



Saint Nathaniel's Academy

February 2024 Newsletter



Only two weeks into this very short half term, and already we have plenty of news to share about exciting events that have already taken place as well as new events we have to look forward to.

Yr 6 Stanley Head Residential

A huge well done must first go to our Year 6 children (and staff!) who took part in the residential visit to Stanley Head last week. The feedback we had was that the children had a fantastic time learning new skills, showing great team work and getting to know one another far more. The centre manager at Stanley Head also commented on what a lovely group of children they were and how well behaved and polite they were. We hope each one of them enjoyed the experience, and hopefully we can replicate this next year too! There have been so many positive comments from the children who went such as this one:

"It pushed me out of my comfort zone. I was so scared to try the high ropes course, but I'm so proud of myself for doing it, and I even completed a jump off a very high platform!"

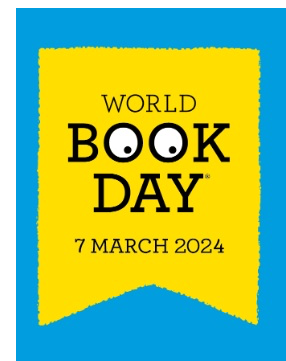
Thank you for representing the school so well, and thank you to Mrs Shaw, Mrs Bailey, Mr Field and Mr Groves who gave up their time to ensure that the visit was fun, safe and went smoothly.



World Book Day

It's that time of year again where we get ready to celebrate World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March. Our theme for the day is taken from the book 'Where the Wild Things Are!'. Throughout the school we are asking children to wear brightly coloured clothes which might be striped or have a pattern on (no football tops please). They can have 'wild' hair and wear odd socks too! Children may also have the chance to design their own 'Wild Things' mask on the day as well.

Children can also send in a photo of them reading 'in the wild' (somewhere unusual) with the book covering their face so we can guess who they are. These photos can be sent via Class Dojo to their teachers. The most creative photos may feature in our World Book Day celebrations and win a prize!



School Play Equipment

We would like to politely remind parents and carers that at the end of the school day, children should not be using the school play equipment on the yard, and we ask that children are kept under close supervision. Once the children have been sent to their parent or carer, the responsibility for the child's safety lies with that adult. Please also remember that the finish time for the children is 3:15pm for Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils, and 3:20pm for Key Stage 2. If for any reason you think you might be late in collecting your child, please phone the school office in advance to let us know.

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TT Rockstars Competition

The TT Rockstars competition has begun across the schools in the St. Bart's Trust, and currently St. Nathaniel's sits proudly at the top of the league table! Well done for all your efforts in getting us there, but the competition still has three weeks left to run and the aim is to keep our school at the top! The schools just behind us are desperate to overtake us, so let's make sure that doesn't happen.

Position (Out of 17 schools taking part)	School	School Average Correct
1	Saint Nathaniel's Academy, Stoke-on-Trent	1,657
2	Priory Cofe Academy School, Stoke-on-trent	1,438
3	St Saviour's CE Academy, Talke	1,396
4	Meir Heath Academy	1,336
5	Belgrave Saint Bartholomew's Academy	1,305

Parking Around School

Parking on Murhall Street both before and after school continues to be a big issue. It is becoming increasingly difficult for cars to either drive down towards the school, or to turn around and leave Murhall Street. We would like to remind parents that we have a large car park to the side of the school on Westport Road that is open all day for parents to use, where there is easy access on and off with plenty of parking spaces. The car park is only a short walk away from the school, with a path at the side of our Nursery leading to the main school yard. Whilst it may not be as close as Murhall Street, parents will probably save time using this car park, as you will be able to exit without having to queue afterwards.

During the last week in particular, staff, parents and children have all unfortunately witnessed disputes between parents regarding parking issues on Murhall Street. This had led to children hearing inappropriate language being used which the school does not condone. Please be assured that the school has reported all such incident to the local police, and we would encourage any parents who witness such behaviour to report this immediately to the police by dialling 101.

