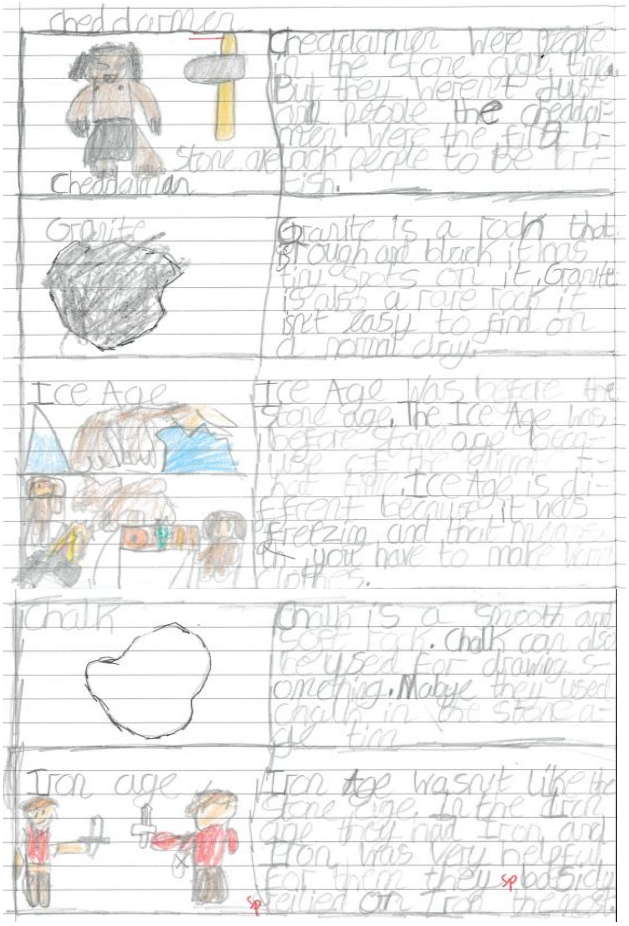




HOME LEARNING



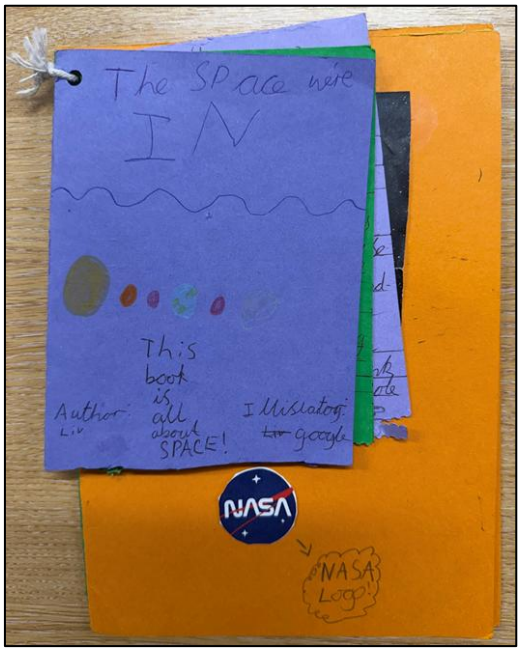
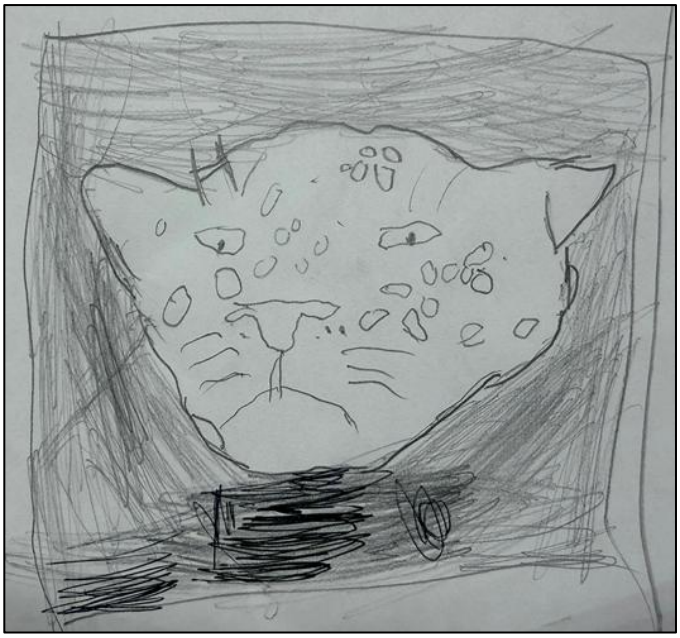
Rueben (Year 3)



Asriel (Year 3)



Liv (Year 5)

	
Liv (Year 5)	Jaxon (Year 3)

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
TTRS	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Selma
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Ahad
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Chelsey
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Mahid
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	-
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	-

Greatest TT Rockstars presence over the past week… **Year 3**

ATTENDANCE

Our final 3 Attendance Animals have been named.

Meet:



- Kevin the Cat (Year 3)
- Misty the Donkey (Year 4)
- Jeremy the Giraffe (Year 6)

Our animals now all have names and will be visiting year groups who hit our 96% attendance target each week!

Let's see who gets a visit next week! Keep up the great attendance!

100%	**Purple**	Perfection!
97% - 99%	**Blue**	Excellent Attendance
95% - 96%	**Green**	Good – but room for improvement
91% - 94%	**Amber**	Cause for Concern
90% and below	**Red**	Persistent Absence

Reception	**76%**
Year 1	**94%**
Year 2	**98%**
Year 3	**85%**
Year 4	**95%**
Year 5	**95%**
Year 6	**95%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week is Year 2 with **98%**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

Every Friday at John Burns is Golden Award Assembly. The 13 golden winners for this week are:

★ Daneer Mir
★ Tommy Ryan
★ All of Year 2
★ Rueben Caborn-Waterfield
★ Keab Tilahun
★ Daniel Wei
★ Zion McLeod
★ Taleen Osman
★ Carter Morgan
★ Mohammed Liban
★ Sara Bousia
★ Imogen Ryan
★ Zeeshan Nasir

Wishing you all a lovely half term break!

Mr Grogan
Headteacher

DATES & EVENTS

Events may be subject to change and alteration

Autumn 2 Week 1	
Monday 02/11/26	INSET DAY 2 – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 03/11/26	Children Return to School
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 8
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 4 Kindness Workshop (9:00-10:00am)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 5 Kindness Workshop (10:00-11:00am)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 3 Kindness Workshop (11:00am-12:00pm)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 6 Dr Me workshop (1:00-2:00pm)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 5 Dr Me workshop (1:00-2:00pm)
Friday 06/11/26	EYFS Diya Painting Workshop (9:45-10:25am)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 2 Diya Painting Workshop (10:35-11:15am)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 6 Diya Painting Workshop (11:20am-12:00pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 5 Diya Painting Workshop (1:00-1:40pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 4 Diya Painting Workshop (1:45-2:25pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 3 Diya Painting Workshop (2:30-3:10pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 6 Primary Ambitions 1:00pm – 3:15pm