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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of The Nightingale Federation,

Today it has been great to see our children dressed in red and undertaking the Red Nose Day activities. The children have been learning about why we fundraise for Comic Relief and have had great fun designing their own red noses! Some of our classes have also been taking part in a Lego activity online, where their task was to build a sustainable house. Please have a look at our photos below.

Thank you to all of you have donated to Comic Relief via our donations page – so far the total we have raised is £105 which is fantastic! If you still wish to donate, the link below will take you to our donations page and will continue to work for a few more days:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14922>

Recent Visits across the Federation

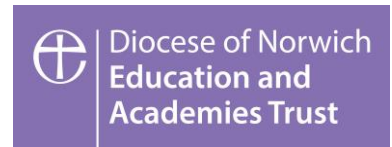
You may have heard that there have been lots of visitors in our schools. On Thursday 7 March, our Academy Group Executive Principal, Mrs Warner and Mrs Darroch, who is our Federation SEND Governor, and also a previous SENCO and DHT of a Breckland school, jointly visited both schools. The aim of the visit was to observe and monitor SEND provision across the Federation. In the morning, they met with Mrs Smith at Lyng School and in the afternoon, met with Mrs Carter at Thomas Bullock. Mrs Warner was very pleased with the excellence and high expectations driven by our SEN team and the pupils calm, engaging and purposeful learning environments across the Federation. We are very lucky to have two extremely well-qualified and excellent SENCOs.

Governor Meeting

Our next Local Governing Body meeting will be held on Monday 18 March at Lyng Primary School. We are delighted that our Federation Governors will be able to visit and see the regular updates to the environment, curriculum and pupil engagement in learning across the Federation.

Open Afternoon at Thomas Bullock- open to all 25th March from 1:15pm-2:30pm

We have booked an Open afternoon at Thomas Bullock Primary and Nursery on Monday 25th March at 1:15pm. Mr Wade and I shared this event with the community, when we attended the Shipdham Parish Council meeting on Monday evening and would like to welcome our communities from across the Federation to come and see Thomas Bullock and meet our teams. We will aim to hold a similar event at Lyng CE Primary in the summer term.



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Federation Sports Event

We have asked the West Norfolk and Dereham Schools Partnership to run a sports morning on May 8th for our next Federation Day for Years 3-5. The school venue has yet to be decided.

Reception from both schools

Last Tuesday I had the pleasure of joining a trip to the Library with the Reception Teachers and pupils from across the Federation. Our pupils enjoyed their trip immensely and it was a true pleasure to see our children interacting and learning together.

PiXL Conference

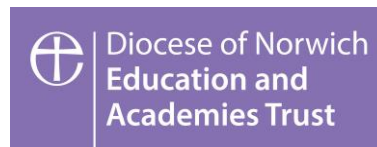
On Wednesday 13 March, I had the pleasure of being invited to speak at the PiXL Conference in London discussing small rural schools and developing curriculums for mixed-age classes. It was a pleasure to discuss our work within the Federation with professionals from across England and learn from other schools and trusts.

E-Safety

I once again wish to remind all of our families of the importance of being aware of information your children are accessing online both on phones, through messaging apps and through online gaming. We thank parents/carers for continually supporting our work to keeping our children safe online by communicating with your children about their access and choices. If you have any questions, or would like any support, we would be more than happy to share supportive resources.

SATs EVENT FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Miss Wharton and Mrs O'Sullivan will hold a SATs Year 6 presentation at 3:20pm on Tuesday 19 March. We would encourage all Year 6 parents/carers and pupils to attend. We will cover how best you can support your child in the run up to them taking the tests.



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OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK.....

Cherry Class

Cherry class turned into scientists this week when they carried out an egg experiment linked to dental health. We talked all about what was good for our teeth before setting up our own experiment using different drinks. The children made some predictions;

"The egg in the coke might dissolve, it's bubbling" Bella

"The egg will change colour in the fizzy" Loki

"I don't think it will change because it's just water" Peggy

"It will stay the same" Ailish

"The egg won't change, it will stay normal in milk, the same colour and shape" Sylvie

"It might change colour because the egg is white and the juice is orange" Martha

We will continue to see what happens to the eggs!



Willow Class

We have had a very busy few weeks in Willow class. We celebrated World Book Day and had fabulous costumes from all of the children! We have also celebrated British Science Week; this year the theme is 'time' we were lucky enough to join in a live lesson with a farmer. We looked at the time of the year and designed and made bird nests - it was great fun! In Maths we have been looking at measuring length and measured a range of items in our classroom using cubes and centimetres!



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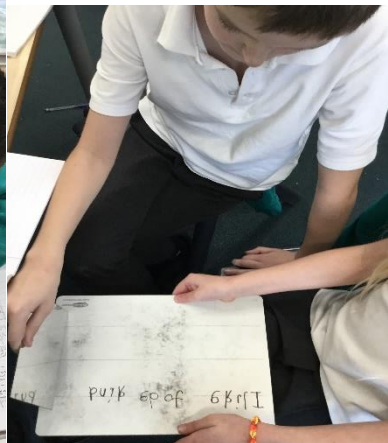
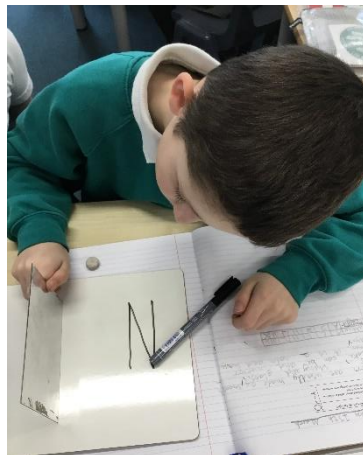
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Rowan Class

This week has been Science Week, and we have been conducting an experiment on reflection and reflective surfaces. We used this knowledge to write coded messages to each other, which was great fun in Rowan Class.





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Oak Class

This week Oak have enjoyed celebrating Science week. We had a visit from Dr. Payne on Friday, which was really interesting. In P.E. we have been working on team games and our collaborative skills. Children in Cooking club made Mother's Day 'Rock in the Pots'. Today we have been designing Red Noses for Red Nose Day.





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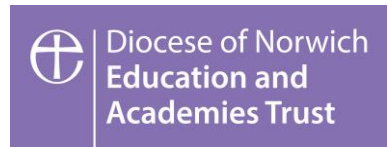
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DIARY DATES

MARCH

- 19th Y6 parents SATS briefing at 3.20pm
Parents Evening (YR only) 3.30 – 5.30pm
- 20th Easter Experience
Parents' Evening (Not YR) 3.30 – 5.30pm
- 21st Parents' Evening (all years) 3.30 – 6.00pm
- 27th Easter Service at Lyng Church 10.30am
- 27th LAST DAY OF TERM
- 28th Staff Training Day - School Closed

Easter holiday 29th March – 12th April inclusive

MAY

- 6th Bank holiday
- 7th Class Photos
- 20th Vision, hearing, height & weight checks (Reception) and height & weight (Y6)

Half term 27th – 31st May

JULY

- 18th Last day of term
- 19th INSET Day School Closed