



## SPORTS DAY 2023!

We had a fabulous Sports Day yesterday; thank you so much to all the parents and families who came along to spectate; the children loved having you there to cheer them on.

The afternoon began with our traditional 'Trophy Parade' where the trophy is carried by the oldest and youngest pupils in the school. This was followed by some long-distance races, before splitting into groups for the field events – long jump, shuttle runs, speed bounce, vertical jump, tennis ball throws and football goals to name just a few! All the points are collated throughout the afternoon to contribute to the team totals. Then it was on to the sprint races, ending with a very fast and fiercely competitive relay race! In the end, it was victory for Bronte House, putting blue ribbons on the trophy; this was presented by two of our governors, Mrs Scott and Mr Volske – congratulations Bronte!

A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard all afternoon, but especially Mr Jefferies who organised all of this year's event with Miss Gray and Mr Smith. We also would like to thank our Site Manager, Mr Dickens, for helping to set up the field in the morning and the wonderful group of ex-pupils who came back to help for the day from The Priory School.



### Final scores

Bronte: 8107

Seacole: 7730

Faraday: 7596

Morris: 7544





# Summer term assessment weeks

After half term: w/c 5<sup>th</sup> & w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June Y1,3,4,5

The children in Years 1,3,4 and 5 will be carrying out their summer term assessments after half term. Year 1 children will be carrying out their Phonics screening check, and Y4 will be doing the times tables assessment. Please avoid absence during the assessment period. Many thanks.



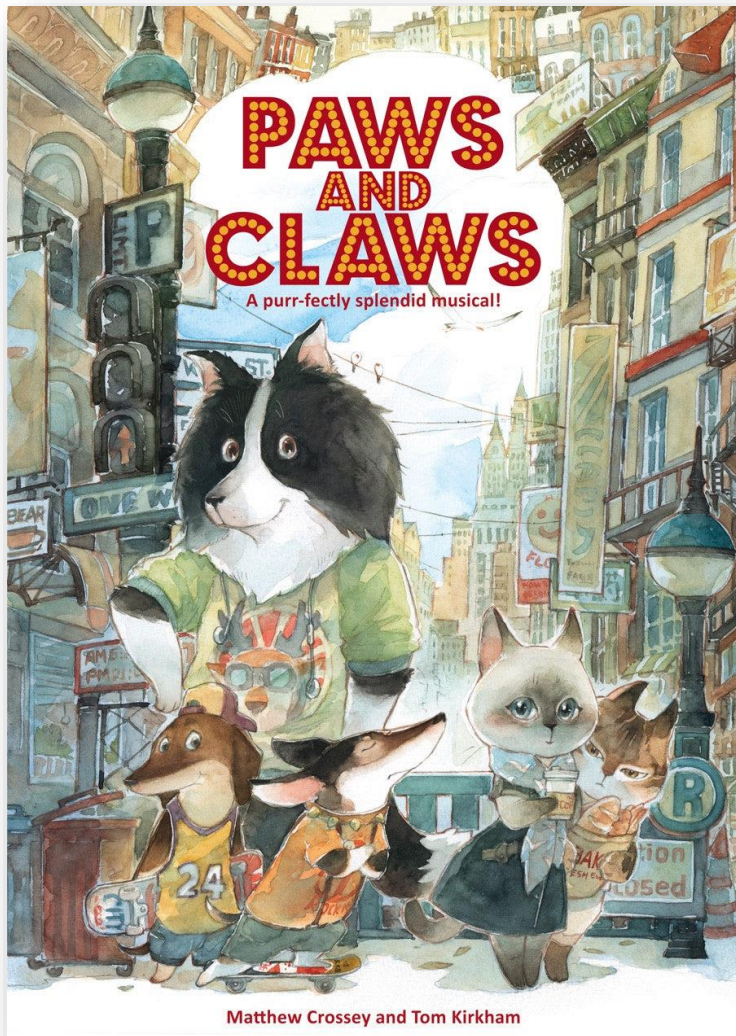
## Class photo day

The school photographer will be in school on  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Please make sure that all children are in correct summer uniform on this day.

## Class 3 Assembly: postponed

Unfortunately, we must postpone the Class 3 assembly again because Mrs Bean and Mrs Springall are still off school at this time. We will let Class 3 parents know a new date as soon as possible.



## KS2 Production 2023!

There was great excitement earlier this week when this year's KS2 production was launched. We will be performing 'Paws and Claws', a new musical which we haven't done before. For now, please make a date in your diary of the performances:

### Performance dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July: matinee

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: matinee

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: evening

All children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6  
will be in all three performances.  
Ticket information will come home  
closer to the time.



There will be a Summer Fair planning meeting on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at The Bird in Hand.**

**Please come along and get involved!**

If you can't make the meeting but are willing to help out at the summer fair, please email [pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stipps.herts.sch.uk) Thank you!

## Next week



We will be holding an information evening for Y5 & 6 parents about our upcoming trip to

**PGL Bawdsey Manor on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm in the school hall.**

Parents will receive a pack of paperwork that needs completing and returning to school before half term. **Please note that this meeting is for parents only.** Children will be having their own preparation sessions in school time.



## An appeal from Gardening Club

Miss Walker's Gardening Club have been very busy in the vegetable garden recently.

They are hoping to plant some fruits or vegetables in the newly renovated beds.

If you have any spare plants that might be suitable, the children in Gardening Club would love to take them off your hands! Thank you!





## This week's article from our Pupil Journalists, Annie & Lily

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to Johnson Matthey, the inventors of the catalytic converters. We had been split into two groups and toured around different areas of the building. We learnt about how the catalytic converters are made and how they work.

The catalytic converters need a washcoat made of precious metals such as: platinum, palladium and rhodium. We were given the chance to make one ourselves but on a much smaller scale. Afterwards, we had a look at machines mixing 3.5 tonnes of washcoat. The precious metals used resulted in them spending about £300,000! The washcoat we made was orange, whilst the industrial one was white because the recipe didn't require rhodium.

Later, we took a look at how the catalysts are tested fairly and why we use them. Underneath a car, we saw the places where the converters would have been. Overall, we had a great day and we still have one more investigation to complete for our Children Challenging Industry programme back in the classroom!



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