



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 15th March 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We had an excellent Science week with the children having a brilliant time exploring the theme 'Journeys.' The children did some magnificent scientific enquiry activities / investigations through a range of experiments that they conducted throughout the week, and we finished this off with brilliant workshop today. I know the teachers will be writing about their individual classes in the rest of this newsletter.

It was also brilliant to see all the children dressed up for Comic Relief; donating a £1.00 and supporting this fantastic charity. I will update you in next week's newsletter with how much we have raised.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Mathematics and English workshops – we hope that you found these useful, and they supported you with helping your child with their learning at home. We hope to run these again in the final term as part of the transition for pupils to the new year groups.

School Hub:

The School Hub made their first visit to GEMS Didcot Primary school this week to meet with the School Council / Hub there. They had a brilliant time discussing the Hub's role in each school, talking about their learning, having lunch together and finally exploring GEMS Didcot's Outdoor classroom. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and we look forward to hosting the children from GEMS Didcot in the summer term.

Afterschool :

A polite reminder not to allow your children to play on or with the school equipment after school. We do ask that you keep your children with you to avoid any accidents or injuries. **Please note:** one of our cleaners does start at 4:00 pm and some of our TA's finish at this time so please be mindful that they are also trying to park / leave the premises.

PTA Events:

Wednesday 27th March is our Wacky Wheel day. The children can dress up their scooter or bike in a theme of their choice. They then bring their bike / scooter into the school hall at the beginning of the school day. The entries will then judged by our panel of experts and 1st 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded.

On Thursday 4th April it is Movie Night for the Year Three pupils. The film will begin at 4:00 pm, and tickets will go on sale shortly.

Key Dates:

I am in the process of compiling the key dates for the summer term. These will be sent out during the last week of the spring term.

House Points: This house point treat will be an 'Easter Festive Treat!'

House	Points
Parks	987
Gandhi	1071
Pankhurst	1075
Shackleton	1005

Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	96%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	97.6%
Whole School	97.1%

Key Dates:

Week Commencing 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	School Hub to visit GEMS Didcot
Week Commencing 18 th March	Waste Week (information will be in next week's newsletter)
Thursday 21 st March	The School Choir to the Voice In a Million concert
Wednesday 27 th March	PTA Wacky Wheels
Thursday 28 th March	Year 3 Residential – Woodrow House

Twitter:

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Principal's Question: For a house point on Monday, please write down what your favourite Science activity was and why. Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,



