

# HOMELINK

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Dear Children & Parents,

I write this while Rowan class are decorating biscuits after what feels like a long week of SATs testing. The children have been absolutely fantastic tackling a series of papers in a calm and methodical manner. Yesterday the BBC ran a headline "Year 6 SATs: Children 'distraught' after reading paper". These kinds of stories pop up every year and I find them slightly baffling and sad. In my experience children generally only feel anxiety around tests when the adults around them project that the test themselves are high stakes. While as a school we would like every child to be able to demonstrate their full ability during the week long window in which they get assessed, I am realistic and know that SATs testing provides a tiny window through which to assess a child. In my opinion no individual child should worry about sitting SATs or their results. We know that our children at Newlands do very well in standardised tests, but I believe this is because they are exposed to an excellent, broad and balanced curriculum. In addition we don't see learning in terms such as pass or fail. Learning is a personal journey towards success – which has no limits. Everyone can do it. There will be different routes to progress, but all minds can and will grow.

William Neighbour  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

### May 2023

- 15th-19th Walk to School Week
- 19th FONDS Bags2School
- 23rd Y2 trip to Marwell Zoo
- 26th Break up for half term at 3.10pm

### June 2023

- 5th Children Start Back
- 8th - 9th Y6 Bikeability training
- 15th FONDS Father's Day Gifts
- 16th Den Building afternoon with parents
- 16th YR Y1 Consent for day trip deadline
- 29th YR Y1 Wellington Country Park
- 30th INSET - School closed to children

### July 2023

- 7th FONDS Summer Fayre
- 10th Y6 Production Filming
- 11th Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal
- 12th Y6 Production Evening
- 13th Y6 Production Evening
- 14th Annual Reports to Parents
- 17th Newlands' Got Talent Festival
- 20th Summer discos
- 18th Sports Day
- 20th Y6 Leavers' Service
- 20th FONDS Disco
- 21st Break up for Summer at 1.30pm

### September 2023

- 1st INSET - School closed to children
- 4th Y1-6 Children Start Back

### October 2023

- 20th Break up for half term at 3.10pm
- 30th Children Start Back

### November 2023

- 24th INSET - School closed to children

### December 2023

- 15th Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

### January 2024

- 2nd INSET - School closed to children
- 3rd Children Start Back

### February 2024

- 9th Break up for half term at 3.10pm
- 19th Children Start Back



## Yateley Community Pantry

This week the Community Pantry is low on the following:

Tinned Meat & Tuna (urgently needed)  
Pasta Sauce Sugar      Cereals      Tinned fruit  
Tinned potatoes      Biscuits

**We are accepting donations here at school**



Material Experiment



Shape properties Experiment



Skittles Experiment



Dissolving Experiment



**Year R Chestnut Class**

Last half term Chestnuts became scientists! We took part in 4 different experiments. Firstly, we had to use our sense of smell to guess what was inside. Next, we had to predict and find out what would happen when we add water to skittles. Then, we took part in timing cars going down a ramp and finding which material allows the car to go down the fastest. Lastly, a dissolving activity where we predicted what would happen to each item when we put in water.

We carried on our scientific enquiry by exploring frogspawn, making predictions and describing what we could see. This led to lots of learning about a frog's lifecycle. In addition, we explored 3D shapes and their properties using both our scientific and mathematical skills and vocabulary.



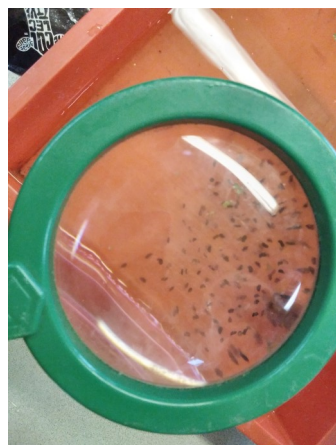
Smell Experiment



Frog spawn 1



Frog spawn 2



Frog spawn 3



Frog spawn 4

