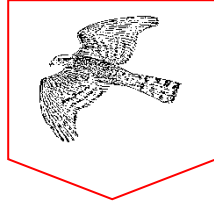


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Dear Parents

I always love the first week of each term – It is wonderful to see the children enjoying their Launch Pad events setting the scene for the term ahead. On Tuesday I felt like a head teacher of a school for pirates! There were some great outfits and many parrots and swords of different sizes and shapes around the school. Some of the Year 2 children have reported it was their best day at school EVER!!! 😊

Yesterday and today have been the Launch Pad Days for children in Years 5 and 6. Their theme this term is 'How did the Viking Invasion change Britain?' The children have all attended a Viking Drama Workshop led by a visiting company to learn more about the Viking era. Miss Dawe was especially impressed by the human time line the children had to make for each year of the Viking era – depicting a key event of that year. If you have a child in Years 5 or 6 please ask them more about it – there has been a great buzz in the corridors and in the classrooms about the workshop.

The children in Year 3 and 4 launched their theme 'Where in the world is Mother Nature the most destructive?' by learning about Mount Stromboli (one of the 4 active volcanoes in Italy) finding it on Google earth and then making replicas of the exploding volcanoes in their classrooms! I understand there was much red food colouring during the event!!

Our two Reception classes launched their theme 'How high is the sky?' by decorating and launching rockets very high into the sky! There were real moments of awe and wonder during this launch pad. I am sure you have heard all about it!

The Launch Pad events are such an important part of our school curriculum giving children a really good understanding of the 'big picture' of their theme for the up and coming term and really motivating them to find out more – they are always such exciting days!

The school 'Boys Football Team' played against Mundella last night in their first match of the Herald Cup. The school put in an excellent team performance, eventually winning 19 goals to nil. Goal scorers were Charlie (4), Roman (3), Carter (3), Theo (2), Reggie (2), Ole, Micah, Joshua, Lewis and Lenny. The team that played last night were: Joseph, Cameron, Lake, Charlie, Roman, Carter, Theo, Reggie, Ole, Micah, Joshua, Lewis and Lenny. Tonight the Girls Football Team will meet Mundella again – we will let you know how we got on next week!

Have a super weekend!