



North Molton Primary School

'Love learning, learn well'

Friday 14th March 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

Taking 26 children to London wasan absolute pleasure! Their excellent behaviour, curiosity, and resilience made the adventure truly memorable. From the moment we arrived, the children were eager to explore and learn, showing genuine interest in the rich history and culture of the city. Their enthusiasm was evident as we visited major landmarks, including the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, the Science Museum, and the London Eye. Each location offered unique experiences that are so vastly different to Ex-moor. The children adapted brilliantly to the contrast and became so competent in road crossing, train travel and of course, the underground!

One of the highlights of the trip was the incredible show, Matilda the Musical. The children were mesmerized by the performances and the storytelling, which added a magical touch to our adventure. To see children their age on that stage was incredible and I had as much fun watching their reactions as I did to the show itself.

Throughout the journey, their respectful and inquisitive nature shone brightly, making every moment enjoyable and rewarding. It was a joy to witness their growth and excitement, and I am confident that these wonderful experiences will leave a lasting impression on them.

It's my belief that we need to do things that make us feel uncomfortable and really challenge us. I know we all felt anxious before the trip (staff, children and parents!) but I know we now all share a feeling of immense pride for what they achieved last week. That feels like true growth and development to me.

Well done everyone and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Pennington

(Acting Head Teacher)



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School News

School Class Photos

We would like to remind you that Tempest Photographers will be in school on **THURSDAY 20th MARCH** to take class photographs. If any nursery children do not attend nursery on this day but would like to be included within the Wrens class photograph please bring (and stay with) your child to the school hall for 9.00am.

Road Safety

Please can we remind parents to not park on the zig zag lines during drop off and collection. There have been a number of dangerous incidents in recent weeks.

As we move towards the Summer term, please can I ask to think about whether you can walk to school or if you can park elsewhere and enjoy a short walk to school. Thank you.

World Book Day





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Events of the week

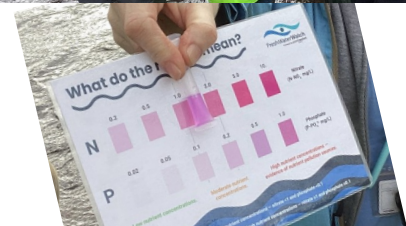
Pancake Day

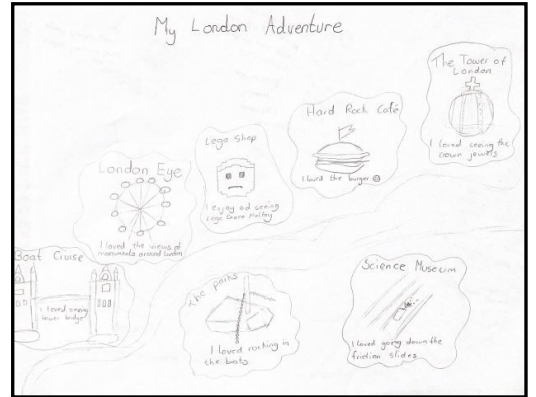
Last Tuesday lunch time saw the whole school gathered on the field ready to compete in Pancake Races for Shrove Tuesday. We started off with the entire school involved in a relay race, followed by year races. We were so fortunate with the weather, it's the first year we have been able to celebrate this event on the field.



