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Dear Parent/Carer,

I heard on the radio earlier today that it's 100 years since John Logie Baird first demonstrated his invention to a room of scientists, engineers and one journalist. The invention was...? The television!

It little over a decade, the king's coronation was broadcast to the nation and the years since have seen many more iconic moments, as well as developments. I don't remember the move from black and white to colour, but I do remember having only four channels, no remote and the test card of the little girl playing noughts and crosses when the programmes stopped for the evening. Many a time have I felt my age when trying to explain this to a class of children – even just that screens were never flat in the past!

Any, today's anniversary made me think about what our children might be reflecting on in 30-40yrs time and that their own children will struggle to believe. Will be it be typing our own messages, or handwriting in school, or the mere existence of a TV schedule rather than everything being on demand? Perhaps it will be pre-made programmes at all, and everything will be created on the spot according to criteria we individual give to our AI – the technology is not that far away.

Whatever it is, I hope it is not a wistful look back to a time when people came together and interacted face to face. Technology is brilliant and gives us so much opportunity for learning and for communicating with friends and family who are not nearby, but nothing can replace that face-to-face interaction and time outside with friends and family, enjoying nature or sport or just good conversation. I encourage my own children to spend time outside rather than on screens and will do the same with all North Star's children.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

**Steven Boast**

Executive Deputy Headteacher  
North Star Federation

**Random Acts of Kindness**

In recent collective worships, alongside our theme of generosity, we have been talking about random acts of kindness. A small thing (e.g. sharing a resource or letting someone go ahead in the line) might not seem a like a lot, but I have talked to the children about the power of working together. If everyone in school did a small thing each day, that's 600 kind acts a week and over 20,000 a year, which then does seem like a lot and goes a long way to making our school the lovely, welcoming place it is. We'll be talking about it more this week, putting some posters up around the school and encouraging the children to carry out their own random acts of kindness every day, but especially on Wednesday – our designated Random Acts of Kindness Day.

## Events

Please see the attached flyers about story time sessions at North Walsham Library and also February Half Term holiday camps run by Active Education.

## Out of school success

I'd love to hear and share the children's successes – swimming badges, karate belts, player of the week at football, learning a new dance, getting a badge at Rainbows or Beavers. You name it, I want to hear about it.

## Gold Book Prize-Winners – 23.01.26

### Respect

**Robins** – Rosie, for always showing respect by being ready to learn and during carpet time.

**Swifts** – Ebbie for listening carefully to instructions and handling tools with respect when making his potato stamp.

**Herons** – Jackson, for speaking politely to his peers and adults.

**Kestrels** – Kestrels, for listening attentively to an author and ask lots of relevant questions around story writing.

### Generosity

**Robins** – Elliot, for being generous with the toys and resources, making sure that his friends have a turn with them.

**Swifts** - Ivy. B for offering the tray of paint to a friend to print first even though she was ready to use it too.

**Herons** – Darcie and Lily, for making active decisions to pick up items from the floor and tables, even though they weren't the ones to leave them there.

**Kestrels** – Annabelle for helping Ivy when she fell to the floor after they bumped into each other.

### Perfect Presentation

**Robins** – Rosalie, for trying hard to write her letters on the line, and to form them correctly.

**Swifts** – Mary–Ann for taking her time to make her potato stamp in the style of William Morris, then using it to print carefully and accurately

**Herons** – Zara, for beautiful handwriting and paragraphing of her independent story.

**Kestrels** – Arya, for beautiful working out in maths, she is starting to apply all the methods in a logical way.

### Sports Star

**Robins** – Barney, for trying hard to hold his body in different poses to become various animals.

**Swifts** – Kelcie for her excellent pirate dance.

**Herons** – Kyla for working well as part of a group to improve and refine a dance routine.

**Kestrels** – Ava's Haka group, who showed excellent teamwork and facial expression when performing their version of the Haka.

### Tackling Tables

100% - Evie A, Hartley, Jackson, Lily, Rose W

### Reading Prizes

**Herons:** Eva, Ginny, Zara, Molly, Harry S, Henry, Rose, Kyla, Hartley

### Forest School

**Bowtruckle** goes to Eva for her perseverance making her wooden gonk over two sessions. Well done.

**Groot** goes to Carter for her enthusiasm for finding different ways to use the swing and helping others to enjoy themselves.

## Diary Dates

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb		No art club
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Safer internet day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February		Swifts trip to the Aviation Museum
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30-5:30	Parents evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30-7pm	Parents evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Last day of term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	5-7pm	School Disco
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		Pupils return to school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9-10am	Parent workshop: Children's sleep
<b>MARCH</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2pm	Heron's family café
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Robins trip to How Hill
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Kestrels' family café
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		Yr6 Pupils to Gresham's -Steam outreach event
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Robins Family Cafe
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		School choir performing at Norfolk County music festival (details to follow)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2pm	Swifts Family café
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Easter service at the Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Last day of term