



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy International Women's Day!

We began the week with an assembly about Democracy and learned about the Suffragette movement protests so that women could be allowed to vote. I asked the children how they would feel if we only elected boy school councillors and only boys could vote! You can imagine people were outraged!

World Book Day

What a special day yesterday was! We spent the day devoted to the love of books and reading. Those children who dressed up looked incredible! We also reopened our library which had not been unused since the pandemic! Special thanks to Mrs McDuling and the librarians for all their hard work!

Red Nose Day

We are supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. We have red noses to sell in the office. They cost £2 each and will be available from Monday. We have a limited supply so first come!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.
Alexander Bank
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

10.03.2024	Mothering Sunday
14.03.2024	EYFS/KS1 Author Visit
15.03.2024	Y5 & Y6 Author Visit
15.03.2024	Comic Relief—Red Nose Day
20.03.2024	Y1 trip to London Aquarium



Author Visits

On Thursday 14th March the author, Annetta Anang will be coming in to run sessions for our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. The children will also have the opportunity to buy a signed copy of her book, I am Nefertiti for £7.00—if you would like to buy a copy please complete the slip and return to school with cash payment by Wednesday at the latest.

On Friday the author, Kai Harper will visit Years 5 and 6. The children will be able to purchase the books for £5.00 for Luke's First Adventure and £7.00 for Maya, Amy Chris & Javier or £10.00 if you would like to buy both. Please complete the slip and return to school with cash payment by Wednesday.



Thank you.

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	93%
Maple	94%
Palm	96%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	96%
Hazel	97%
Hawthorn	96%
Oak	95%
Acacia	97%
Sycamore	94%
Magnolia	96%
Mahogany	97%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week.



Letters home this week

Y3-6 Ramadan fasting letter
Nurs-Y2 Author Visit (14.03.24)
Y5&6 Author Visit (15.03.24)

Comic Relief

Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March 2024



This year we will be taking part in Red Nose day to raise money for Comic Relief. We will be selling red noses from Monday 11th March for £2.00. On Friday 15th March the children may come to school wearing red and/or funny hair styles. The crazier the better. In assembly, we will award one child in each year group that has the best and craziest hairstyle, a free red nose and present them with a certificate. Each child to bring in £1 for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Thank you.

Nursery

We've enjoyed another exciting week in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story, Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. We are beginning to ask questions about the events in the story. In maths, we have been showing lots of interest in making towers of different heights in the indoor and outdoor environments. We enjoyed exploring making our salt dough hearts and special cards for Mother's Day. We love to share our favourite stories with familiar adults. We loved seeing your wonderful World Book Day costumes. Many thanks for your great effort! Please continue to look on Tapestry regularly to access your child's home learning, fridge words and latest achievements. We wish you all a happy Mother's Day.
The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week of adventures in Silver Birch. In English, we have LOVED exploring our Power of Reading text Errol's Garden. Silver Birch thought of questions we wanted to ask a real gardener. Dawn and her son Dylan (who is a gardener) carried out an interview and the children learnt lots about the role of the gardener. We created incredible story maps and designed our own dream gardens. Make sure you come inside our class and have a look at your children's amazing work! In maths, we have been comparing height and talking about time. We had an amazing World Book Day, the children looked amazing in all their costumes. We can not wait to visit our new school library next week. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and happy Mother's Day. Please look in your child's book bag for a special handmade treat! See you on Monday, ready for more exciting adventures!

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been busy with our lovely learning! In maths the children have been engaged in hands-on learning, exploring measurement using non-standard units such as links, cubes, pens. We also learned to use 30cm rulers and metre sticks to measure a range of items in the environment. In English we are enjoying our core book, 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We retold the story from the beginning to the end. We are thrilled to report that our World Book Day celebrations were a resounding success! Thank you for your incredible support in helping your children dress up as their favourite book characters. The school was filled with a wonderful array of costumes, and the children looked absolutely amazing! A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who took the time to come and read in their own home languages. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to celebrate diversity and language richness within our community. In religious education (RE), they delved into the origins of Mothering Sunday, connecting it to Christianity and the Lent season. These explorations provide valuable insights into different cultures and traditions. In science, the children have been learning about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores, deepening their understanding of animal diets. We encourage you to engage your children in conversations about what they have learned to reinforce their learning. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. The adventure continues next week.

Year 2

Happy Friday Parents,
This week has been so much fun in Year 2. We were all excited about World Book Day and we thoroughly enjoyed the day in our costumes and taking part in all the fun activities. However, we still learnt a lot this week. We continued with multiplication and division in maths. We learnt to double and half numbers. We have been learning our 2 and 10 times tables and learning to divide by 2.
In English, we continued with The Lonely Beast and enjoyed drawing our story map of the Beast and creating our own Beast. It was the time we let our creativity and artistic skills flow and we produced some amazing work.
In science, we looked at the life cycles of a chicken, frog and butterfly. What a fantastic lesson that was.
In history, we took a deeper look at the Great Fire of London and learnt about Thomas Farriner, the baker who started the fire accidentally and Samuel Pepys (pronounced Peeps), the man who wrote all about the fire in his diary.
In RE we looked at the origins of Mothering Sunday. Amazing history behind such a special day.
Please don't forget that Year 2 boys are swimming on Wednesday.
Have an amazing weekend and happy Mother's Day to all you wonderful mothers.