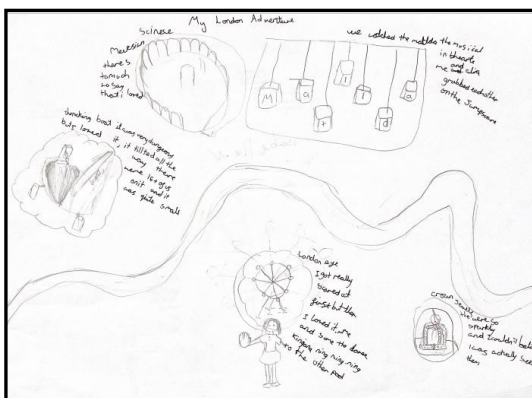
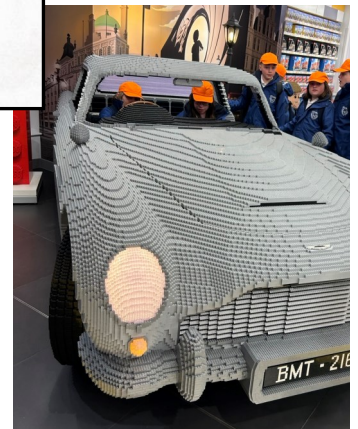
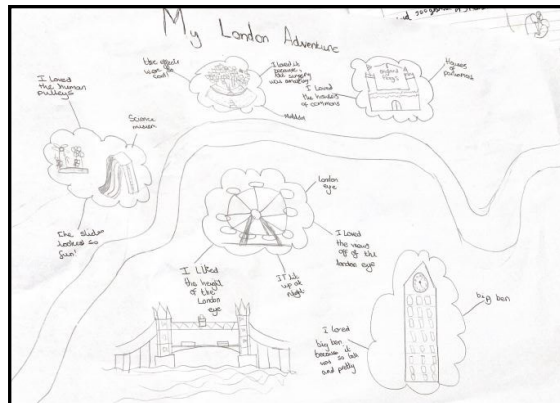
Falcons River Trip

Falcons Class had another interesting visit to the River mole again on Wednesday. We were pleased to see the phosphate levels were virtually non-existent but there are still some small levels of nitrates in the water (nothing too harmful!). We were thrilled to find lots more invertebrates in the water on this visit including: freshwater shrimp, dragonfly nymphs and caddis fly larvae. The water temperature is still cold but understandable for this time of the year. We look forward to another visit again after the Easter Holidays!





Year 5/6 London Residential





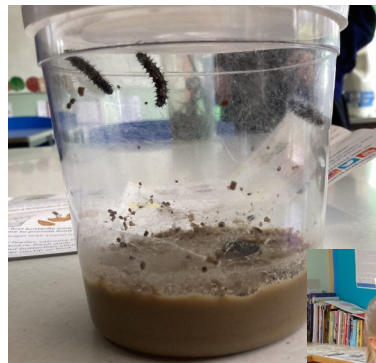
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Science Week

This week we had a great Science workshop with children and families after school on Wednesday! The children enjoyed making ice cream in a bag; using the microscopes; exploring electrical circuits by making a fruit piano!; making bug hotels and observing the snails from Owls and Kestrels Class and the tadpoles and caterpillars from Falcons Class.



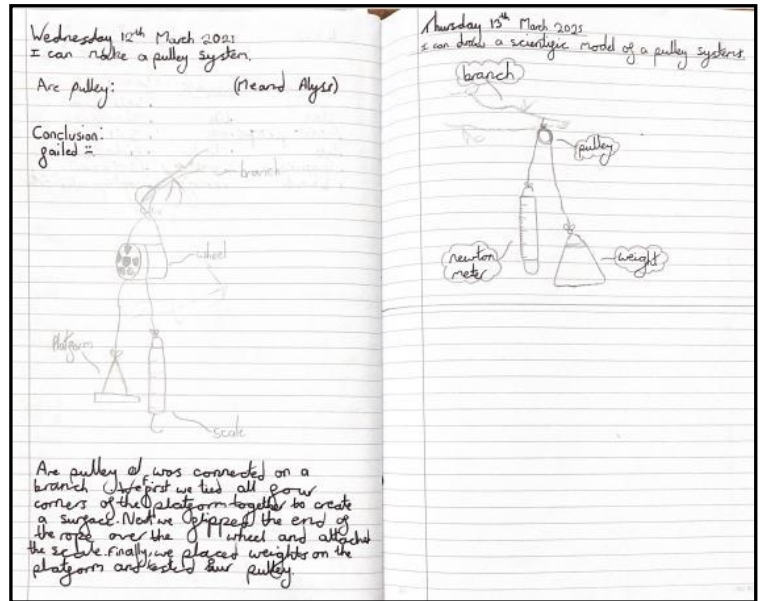
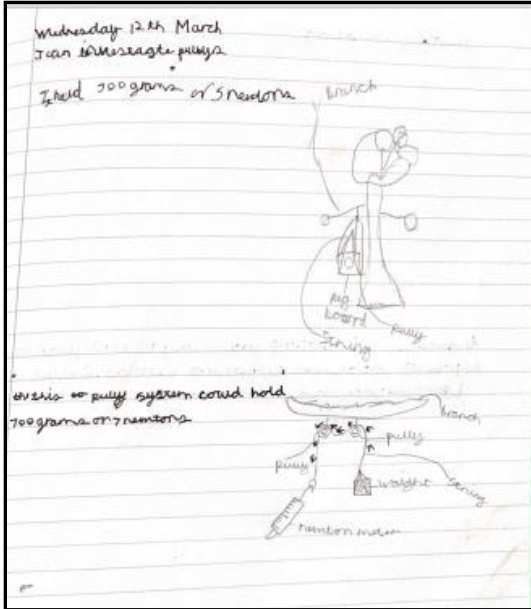
There have been many more Science activities in school this week including pulleys and forces in Sparrowhawks Class and a Vet Workshop for Reception and Year 1 and 2, kindly run by Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Headon – thank you for giving up your time to do this with the children. Thanks again to everyone for continuing to support North Molton School with their

