



Newsletter

25th February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

We have welcomed the children back to school this week after the half term break and I have been delighted to see them settle back into their positive learning habits straight away!

This week we have been focussing on ensuring our playtimes are safe and fun and on making sure we look out for each other and always treat each other with respect and kindness.



Here's what else we have been up to this week:

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Reception have dived head first into their new animals topic, observing water snails and other minibeasts in our classroom pond ecosystem. The children thought the bottom of the tank looked like the bottom of the sea, and that the roots of the Lili pads looked like a shipwreck! This week we climbed all the way to the top hall for our gymnastics session. Well done to everyone for trying out the new activities and moving around the equipment in such interesting ways.

Sharing Good Learning

The following classes shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** Year 1 have been reading the book 'Beegu'; **Alice, Ej, Fatiha, and Ayub** explained that they predicted what may happen next in the story and how the character may have felt at different stages.
- **Year 3:** the topic for this term in Year 3 is Ancient Egypt; **Siyana, Eshan, Rahma, Asif and Saara** shared their amazing artefacts and their diary extracts set during Egyptian times.
- **Year 5:** **Sarah B, Sarah C, Farhan, Faizaan, Cara, Isra, Nusaybah and Samirah** explained that they have started reading 'the Highwayman' and created questions and predictions based on the front cover of the poem. They then showed their drawings of what they think the Highwayman looks like based on the descriptions in the poem.

Special Mentions:

Claire mentioned the whole of **Year 3** for being kind and respectful in the playground, **Alice** mentioned **Sheeren** for settling in his new class and at Virginia really well, **Ishaq** mentioned **Aseeya** for helping him in maths when he was stuck, **Maizah** mentioned **Sinead** for looking after her when she was sad, **Tailei** mentioned **Shania** for being really focused, **Fatiha** mentioned **Isa** for being a good learning partner. **Samirah** mentioned **Sarah B** for not giving up and trying her best in maths, **Khadijah** mentioned **Fatou** for picking up all the coats on the floor at lunch and being a great playground friend.

World Book Day 2022:

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday the 3rd of March. Children and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. The more home-made and creative the better! We are looking forward to



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hearing all about the wonderful characters and books the children are enjoying and the impact these have on their imagination and sense of authorship.

Parents Evening

Our next parents evening will take place in School over two days; **Tuesday 15th of March and Thursday 17th of March**. We will send appointment slips nearer the time.

School Early Closure

On the last day of term (Friday the 1st of April) all children will go home after lunch at 1:30. All Nursery children will be invited to attend the Nursery in the morning session. **After School club will not be open.**

Polling Day

The school has been selected to be a polling station on **Thursday the 5th of May**, it will therefore be closed to children on that day.

Forthcoming events

3 rd March	World Book Day
7 th March – 9 th March 2022	Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft
15 th March 2022	Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May
15 th March	Parents evening
17 th March	Parents evening
18 th March 2022	Red Nose Day – information to follow
21 st March – 1 st April 2022	Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks
16 th May 2022	Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales
23 rd May -27 th May 2022	Year 6 school journey to Wales
20 th June -1 st July 2022	Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

Date for the rest of the year

14 th February to 20 th February 2022	Half Term – School closed
21 st February 2022	School Open – Children return
1 st April	School closes for all children at 1:30
4 th April to 18 th April 2022	End of Term – School closed
3 rd May 2022	School Closed – Occasional day
5 th May 2022	School Closed – Polling Day
30 th May to 5 th June 2022	Half Term – School closed
6 th June 2022	School Open – Children return
21 st July 2022	School Closed – Inset day

Best wishes,

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