Year 3

What a wonderful week of learning. The children are really engaging with our new topic of Volcanoes, Rocks and Soils. In English we have created an amazing explanation text and have really taken our time to present and publish it. We cannot wait for you to see the work on the corridor displays. In maths, we have been leaping into our topic of fractions. What is a unit fraction? Numerator? Denominator? Exciting things! In geography, we have looked at what causes a volcano to erupt and how tectonic plates contribute to this. In science we have had such a fun experiment looking at features and attributes of different types of rocks e.g Granite, Marble and others. In R.E this week we took a closer look at symbols in Islam and the difference between the 3 religions we are learning about. In D.T we have been creating our own versions of mosaics and concentrating on detailing. We wish you a lovely weekend, see you on Monday.

Year 4

This week Year 4 had a wonderful time on their trip to the River Lee! We explored different water ways and completed sketches of their different features. We also spent the afternoon exploring the discovery centre, listening to the sounds of wildlife we could find in the park and learning about some of the history of the valley. We also enjoyed peeking in the wildlife drawers to see what has been found around the park. The wildlife cameras had live footage of what the local critters were up to and we viewed them close up going about their daily lives. Some of us played the migration game and some drew some of the wildlife that could be seen. Afterwards, we took our seats in the Bittern Hide and used binoculars to see what we could spot amongst the reeds. A few of us were lucky enough to spot a Smew on the water!

Year 5

This week has been a very busy and eventful week for the Year 5s. They have been completing great work in English on the text of Odysseus. They have written poetry and performed their poetry, they have been acting out Cyclops and reading aloud to capture the essence of the written narrative.
In religious education the Year 5s have been focussing on Mothering Sunday, as it is a Christian festival. The students have been learning and discussing about mother figures in their lives, it does not always have to be their biological mother - people around them, that have loved, cared and nurtured them. They made great cards to take home.
In art they have been focusing on expressionism, in particular Edvard Munch. The students have been looking at colour, through the eyes of an expressionist painter and replicating it in their books. They have so far had a varied and great week. Keep up the good work.

Year 6

It has been a week filled with wonderful learning opportunities in Year 6. In science, the children learned that living things are divided into five kingdoms: **animal, plant, fungi, protist** and **monera**. They then went on to draw mind maps demonstrating everything that they had learned. We also thought about the similarities and differences between each of the Kingdoms. In geography, we continued to learn about the similarities and differences between the Polar regions and how the changes in weather patterns can have devastating effects on plants and wildlife. In maths, we have been continuing to revisit previous topics as well as interpreting and constructing line graphs. Please encourage your children to complete their home learning as they make their final preparations for SATs. As always, wishing you a wonderful weekend!

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Silver Birch	Orbelle
Chestnut	Ismaeel
Maple	Alexandra
Redwood	Yayhye
Cedar	Rayan
Hazel	Olush
Oak	Kai
Hawthorn	Sirine
Acacia	Liba
Sycamore	Keleecia
Mahogany	Munai
Magnolia	Enam

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Iviyan, Silver Birch class
Hassan, Chestnut class
Nazanin, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Kaydon, Cedar class
Rawda, Hazel class
Deenah, Oak class
Cynthia, Hawthorn class
Aywel, Acacia class
Stacy, Sycamore class
Canfidan, Mahogany class
Silviu, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Zion, Silver Birch class
Aron, Chestnut class
Alaizza, Redwood class
Yusuf, Hamza, Kaydon,
Zahra, Kamaya and Kahi, Cedar class
Rama, Hazel class
Shae, Oak class
Doha, Hawthorn class
Aliynah, Acacia class
Alex, Sycamore class
Wael, Mahogany class
Wassim, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Maple class

Well done!

Writing of the Week!
Year 4's Trip to the River Lee
Recount by Deenah, Year 4 - Oak Class



Wednesday 6th March 2024

LO: To write a recount.

Year 4's Trip to the River Lee

On Monday 4th March Year 4 visited the River Lee as part of our geography topic on rivers.

I felt sooo happy when we went on the coach. I sat next to the window and looked outside. One of my friends on the coach felt sick. It was sad to see. Still I had a lot of fun on the Journey. I sat next to Lewis's mum Jane.

When we arrived, we saw a lady ^{and} her name was Nicola. She told us all about the River Lee. She said that the source is in Luton and that it travels 58 miles. She mentioned words like tributary which means when smaller rivers meet.

Soon, we walked along the River and Nicola told us about different trees and parts of the River. She gave us a clipboard to write on. I enjoyed it a lot especially that I could learn about things I have not heard about but also new facts.

After that we sat on the bridge and did a field sketch of what we had seen. I had the most fun in that because we got to sketch and draw. It was amazing and fun!

Eventually we went to the navigation over the bridge (we saw a canal). Nicola said it took 15 minutes for the water to rise, so the boat can come.

Then it was lunch. For lunch I had a cheese and butter sandwich with a biscuit, apple and water. I chatted with my friend. I played tag with my friend Marvin.

Next we went to the discovery centre to look at the different birds. I was lucky first I went to the bird hire first. It was very first fun and exhausted.

Finally we went to the coach and went back to school again. I sat with Lewis's mum Jane. It was 1 hour long. Then we arrived.

I felt tired but it was still fun. I enjoyed when we looked at the River Lee and how it meanders.