love of Science!!





Year 5/6 Science Week - 'Forces'





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School Clubs

Below is a summary of clubs for next week.

All clubs must be booked in advance.

****REMINDER****

There is NO Year 6 Maths club this week.

Science Club will be ON this week (This is the additional session for the cancelled club on the 5th March)

Day	Morning	Afterschool
Monday 17th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Tuesday 18th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	
Wednesday 19th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	Gymnastics Club with Mrs Shaw 3.15pm - 4.15pm Year 3 - 6 Science Club with Mrs Turney 3.15pm - 4.15pm Year 2 - 6
Thursday 20th March	Breakfast Club from 8am	Invasion Games Club with Mr Joslin 3.15pm - 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 21st March	Breakfast Club from 8am	



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Dates for the Diary

2025



Date	Event
20 March	Class Photos with Tempest Photographers
31 March - 2 April	Whole School Art Exhibition
7 - 21 April	Easter Holidays
22 April	First Day of Summer Term
1 - 2 May	Falcons Residential to Pinkery Pond
5 May	Bank Holiday
26 - 30 May	May Half Term Holiday
26 June	Sports Day
2 - 3 July	Year 6 Transition Days to SMCC
4 July	Reserve Sports Day
7 - 8 July	Reception Parents Evenings
14 July	Non Pupil Day
15 July	Year 6 Leavers Trip TBC
18 July	Whole School Music Celebration
23 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
23 July	Last Day of Academic Year
24 July	Start of Summer Holidays



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News from the Village and Local Community

Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group:

Becky Rottenbury is running a Baby and Toddler group in the Methodist Hall on a Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am during term time. This is a free group with tea and coffee alongside activities and toys for the little ones. The poster is on our website in the newsletter section

Friday Club:

The next Friday club session will be, **TONIGHT**, Friday 14th March. Please note tonight's club begins at the **EARLIER time of 6.00pm - 8.00pm**, for the welcome return of Stephen Eddy, who will be accompanied by some of his Exmoor Zoo 'friends'. We look forward to welcoming Friday Club members, their siblings (accompanied by an adult if sibling is younger than YEAR 2) and YEAR 2 children (accompanied by an adult if wished).

For any queries regarding Friday club, please contact Rosemarie Courtney (07944 243866).

N.B. We have a fb group, 'North Molton Friday Club'. It would be helpful if parents/grandparents of Years 3-6 children, interested in Friday Club, could join for communication purposes.

Phonebox Library: The village has converted the disused telephone box into a community library. It's a lovely library for the children to visit, take a book and recycle the ones they are finished with.

The village phone box library has a lovely selection of **children's books** as well.

The Saunders Good Samaritans Trust:

If anyone is struggling and needs any help please contact this local charity that is available to support residents in our local community. For more information please contact Rose Courtney (740382) who lives in the village.