



NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 1st March 2019



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Dear Families,

Welcome back for the second half of the Spring Term!

Thank you to all those families who have managed to support our school community by providing their child with the correct uniform both for in school and for PE. The children really do look smart and take pride in wearing their identifiable Nine Acres uniform. There are a few children who are still in trainers and unless they have medical evidence we will be asking you to support by providing correct school shoes. I would also like to remind families that ties and shirts are for Years 5 and 6 only.



*After a year of waiting we have been finally selected by **TESCO** to be part of the 'Bags for Life' scheme. We will be starring in store between March and April for the community to vote. We have put the bid in to help us fund a new multi-purpose hall floor to further support our healthy lifestyles. Please can you encourage everyone to vote. The stores are in Ryde, Wootton, Ventnor and Lake!*

TESCO Bags of Help

We will be celebrating WORLD BOOK DAY on **Thursday 7th March**. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not spend lots of money on costumes, often the best costumes are the ones that have been homemade and designed by the children! We will be celebrating the day with a trip to Waterstones and would love for you to pop in at Story Time at 2:50pm to join us for our end of day reading (Years 1-6).



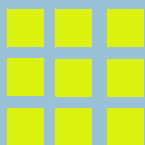
The following week, we will be celebrating **BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**. Families will have received a letter regarding the challenges set and we are really looking forward to seeing what they produce. Look out for more information in the newsletter from our Science Leader Mrs Bekesi.

Our annual Parent Survey will be live on **Monday 4th March**. We will send each family a link to the survey. We really do value your feedback and so would urge you to take the time to complete it. Your feedback means we can celebrate our success and achievements as well as plan for our development areas.

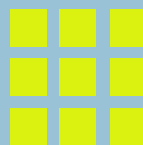
Welcome back to our adventurous Year 3 who stayed overnight at the museum in Chichester!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dyer



School Uniform



Children should now be in the correct uniform including the logo polo shirt from EYFS to Year 4 and shirt and tie from Year 5 to Year 6. Children should also have black shoes, no trainers or boots. This also includes the new green PE shirts and Hoodies to keep them warm. Parents are also welcome to buy blue tracksuit bottoms for the children to wear. All uniform can be purchased from Kids and Co, which is based in Ryde opposite Boots.



Diary Dates 2018/2019



Mon 4th & Wed 6th Mar 2019 Parents' Evening.

NEW Thurs 7th Mar 2019 World Book Day.

Week Commencing 11th Mar 2019 Science Week.

Wed 13th Mar 2019 EYFS/Year 6 Height and Weight Checks with the School Nurse Team.

28th Mar - 29th Mar 2019 Year 5 London Overnight Trip.

NEW Fri 15th Mar 2019 Science Week - Rocket Launching 2.00pm - Please sign in at the office.

NEW Thurs 21st Mar 2019 Year 4 Space Camp.

NEW Tues 2nd April 2019 Year 3 Swimming begins.

NEW Fri 5th April 2019 Helping Hands Easter Disco.

Mon 8th - Mon 22nd April 2019 HALF TERM/EASTER.

NEW Thurs 25th Apr 2019 'Alnwick Class' Mayflower Theatre Trip.

NEW Tues 30th Apr 2019 Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

NEW Mon 27th - Fri 31st May 2019 HALF TERM.

Mon 17th June 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Mon 8th July 2019 KS2 Sports Day.

Tues 9th July 2019 EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

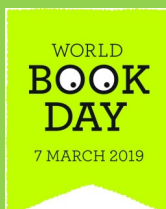
Mon 22nd July 2019 Last day of the summer term.

Tues 23rd July 2019 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.

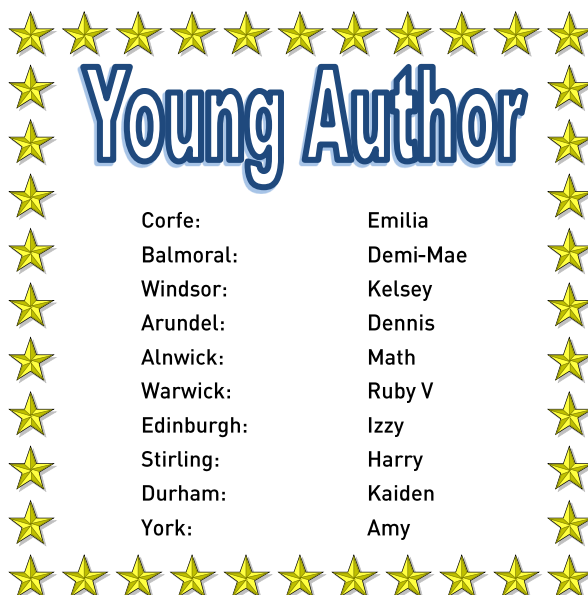
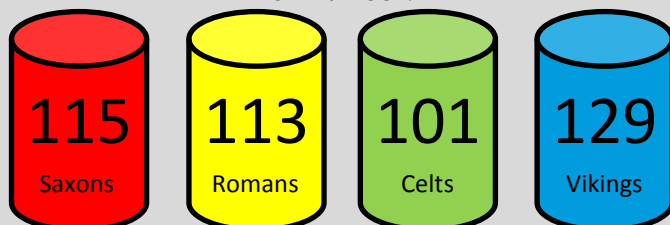
World Book Day: 7th March 2019

