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[Annual Bebras Challenge- Oxford University- Finalist- 2023-24](#)



Bebras Computer Challenge: As part of our computing curriculum, pupils in year groups 2-6 entered the Bebras Computational Thinking Competition. This is an annual worldwide competition supported by Oxford University and Raspberry Pi. One of our pupils has **reached the national finals which means he was in the top very small percentage across the countries taking part.** He will do this challenge online sometime this coming week. We wish him all the best!

Space Park Leicester Competition: Our Eco Ambassadors were invited to design a poster to share their ideas about how to limit climate change as part of Space Park Leicester and the NCEO series of events to mark the COP28 Climate Summit (30 Nov – 12 Dec). Hallam had a runner up in the competition! Well done to Grace in Year 1. Her poster was exhibited in our celebration assembly.

Attendance: Our class with the highest attendance last week was **EYFS with an amazing 97%!** Congratulations and well done. The attendance trophy was awarded to them in our celebration assembly.

Parents Information Meeting- Teaching Multiplication: Please do join us on **Thursday 25th of January at 5:30pm in the school hall.** Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Palmer will be delivering a session on how multiplication is taught in school. They will also talk parents through the Multiplication Tables Check -MTC- which is a test that the year 4 children will take in June. The session is aimed at parents of children from Year 2 to Year 6 however all parents are welcome to attend. **Please do note the change of time.**

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Reading Records

Thank you for working with us to encourage a love of reading and to help develop your child's reading skills. Reading at home with your child shows them that reading is valued and develops a culture of reading that impacts on future success. Research shows that children who read at home daily will have heard 296,660 words by the time they were 5 years old compared to those who are never read to, only hearing 4,662 words!

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65830c10ed3c3400d3bfcad/The_reading_framework.pdf. We know that parents are very busy. We kindly ask that you read with your child and write a comment in their reading records **at least three times a week**. It would be great if you could attend the session below to find out more about the reading skills and strategies that we teach in school.

Open Classroom- Reading with your child: Please do join us on for our open classroom session on **Thursday 1st of February at 9-9:30**. The teachers will be delivering a session on **reading skills and strategies**. You will have the opportunity to practise these skills and read with your child. Please note, the **Year 2 open session will be held on Wednesday 31st of January**.

Buddhist Celebration: To all our families and community who are celebrating Mahayana New Year, on the 25th of January, we would like to wish you a happy new year.

Communication: We have a school calendar on our website to inform you of any upcoming events - <https://www.hallamfields.org.uk/news-events/events/>. We also use Twitter to share photos of the children's learning in school. EYFS and Year 1 classes will be sharing their news and learning via the Tapestry platform.

Best wishes

Mrs. Sultana

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