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Best Attendance



A massive 'Well Done' to Giraffe Class for achieving 100% attendance this week. Puffin Class achieved Best Attendance in Reception.

What We Have Been Doing

This week in Nursery we started our Nursery 'library service,' where the children choose a book each week to share at home. We talked about book characters and books we enjoy and how to look at and look after books. In order to make our library a success we need children to return their books weekly, so we can offer a great range and choice to all the children. Your child will bring home a new book each Friday for you to enjoy reading it together over the week. Please return it the following Thursday and swap for a new one. To expand our art and creative skills, we will be celebrating the Festival of 'Holi', a Hindu festival also known as the Festival of Colour next week. We always welcome parents to come in and speak to the children about celebrations, so if you are celebrating Holi and would be able to talk to the Nursery children about your family celebrations, please speak to one of the team.



This week in Reception we continued reading the book 'The Gigantic Turnip'. We role-played the story and then used the pictures of the activity to write speech bubbles. In maths, we focused on numbers thirteen and fourteen and explored different pictures with those numbers. We worked with our partners to find ways to represent them and read some simple maths stories, to understand the concept of addition by adding more and then we tried to make up our own stories. On Wednesday we had a visit from Image Theatre who performed 'The Reluctant Dragon' for us. The children loved watching it and joining in with the songs. This will really help them when they get to perform in their own shows at the end of term. What a fantastic 'Book Day' Reception had on Thursday. We wore costumes of our favourite book characters and we discussed the reason for our choice. All the children looked amazing.



Reception Performance Dates – All Performances at 9.20am

Wednesday 25th March - Puffin, Thursday 26th March - Sea Turtles, Friday 27th March – Sloth



Year 1 started a new story in English called 'Claude in the City' by Alex T Smith. We wrote character descriptions using clues we found in the text and used a story map and drama to act out an adventure Claude might go on. In maths we continued our learning on measuring. Next week we will be using a ruler to measure in centimeters.

Why not have a go at measuring objects at home? In our design technology lessons we made moving pictures using sliders and are excited to move onto using levers next week. In science we planted our potatoes, which have been 'chitting' for the past few weeks. Each child has planted a sunflower which we will observe growing over the next four weeks.

We enjoyed applying our knowledge about shapes in Year 2 by comparing 2D and 3D shapes as well as looking for and continuing patterns. There a wide range of fun activities for you to choose to play and learn with your child on this website <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/shapes>. In

arithmetic we used all four operations to solve questions, with written and mental methods. It really helps the children to consolidate what they have learnt over the past few months. In English we started a new text called 'Rapunzel' by Bethan Woolvin and unlike the traditional tale, this princess doesn't need saving by a prince. Before the children learnt about their new text they inferred what the story could be about by looking at a black and white picture and created our own settings based on the picture, expanding noun phrases to describe what we could see, feel and hear. The highlight of the week was our fantastic visit from 'Tom's Talking Reptiles' where all the children had the opportunity to handle or touch a crested gecko, tarantula, python, stick insects and even a bearded dragon.





World Book Dress Up Day

To finish celebrating 'Book Week 2020', all the children came to school yesterday dressed as a book character. It was great to see so many different costumes. They all looked fabulous.

The winners of the 'Golden Ticket' event held during our special lunch were:
Isaac – Puffin Class

Amelia – Giraffe Class

Lexie – Hippo Class

They all won a brand new book. Well done!



Parents Evening Rescheduled

Our rescheduled dates for parents evening are:

Tuesday 10th March 2020 - 5.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 11th March 2020 - 4.00pm-7.00pm

Online bookings have now closed. Please see your child's class teacher to make an appointment if you have not already done so.

Design and Technology Competition

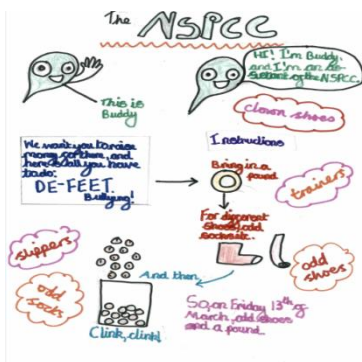
We are holding a competition for children to design a basket for the Easter Bunny to carry his eggs in.

Design must have

- It cannot be bigger than a cereal box.
- It can be made from a range of materials
- The Bunny must be able to carry it without it breaking.
- You must test your model at home to make sure it can hold 5 small eggs.



Entries must have your child's name and class written clearly and be given to the class teacher by Monday 30th March. There will be a winner from each year group which will be announced on Thursday 2nd April.



De-feet Bullying Day

On Friday 13th March children can wear their wackiest footwear with their school uniform and put their foot down to stop bullying. We are suggesting a £1 donation with all money collected going to the NSPCC.

PTA Mother's Day Flowers

Following on from the success of last year's Mother's Day flowers, you will be pleased to know we are running it again this year. You (*your child*) can buy a *single* Gerbera wrapped in paper for Mother's Day for their Mum, Gran, Auntie or anyone you celebrate Mother's Day with. Flowers cost £1.50 each with all profits going to the school PTA fund to benefit the children. Flowers will be delivered to your child's class on Friday 20th March. Forms can be obtained from the School Office.



PTA 50/50 Club Draw

The 50/50 Club draw took place on Monday and the winning numbers are:

First Prize	Number 3
Second Prize	Number 35
Third Prize	Number 23

Please contact the office if you would like to buy a number. Half the money each month goes to the PTA to benefit multiple projects for the children and the other half goes to our winners.