Attendance for February

We continue to monitor attendance very closely at school. To the right are the latest attendance results for each class for last month. The national average for attendance which we strive to achieve is 96%.

	<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>		<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
R1EP	38	91.6%	3DY	14	96.7%
R2SP	29	97.3%	4EP	21	92.6%
1AT/ZB	45	94.5%	4RT	25	93.3%
1MB	46	87.6%	5HH	10	97.1%
2DF	22	93.9%	5SB	28	93.2%
2TB	19	97.2%	6ES	16	91.7%
3RS	42	93.5%	6TG	17	92.9%

Congratulations to **Class R2SP** for having the highest attendance during the month!

Diary Dates

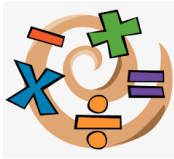
- Tuesday 5th March – Year 5 Safe & Sound workshop
- Tuesday 12th March – 5SB visit to Jodrell Bank
- Thursday 14th March – 5HH visit to Jodrell Bank
- Thursday 14th March – Parent & Carer Coffee Morning – School Hall - 8:45am (see attached poster)
- Thursday 21st March – Easter Service at Swan Bank Church
- Friday 22nd March – School closes for all pupils
- Tuesday 9th April – School opens for all pupils

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Magic Maths!

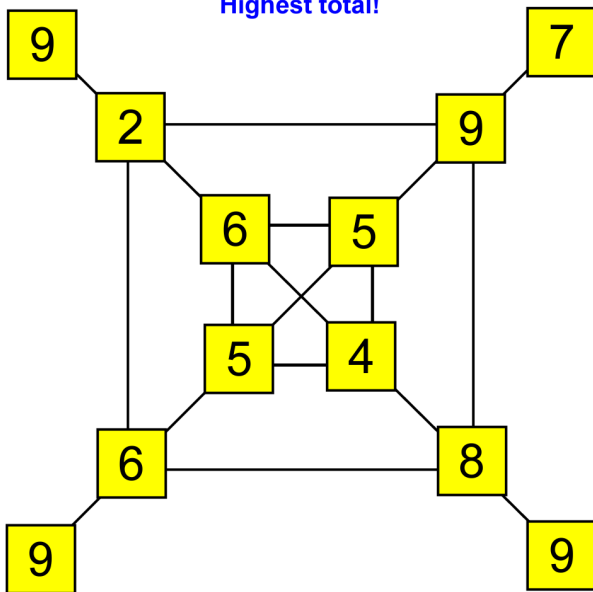


Make sure you continue to boost St. Nathaniel's TT Rockstars score! Log in at home to add extra points! <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/14877>



Puzzle time

Highest total!



Start anywhere and collect five numbers by following the paths - no jumping or going back over a path twice!

What is the highest total you can make?

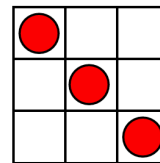
Have you got a maths puzzle that you would like to see on the next newsletter? If so, share your idea with Mr Rowley, Mrs Turkmen or Mr Bowler.



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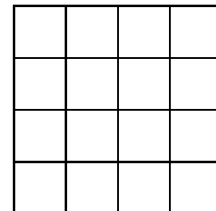
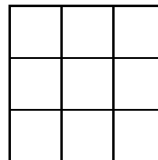
Not three in a line!

This 3 x 3 square has three counters in it in a row.



But what I want to know is how many counters you can place without getting three in a row! You can have one or two in a row but not three!

And then...how many counters can you put in a 4 x 4 square without getting three in a row!



Maths website of the Month:

Our next website is the Nrich maths site. Here you will find plenty of practical games for home, puzzles and interactive games to try.

<https://nrich.maths.org/9086>

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COFFEE MORNING

Parent Coffee Morning Thursday 14th March - 8:45am

Parents and carers are invited to join us for a morning of coffee, tea and cake in our school hall.

Joining us will be:



**Middleport Matters
Samantha Shaw - Family Advisor
Paul Oakley - Family Advisor
Community Grocery**

We will also be hosting a uniform sale

Please feel welcome to come along and have a chat over a drink! We can't wait to see you there.



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