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We would love the children to dress in their favourite book character or dress as a character from the book they are studying in class.



House Points

Well done to **VIKINGS** who received the most House Points for this week!



Young Author

Corfe:	Emilia
Balmoral:	Demi-Mae
Windsor:	Kelsey
Arundel:	Dennis
Alnwick:	Math
Warwick:	Ruby V
Edinburgh:	Izzy
Stirling:	Harry
Durham:	Kaiden
York:	Amy

Can you help us!!

Please can you return any items of clothing that have been lent to your child from school. Our stocks are running low. If you have any donations of boys and girls underwear we would be very grateful for these. Please hand donations in at the office.

Thank you

Development Days so far.....



~~Monday 3rd September 2018~~

~~Friday 23rd November 2018~~

~~Friday 21st December 2018~~

Monday 17th June 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Attendance

Whole school attendance target **96.0%**.

Dates: **15/02/2019 - 28/02/2019**

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	92.40%	2
Yarmouth:	93.90%	2
Corfe	96.32%	0
Balmoral:	97.50%	1
Windsor:	94.23%	5
Arundel:	96.43%	2
Alnwick:	95.16%	2
Warwick	97.86%	1
Edinburgh:	99.13%	2
Stirling:	96.85%	1
Durham:	96.67%	3
York:	97.33%	2

Whole school attendance this week is: **96.17%**

Well done Edinburgh!!

Meet the Teacher



Miss Bekesi

A bit about me ...

Hello! My name is Eniko Bekesi and originally I'm from Hungary .

I love to travel—it is a real passion of mine and was lucky enough to travel around the world and push myself to the limit at times. I hate climbing as I'm not fit, but I'm very proud that I climbed Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China. Every time I 'm faced with a challenge I remind myself—if I could do that, I can do this too! I use these experiences to encourage children to at least try to tackle their challenges and aim high!

Although I have been a vegetarian since I was seven, the only meat I eat is McDonald's cheeseburgers....I know...I don't know why .

I live in West Cowes with my partner of five years and we're looking to buy our own house soon.



Why I enjoy being part of the Nine Acres Team

I consider myself very lucky—I get to work with amazing children and wonderful, supportive parents and colleagues. No two days are the same and each day I feel we are making a difference and helping the children reach their potential at that point in time. We are placing them at the foreground of everything we do, and every single teacher and staff member has the same vision. What more could I ask for? Perhaps more time in the day!

My Education

After relocating to England, I have started to work as a dinner lady, then an LSA, and after deciding that teaching was what I wanted to do, I completed a four year course at Oxford Brookes University where I got my BA in Education in 2007. I worked in a school in West Drayton for 13 years when I lived on the mainland .

Things I am learning to help the children

I am currently working towards becoming a qualified middle leader through Winchester University.

I am also keen to learn and try different teaching techniques, especially in English and Maths. Currently, I am trying a new technique to help children learn their times tables and division facts easier and also working on enriching children's vocabulary and their knowledge of words. Learning never stops for us either!

My Favourite Things

TRAVELLING—you may hear that I have been strongly encouraging your children to work hard so they can go travel to see the most amazing places and have incredible experiences when they grow up!

Cats—sadly we can't have a cat flap so I'll have to wait until we move.

Coconut flavoured foods and drinks

Nature - everything about it!

Music—I'm a huge fan of The Killers, Brandon Flowers, The Cure , P!nk and Bastille.



ParentPay is our only method of making payments to school.



We no longer accept cash at the office.

All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay for example:

- **School Dinners**
- **Enrichment Clubs**
- **School Trips**

Login details have been sent by text to those who have not activated accounts yet. Please ensure your account is activated as soon as possible.

