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Dear all,

We have all had an exciting first few weeks of term as we have been delving into the mysterious world of our brains. The whole school topic is proving to be very thought provoking and creating lots of discussions. The children have covered many topics so far including dreaming, artificial intelligence and what the different parts of our brain control.

This week we had a visitor from the Lookout Centre in Bracknell who showed us lots of ways we can trick our brain as well AS how to test it and make sure we keep it healthy.

Alongside learning about the physicality of the brain, we have also been exploring how it controls our emotions and the impact this can have on our behaviour. We are looking forward to sharing the work with you at Open Classrooms and Parents' Forum next week. Please read inside for full details.

The hard work to maintain and develop our outdoor provision continues and we are very grateful to those parents who gave up time during last weekend to help—one of the sheds has a new home and has been put to good use already. The Henley Standard also joined us and you can see us on Page 13!

I hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Reach Up Reach Out,

Mrs Bethany Greenwood



The sand pit is officially open (left)

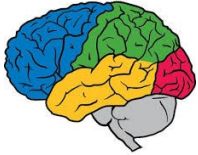


Brain Roadshow (right)

Below is an impromptu sing song of 'Hope'. Please see our twitter feed for the video

The year 6 boys enjoying a moment of sunshine. They called this the 'Human Butterfly'!





Whole School Topic of the Brain

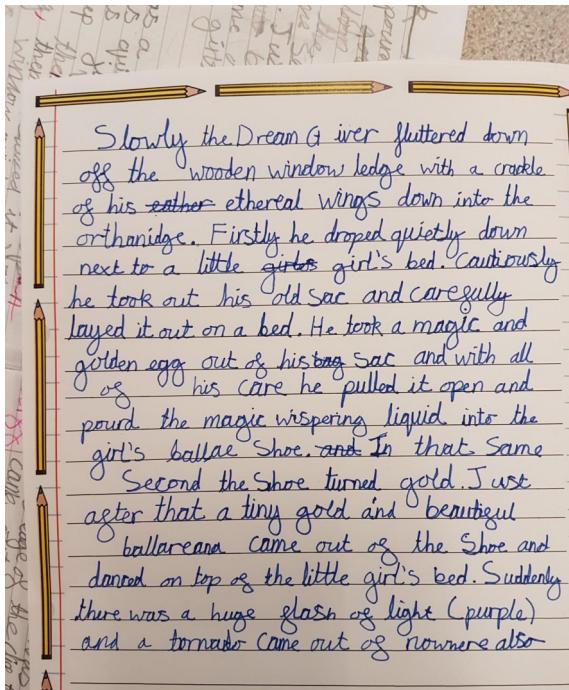
Please enjoy some of the fantastic work which is happening through the new whole school topic.

We are all looking forward to sharing more with you at the Parent Forum next week. There will be two identical sessions and after school clubs will run as normal.

Session 1 Wednesday 9th May 2018 3.45 – 4.45

Session 2 Wednesday 9th May 2018 6.30 – 7.30pm

Each session will start with a Head's talk about the topic and some future plans for the school. There will then be an opportunity to share ideas and ask questions. Finally you are welcome to visit your child's classroom and view their work. Children are welcome at both sessions but they will remain your responsibility and need to stay with you.

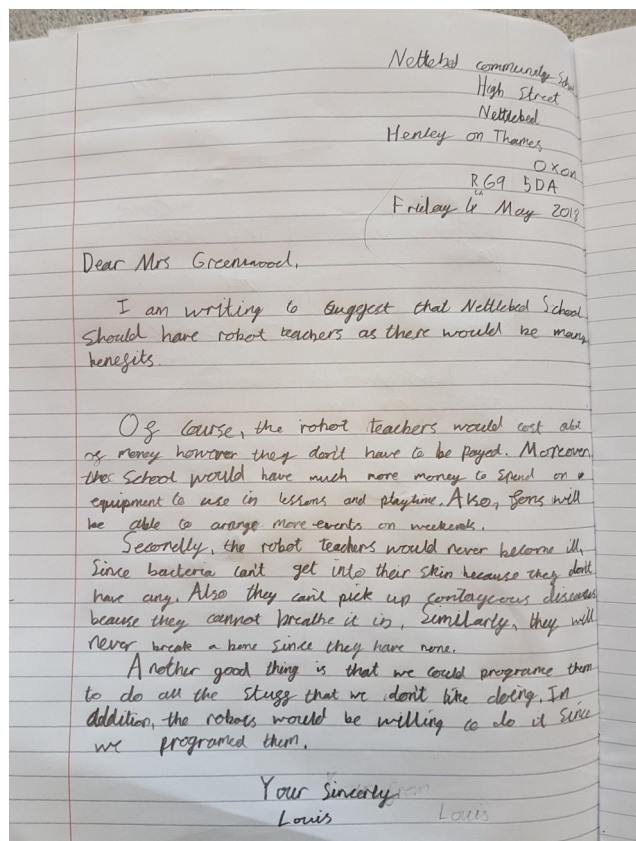
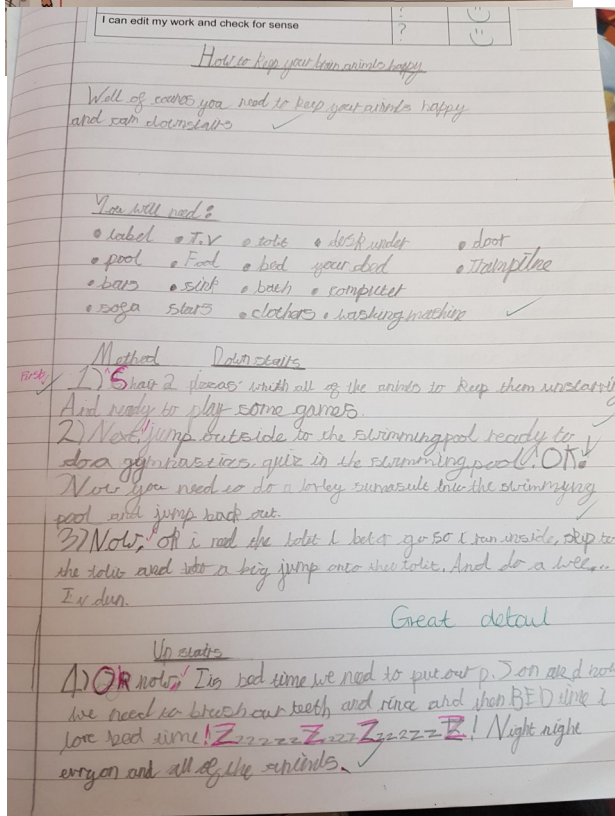


