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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fantastic news- our attendance this week is above the National Average for the first time for the week so far!!!

Thank you so much to everyone for their continued efforts to get to school on time.

Weekly Attendance Cup went to Tokyo for 97% attendance, most improved was Santiago!

Today the children have been having a wonderful time dressed up as favourite book characters for World Book Day. Please check Dojo for upcoming images.

We have also had the fantastic team from the St. Pauls Carnival in for dancing and workshops as part of our extended work around Black History. The team will be in again later in the year to work with the children - we will keep you posted!!

Our two-year partnership project with Travelling Light Theatre group is going well and today they came in to give us a free performance of The Forest Door.

We wanted to inform you that Mr Almond, our Vice Principal, will be having planned surgery this Friday and will be taking some time away from work to recover. We wish him a smooth and speedy recovery!

Please be assured that the school leadership team will continue to support all pupils and staff as usual. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the school office.

Colleagues from Excalibur Academies Trust will also be on hand to provide additional support where needed during this period.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Emma Tovey'.

Mrs. Emma Tovey  
Principal

### Nursery

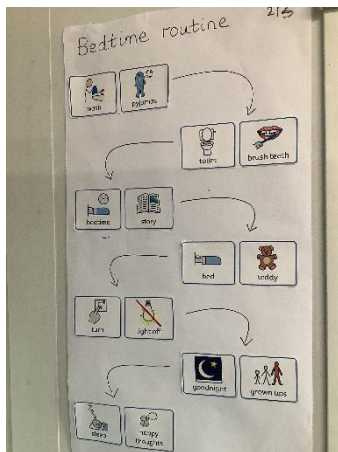
We have been celebrating Chinese New Year as we decorated our classroom and made lots of Chinese arts and crafts. We watched a double lion dance and Miss Wong's friend Ms Ko who talked to us about Chinese New Year. We were excited about receiving a red packet with a gold coin as is the Chinese tradition. We have enjoyed eating noodles using chopsticks and some children became confident using their chopsticks. The children have bought home some chopsticks so they can use them at home. They had some prawn crackers and fortune cookies.



### Reception

'Reception kicked off World Book Day week by reading 'The King Who Banned the Dark' by Emily Hamworth-Booth. We explored what it would be like if it never went dark and used glowsticks to demonstrate why we need the dark if we are looking at fireworks, just like in the story! We also talked about bedtime routines and why the dark is good for us. After this we made a 'bedtime routine' story map and Mrs Clay put Mr Collins to bed (until we woke him up

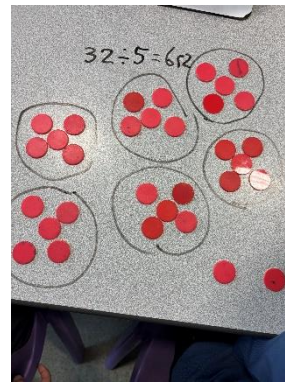
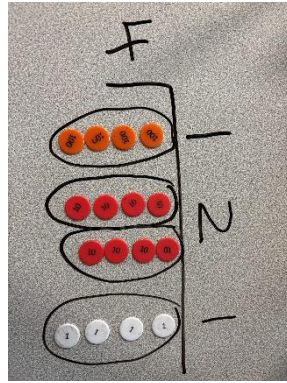
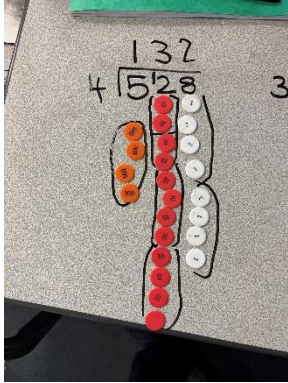
again, that is!) We have also enjoyed a storytelling session with storyteller Paula Brown, where she worked with the children to create fun interactive stories based on their ideas. She said, "a good story never wears out" so we are going to make some good stories!



### Year 3

This week year 3 have been learning the formal written method for multiplying 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number, we have been amazing Mathematicians! We are continuing to read our book "The Big Blue Whale" and are writing a fact sheet. On Monday we joined an online World Book Day event with Michael Rosen and other authors, who read stories from around the world about "Food" which was great fun. We also had a go at being illustrators. We have enjoyed starting our new Science topic all about "Light" and our new Geography topic about "Rivers".

### Year 4



This week we have begun the journey of long division!!!! We have been looking at division with remained and the written method. It's really apparent the children who don't know their times tables as they have double the work to do. Please make sure you practise them to support your child's maths.

### Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy start to the term with lots of exciting things happening. We are using 'Malala's Magic Pencil' as our inspiration for our writing. The children will be writing autobiographies as Malala at the end of this unit. The children have also been getting to grips with fractions in year 5.

In music this term, we are going to be learning all about Reggae Music. Watch out for some videos on dojo!

We are also going to be exploring observational drawing in art and learning about Fair Trade in geography.



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### **Resource Base**

#### **Lilliput Class:**

In Lilliput class we have been exploring term's theme which is belonging and beliefs and learning all about the different communities around us. We have been immersing ourselves in our new sensory story 'Chinese New Year: The year of the horse', which has been a big hit with our class. We have also decorated the classroom, learned new songs in our music/ drumming sessions and participated in a dragon dance! What a fantastic week!

#### **Narnia Class:**

We are having a busy week in Narnia class!  
Everyone has made such fantastic progress with swimming. Some children are now beginning to float or swim independently when using floats which was so exciting to see!  
We also had our Chinese New Year party where everyone took part in Chinese traditions including sweeping away bad luck, decorating the room and learning a dragon dance.  
We are really looking forward to watching a play and learning African dancing on Thursday!

#### **Atlantis Class:**

Atlantis class have been exploring the text: 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. We are exploring the feeling of belonging how that might be different for different people. In maths, we are looking at statistics. This week we have been creating tallies and converting them to pictograms. We have also loved all the different Chinese New Year celebration, especially the lion dance



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### **Safeguarding**

Please share any safeguarding worries or concerns with the attached team who are always on site every day.

Alternatively, they can be contacted via enquiries or Dojo.

Members of the team are present on the gates mornings and evenings.

Thank you for your ongoing safeguarding vigilance.



**Mrs Kildea**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Miss Williams**  
Inclusion  
Lead/PLAC/LAC



**Mrs Tovey**  
Principal/DDSL



**Mrs Allen**  
DDSL



**Mr Almond**  
Online Safety Lead



**Mrs Coombs**  
Breakfast Club



**Mrs Young**  
Young  
Carers/Supernovas  
Lead

### **Attendance**

You must call the absence line before 9am every day to report your child's absence for illness and appointments. It's a 24-hour line and a message can be left at any time on

#### **0117 9030075 option 1**

Just to remind all parents we have an attendance email address to report all children's absences, holiday enquiries, absence request forms and any proof of appointments.



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Our absence request procedure is to collect a form from the school office at least 4 weeks before the absence and then email it to the above email address or hand it back into the office with any proof of flight tickets and any other supporting documents.

### **Admissions**

If you know anyone interested in a school place from nursery age to year 6, please get them to email our admissions email address below. I am happy to offer tours and support with the admission's application process.

**[mppadmissions@maypark.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:mppadmissions@maypark.excalibur.org.uk)**

Thank you all so much again and the Attendance team are always here if you need us.

### **School Office**

School Office Opening Time are:

8am – 12pm

**12pm – 12.30pm CLOSED**

12.30pm - 4pm

Can we please remind all parents that the office is closed from 12.00pm - 12.30pm. So, if your child has an appointment and you need to collect could you please collect before 12.00pm and after 12.30pm.