Thank you.



Do you know someone living with a chronic, long-term illness, and over the age of 65? Do they feel lonely or isolated?

Mountbatten Neighbours is a free, community-led project which aims to give some extra support and help people to stay connected with their community.

Or, if you are kind and neighbourly, and believe you could get as much out of helping someone as they will get from your support, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Sally List on (01983) 217368 or email sally.list@mountbatten.org.uk for further information.

Earl Mountbatten Hospice is a registered charity 1039080



HELPING HANDS

CAKE SALES

A big thank you to the Year 3 and 4 families who brought in the delicious cakes for the sale before the holidays. They looked amazing!! The next cake sale will be on Friday 8th March, when it will be the turn of the children in year 1 and 2 to donate cakes.

NEW DATE - Easter Disco – Friday 5th April, 5.30 - 7.30pm

The always popular Fancy Dress Easter Disco will be taking place again this year. As in previous years, the disco will be provided by Alan Stone and there will be prizes for the best costumes. Tickets will go on sale when the posters go up!!

DESIGN A LOGO COMPETITION

Helping Hands need a new logo and we would like one of you to design it! The design must be simple and represent Helping Hands but can be either in colour or black and white. **The deadline is Wednesday 6th March 2019** the winner, who will win a £10 entertainer voucher, will be announced in assembly on Friday 8th March. To take part please fill in the section on the note your child brought home today (Friday 15th February).



Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th March 2019 – Year 1 and 2 Cake Sale

Friday 22nd March 2019 – EYFS Cake Sale

New Date – Easter Disco – Fri 5th April 5.30 - 7.30pm

Deadline for Logo Competition Wednesday 6th March

NEXT MEETING – Monday 4th March 2019

Activity Days

Medina Valley Centre



Become a pirate with us and build a battle raft, or become a nature detective and explore the river.

Get stranded on a desert island testing your wilderness skills or join us for the Great Escape map challenge.



Early drop off and late stay available: 8.30am- 5.30pm (supervised use of Centre and lounge facilities) at an additional cost of £5 per day.
For bookings or questions please call 01983 522195 or email info@medinavalleycentre.org.uk

Celebrating British Science

Week 2019 at Nine Acres!

Celebrate this wonderful event with us as a family!

If you have children in EYFS and Years 1-4, why not enter the Walk and Wonder challenge? Go for a walk with your family on our beautiful island, find something that makes you go WOW and create a piece of artwork about it (sculpture, painting, drawing), not larger than an A3 sheet. Return the reply slip by 11th March and make your submission by Friday 15th March in the school office.



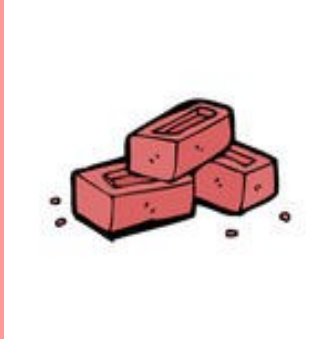
If you have children in Years 5-6, the Blast Off challenge would be fantastic fun for all the family. Your challenge is to create a rocket which can safely be launched! Will your rocket fly the highest? Return your reply slip by 11th March in the office and the rocket launch will take place on Friday 15th March from 2 p.m. on the back playground.



BUILDERS WANTED!

Year 5 are learning about the Egyptians this half term

and we are hoping to find some builders who can teach our children how to
build a pyramid.



Yes... a real pyramid out of bricks and cement!

Please let us know of any volunteers, builders or building companies that can provide us with the resources, skills and man power to do this challenge!

Blackout poetry

Mantids:

Fierce predators on earth
are animals like lions and sharks
they lock onto a moving target and
they strike so fast that the human
eye cannot fully register it they can also
camouflage into dead flourishing leaves
their eyesight is very good and they are made
out of thousands of tiny lenses which give it
powerful binocular vision also dead leaf mantis
sway ~~lightly~~ lightly like a leaf trembling in the
breeze and orchid mantis hide at the centre of an
~~one~~ orchid flower also the mouth is a complex collection
of different parts that pass food into the mouth
and break it apart also they have a dramatically
flexible neck and most young mantids are
tiny wingless versions of their parents and
when they first hatch some look more like
ants and ^{finally} ants can give nasty bites and stings
and usually tastes bad



By Sadie - Alnwick

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images, videos and chat with friends. Users can share images and videos directly to specific friends, or through a 'Story' shared with their entire friend list, which documents the previous 24 hours. In a study, Snapchat was ranked the 4th most negative app in terms of having an impact on young people's health and wellbeing, with children feeling that they can use the app 'Snapchat to "make you look pretty".'

