



This Week's News!

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

This week in school all the children have been participating in a range of book related activities. On Thursday we had a 'drop and read' and today we had such a range of wonderful book character costumes. Thank you to all the children and parents who put time and effort into looking fabulous!

We also announced the winners of our photo challenge in assembly today. The children certainly found a range of imaginative places to read and choosing just one winner in each year group was a very tricky task. Well done to Delilah, Daisy, Rosie, Olivia, George, Sidni, Edie and Charlotte who all received a book prize.

In addition to all our book activities this week Reception have been using cuisenaire rods to explore how a whole can be split into more than 2 parts and Nursery have been playing 'Shake and Spill' with counters and ten frames during maths exploration. Maple Class have been using Base-100 and tens frames to help with addition this week. They have also had fun painting and making Mother's Day cards....ssshh! Chestnut Class have been enjoying learning about shape, angles and lines in maths which has supported their work in Design and Technology. They will be making their own mini greenhouses. Bonsai Class have been writing some beautiful poems based on the thoughts and feelings of the Windrush generation during their migration to England. They have also worked hard and impressed Miss Pike with their focus and determination to use short division when answering reasoning questions. On Wednesday afternoon our Year 6 pupils attended a drama performance at St Luke's School. Pupils from St Luke's worked with The Trestle Theatre Co and the Flamstead Heritage Project to put on a performance about 'The Wicked Lady'. After the performance our Year 6 pupils were able to try the masks on. They had a wonderful time.

Today is also International Women's Day and the children enjoyed discussing the theme of #Inspireinclusion in an assembly this week. This year's symbol is two hands making one heart.

Thank you to the families who donated additional books to us this week. Our thanks go to Finley in Maple Class, Darcy and Sasha in Chestnut Class and Aiden and Maisie in Bonsai Class.

We have had some good news regarding the roof work. We will be able to move Chestnut Class back into their classroom sooner than expected. The internal scaffolding is due to be removed next week which is great news. The scaffolding in the hall will remain until May.

Please remember to send your child into school with a pair of wellies that we can keep in school. We are very keen to start exploring our outside learning environment and the ground is still quite muddy.

Did you find any books around the village? 8 books were scattered around the village to share our love of reading with the wider community. If you found a book please pass it on after you have read it. We look forward to hearing who found the books and where you hide and leave them next.

We sadly say to goodbye to our school cook, Miss Gilsenan, who leaves us next Wednesday. She has been with us for 4 years and she leaves us to pursue her career in accountancy. We will miss her but we wish her all the very best in her new venture.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs J Walton-Jones
Headteacher



Italian word of the week - 'libro' - meaning book



Photos of the week

Book Week Activities



RANDOM READING PHOTO WINNERS WITH THEIR PRIZES



Our World Book Day Costumes



EYFS Maths activities



Year 4 greenhouse designs

Year 6 visit to St Luke's School

International Women's Day



Bright Stars! Friday 8th March

Nursery	Jessica	For her brilliant attitude to learning this week. Jessica has been making good learning choices and has been listening so well. Well done Jessica!
Reception	Ella	For her wonderful independent sentence writing about our focus book 'Coming to England'. Ella used her finger spaces and full stops as well as spelling tricky words!
Year 1	Ferne	For challenging herself to become a more independent learner.
Year 2	Isla	For being a hard-working student who always tries her best!
Year 3	Rupert	For using technical vocabulary and showing excellent understanding when explaining how greenhouses work in our Design and Technology lesson.
Year 4	Fletcher	For great problem solving and recall of prior learning in Science and DT.
Year 5	Tristan	For an emotive poem about the Windrush journey to England.
Year 6	Archie	For working hard to embed taught skills in his Windrush poem.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us
Reception	Darcy
Year 1	Jude
Year 2	Jerry
Year 3	Theo
Year 4	Lottie
Year 5	Dillon
Year 6	Sloan

We see a direct link between how much home learning is completed on TTRS and pupils achievement in class. Make sure you access your learning each week please!

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 04/03/24
Nursery	93%
Reception	92%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	100%

Fantastic achievement from Year 1 and year 6 this week.

Very well done!

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
11.03.24	-	British Science Week begins
12.03.24	-	Space Dome in school for all children.
14.03.24	2.45	Y4 Parent meeting—Multiplication Times Tables Check information
15.03.24		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
18.03.24		Bikeability Week for Y5 and Y6
19.03.24	2.45	Y1 Parent meeting - Phonic Screening information
21.03.24	9.00	Y2 Parent meeting - Optional Y2 SATs tests information
22.03.24	9.00	Maple Class Assembly
22.03.24	9.30—4.15pm	Y5 and Y6 Trip to the Natural History Museum
26.03.24	AM	Easter Bonnet Parade at the Methodist Church
28.03.24	-	End of Spring Term. School finishes at 1.30pm
15.04.24	-	Start of the Summer Term - Back to school
17.04.24		Activkidsuk—Olympian Visit—school fundraiser
19.04.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 visit to paradise Wildlife Park (Hertfordshire Zoo)
22.04.24	-	Arrival of our chick eggs
02.05.24	9.00	Reception Parent meeting— EYFS Profile information
02.05.24	9.00	Chestnut Class Assembly
06.05.24	-	Bank Holiday—School Closed
07.05.24	-	INSET Day—School closed to children
13.05.24	-	SATS week for Y6 pupils
22.05.24		Class photo day
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
25.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School
27.06.24	AM	Sports Day and Picnic
28.06.24	9.00	Cherry Class Assembly
01.07.23	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
10.07.23	3.30—5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.23	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
17.07.24	3.30—4.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30—7.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30	End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024—2025 are also on the school website.