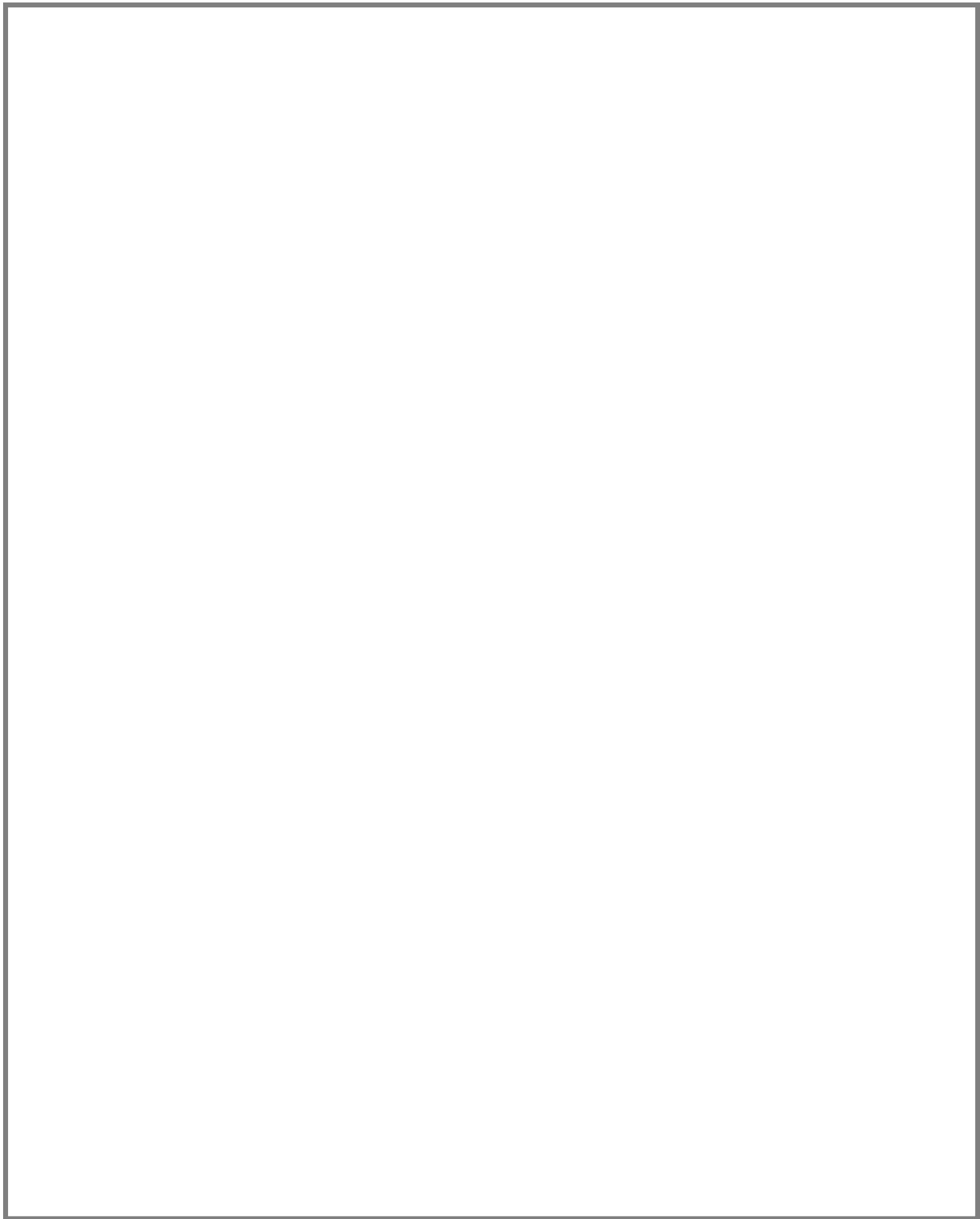
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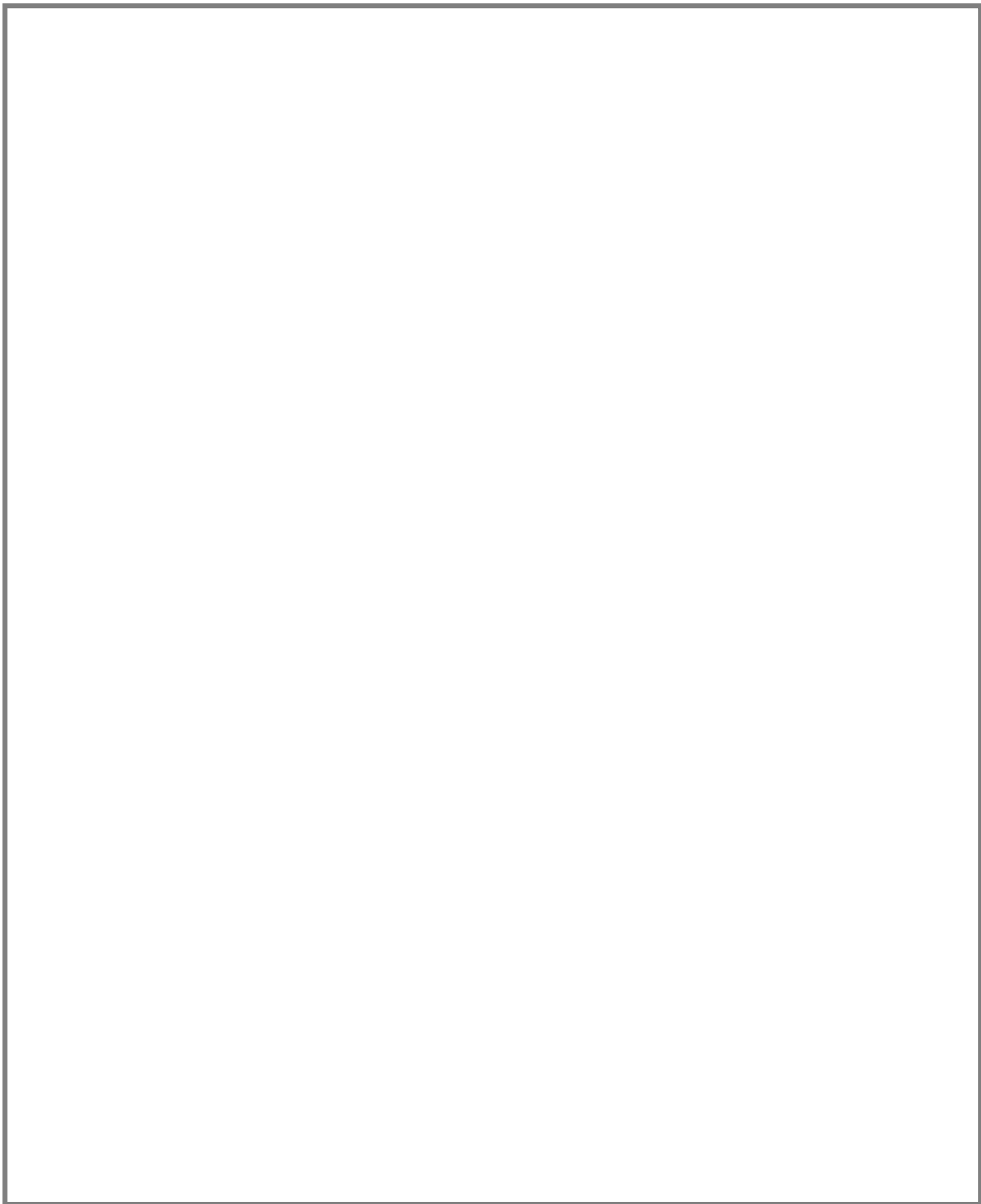
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