What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

EXPOSING YOUR CHILD'S EXACT LOCATION
The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about exposing images and videos to 'Our Story' and 'Snap Map' on an iPhone, but it doesn't mention location setting you choose. When uploading to 'Our Story' or 'Snap Map', the user is asked if they want to 'Share my location with my friends'.

LENS EXPLORER
The Lens Explorer on Snapchat gives users the freedom to use their imagination to design their filters for themselves and others to use. Snapchat states that the lens users create are compliant with our Lens Studio Submission Guidelines and Community Guidelines and must be appropriate for Snapchatters ages 13+.

SCREENSHOTS & SAVED MESSAGES
While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to screenshot or record anything which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they don't trust. They may also accidentally send an image or message to somebody who they do not trust. Simply by pressing and holding a message, the user is able to save a message that has been received, which can be screenshot or used against them at a later date.

SNAPSTREAKS & ADDICTION
'Snap Streaks' are gained when images have been sent back and forth consecutively between friends. The longer the streak becomes, the more 'Snap Streaks' are gained, adding incentives for users to keep the streaks. Children invest time into making their streaks as long as possible, which can put an incredible amount of pressure on both themselves and their friendships.

SEXING
Due to 'Snap' disappearing, users can even send a one-second photo or video. Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'nudes'. Once a photo/video has been screenshot, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves. However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

SNAP ORIGINALS
Through 'Snap Originals', users can watch content which has been created by Snapchat on the app, including celebrity shows, films, news. Additionally, there are new lenses and filters available, inspired by the 'Snap Originals' shows. This is another feature to encourage addiction.

Top Tips for Parents

THE RISKS OF SEXING
Sex is highly sensitive and private. If a child has a photo of them or their friends taken, it is a risk that it could be shared with others. It is a risk that it could be used to blackmail or extort. It is a risk that it could be used to identify the child or their friends. It is a risk that it could be used to identify the child or their friends. It is a risk that it could be used to identify the child or their friends.

USE 'GHOST MODE'
We highly recommend that you turn on the app to that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go to the 'Snap Map' and tap the 'Ghost Mode' icon. Here, change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DELETE A MESSAGE
If you are a parent, you should ensure that your child is aware of the risks of sending and receiving messages. You should ensure that your child is aware of the risks of sending and receiving messages. You should ensure that your child is aware of the risks of sending and receiving messages.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'
Quick Add helps friends find each other on the app. This is a feature that allows you to add friends to your phone. You can turn this feature off in the app. You can turn this feature off in the app. You can turn this feature off in the app.

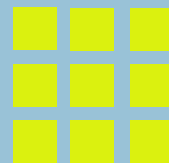
REPORTING A STORY, LENS, FILTER, SNAP OR MESSAGE
If your child comes across inappropriate Snapchat content and decides to report it to a Snapchat support team, you should report it to them. This may include an email or a phone call. You should report it to them. This may include an email or a phone call. You should report it to them. This may include an email or a phone call.

RESTRICT STORY VIEWS
Your child can add friends to their 'Story' throughout the day which will last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in your child's friends list can see their story. This has not been robust. This can be changed in the app. This can be changed in the app. This can be changed in the app.

THE EXPERT IN EVERYTHING WAS ONCE A BEGINNER

Career Experts

Sports News!



This week in PE...

EYFS & Year 1 - Football

Year 2 - Cricket

Y3, 3/4 & 4 - Hockey/ Netball

Year 5 & 6 - Cricket /Netball

Chance to Shine Cricket Programme

Children in Year 2 and Year 5 have had the exciting opportunity to take part in the 'chance to shine' cricket programme! This is a three week programme which will see them practice and develop their catching, throwing, bowling and batting skills. This week Miss Moseley and Mr Ballard were really impressed with the different catches and accuracy when throwing.



Upcoming events

14th March - Year 6 Netball Interhouse Competition

2nd April - Year 5 Hockey Interhouse Competition

4th April - Year 6 Interhouse Competition

Date TBC - Year 5 & 6 Level 2 Netball Competition

After School Clubs

There are still spaces available at the following sports clubs after school

Monday — Girls Fun Fitness Club

Tuesday — KS1 Football Club

Thursday — Y3-6 Ball Club

Thursday — Y3-6 Football Club

Friday — Y3-6 Table Tennis Club

Friday — KS1 Games Club