Evie's, Investigator, version of 'The Scream' (above)

Jake's, Discovery Class, start to the 'Dream Giver' story (left)

Isolde's, Challenger Class, Instructions (bottom left)

Louis', Investigator Class, Persuasive argument for robot teachers!



Dates Academic Year 2018—2019

Please see below the term dates for next year. Please note there was an error on the previous newsletter so please make sure you have the correct dates! The dates are also available on the website. As advised the first week of this term.

Term 1 6th September 2018 - 19th October 2018 (4th and 5th September 2018 Inset)

Term 2 29th October 2018 - 21st December 2018

Term 3 8th January 2019 - 15th February 2019 (7th January 2019 Inset)

Term 4 25th February 2019 - 5th April 2019

Term 5 24th April 2019 - 24th May 2019 (23rd April 2019 Inset)

Uniform

As discussed at Parent Forum last term, we will be making changes to our school uniform. This is because the current uniform has many variations, is not wearing well and ultimately does not look as smart as it could. We will also alter the school logo and have it on the uniform.

I am now in the last stages of negotiating with the new suppliers and am hoping to share more with you next week. Thank you for your patience.

As previously stated, there will be a phased start to the new uniform to make it affordable and ensure any remaining pieces of uniform are replaced when no longer fitting.

Dogs on school site

Thank you to those of you who have made sure that your dog is kept up by the wooden gates as they are no longer allowed on the school site .



Any spare Wellies ?

As we are starting to use our outdoor space more, does anyone have any spare wellies that their children have outgrown. If so, please donate them to school.



Swimarathon

Well done to all of those who took part in the Swimarathon this year. You managed to raise vital money for charity.



Awards for Reach Up, Reach Out

16.3.18 I can express my emotions

Izzy Edwards, Asher Grey, Jack Templer, Monty Hoff, Emma Powell

23.4.18 I can reflect on my emotions

Oakley Stockton-Whalley, Edward Tucker, Ella Silva-Tully, Sophie May, Jack Szymanis-Alder, Fleur Gittings, Henry Robertson

30.4.18 I have chosen a change

Mustafa Musa, Bella Van der Mark, Connor Blyth, Barney Broadhurst, Janus Del Rosario



Absence in school and medical appointments

If your child is unwell, please let the school know in the morning by calling the office or emailing. Otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. There is no need to write a note once the child has returned to school.

Please avoid medical appointments during the school day. However if this is unavoidable, please bring a copy of the letter or appointment card, if you have one, to the office so we can take a copy for our attendance records.

Please note we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time except under exceptional circumstance. If you think your child will need time of school, please complete a 'leave of absence' form available from reception.

Dates for your Diary	
Monday 16th April 2018	Term 5 starts
Wednesday 18th April	Full Governing Body Meeting @7.30pm
Thursday 26th April 2018	Curriculum Governors meeting @8.30am
Wednesday 9th May	Open Classrooms 3.30—4pm
Monday 14th May 2018	Start of Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 25th May 2018	Star of the Term Assembly @ 3pm End of term 5 @ 3.30pm
Monday 4th June 2018	INSET
Tuesday 5th June 2018	Children return to school
Tuesday 19th June 2018	Finance, Personnel and Premises Governors@ 7.30pm
Wednesday 20th June 2018	Open Classroom 3.30—4pm
Thursday 21st June 2018	Year 3/4 camp out
Thursday 28th June 2018	Sports Day @1.30pm
Friday 29th June 2018	Reserve Sports Day @1.30pm
Wednesday 4th July 2018	Key Stage 2 production @ 2pm
Thursday 12th July 2018	Curriculum governors meeting @ 8am
Tuesday 17th July 2018	Full Governing Body Meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday July 25th 2018	End of term 6 @ 1.30pm