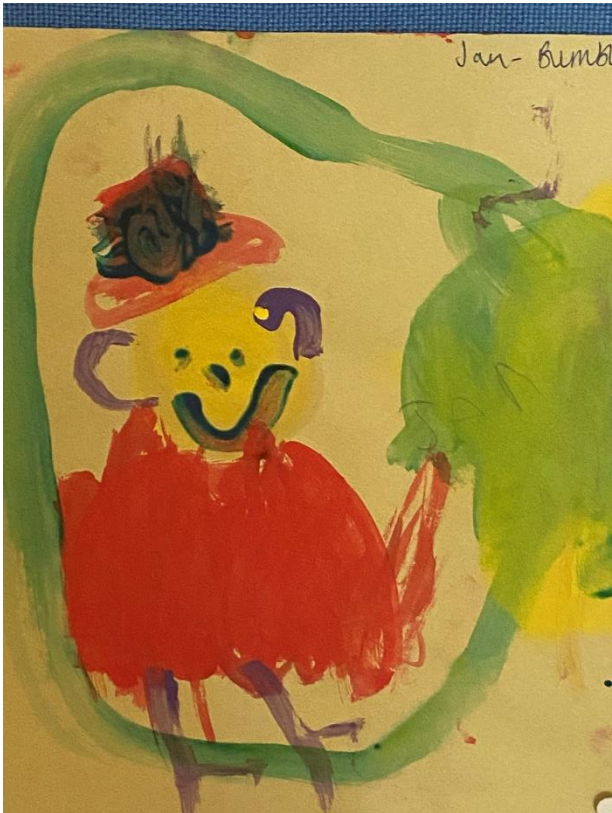


Hi Everyone,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. How can we only have six weeks remaining of this academic year! It will be Rose Day before we know it. I am writing my blog this morning as Year 3 are setting off on their first ever residential to St Anne’s! I know the children are very excited and the sunshine is peaking through for them too, they are going to have a great time together!

We had a marvellous Jubilee celebration day yesterday in school where the children all came in their red, white and blue clothes, took part in lots of arts and craft activities and even sampled some jubilee cupcakes. Here are some of the wonderful portraits of Her Majesty...





We were delighted to have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark!

250 Primary Science Quality Marks have been awarded to infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, over 4000 schools across the UK have achieved a prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark.

The Primary School Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, Enterprise and Business Development in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: “There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made everyone aware of the impact of science on our daily lives. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning, even at this challenging time for schools. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”

You will recall that we sent out our parent survey just before the holidays- thank you to all of those families who completed it for us. The results were very positive to read and I have read each individual comment made so that we can celebrate the positive comments and reflect on the constructive comments and suggestions moving forward as we begin planning for next academic year.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child enjoys school.	61.25% (49)	35% (28)	2.5%(2)	1.25% (1)
2. The school keeps my child safe.	73.42% (58)	25.32% (20)	1.27% (1)	0% (0)
3. The school informs me about my child's progress.	35.90% (28)	61.54% (48)	2.56% (2)	0% (0)
4. My child is making good progress.	52.50% (42)	43.75% (35)	2.50% (2)	1.25% (1)
5. My child is taught well and enjoys learning.	60% (48)	38.75% (31)	1.25% (1)	0% (0)
6. My child is well looked after at school.	63.29% (50)	35.44% (28)	1.27% (1)	0% (0)
7. The school helps my child to understand healthy lifestyles.	42.31% (33)	57.69% (45)	0% (0)	0% (0)
8. The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future for example; changing year group/school.	44.0% (33)	50.67% (38)	5.33% (4)	0% (0)
9. The school meets my child's particular needs.	46.25% (37)	50.00% (40)	2.50% (2)	1.25% (1)
10. There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	54.43% (43)	44.30% (35)	1.27% (1)	0% (0)
11. The school deals with any incidents of bullying effectively.	38.89% (28)	50.00% (36)	9.72% (7)	1.39% (1)
12. The school is led and managed effectively.	61.04% (47)	35.06% (27)	3.90% (3)	0% (0)
13. The school communicates well with families.	46.84% (37)	41.77% (33)	10.13% (8)	1.27% (1)
14. The school provides a range of extracurricular activities and educational visits	45.00% (36)	48.75% (39)	6.25% (5)	0% (0)
15. I appreciate the additional facilities and service of Breakfast Club and After school care club provided by the school.	56.16% (41)	43.84% (32)	0% (0)	0% (0)
16. We are made to feel welcome at school.	55.26% (42)	34.21% (26)	10.53% (8)	0% (0)
17. The school helps me to understand how to help my child with their learning at home.	38.46% (30)	56.41% (44)	5.13% (0)	0% (0)
18. The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.	36.36% (28)	50.65% (39)	10.39% (8)	2.60% (2)

19. I am happy with the quality of education my child receives at Crossflatts Primary School.	63.75% (51)	35% (28)	0% (0)	1.25%(1)
20. Would you recommend Crossflatts Primary School to another parent?	Yes 96.20% (76)	No 3.80% (3)	n/a	n/a

As we enter the summer with hopefully lots of sunshine, please can you ensure you send your child to school with a sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream and with their water bottle on the warmer days so that they can learn how to protect themselves from the mid-day sun when they are enjoying the sunny weather during their lunch and play times- our playgrounds are real sun traps so we need to ensure the children are well protected and hydrated.

Here’s to a fantastic final half term everyone.

Best wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher