



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter
Spring 2
Week 2

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

We celebrated World Book Day in style this year with children and adults alike coming to school in their **justice** themed fancy dress. Just take a look at Mrs. Jordan and Miss Shaw, who dressed as historical figures supporting women's suffrage and the Votes for Women campaign (just one of the excellent books children study as part of our English curriculum). This was an excellent opportunity for children to dress up and discuss why and how their character stood for justice and equality. We loved having parents come into school to share books with their children and read together - so much so we would like to make this a regular event for our younger children:



Nursery Little Owls - Stay and Play - Friday mornings 8:30-9:00am and afternoons 12:30-1:00pm
Dragonflies, Ladybirds and Butterflies - Friday afternoons 2:45pm

Please sign in at the front desk in our reception. We hope this timing will be convenient for you.

Year 5&6 Residential News

Current Year 4 and 5, we have some exciting news for you - we have booked the upper Key Stage 2 residential for September 2023. We will be visiting Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk this year. Take a look using the link below:

[PGL Bawdsey Manor](#)

Letters will be coming out early next week with further information and how to reserve a place for your child.

Finally, please join me in congratulating two members of staff, Mr. Dickey and Miss Shaw who successfully interviewed for Acting Assistant Head roles within the school this week. Well deserved promotions!

School Vision

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony**, embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at
All Saints Church*

Lord God

You teach us that we are to love justice, show mercy and walk humbly with our God.

You say that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made, each of us so different, yet all of us precious to you.

Help us to always treat everyone fairly, with the love and the kindness that you show us.

Amen

Values

Our school value this term is

Justice

"Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God"
(Micah 6:8).

Early Years Foundation Stage

This week:

In nursery, we have been thinking about healthy eating by making fluorescent paintings using cut up pieces of fruit and vegetables. Little Owls having been exploring the Easter Story by decorating and making their very own palm leaves. We have continued to read the story of 'Anna Hibiscus' and have enjoyed playing with animals that live in the savannah.

In Reception this week, we have focused on exploring illustrations in our new book. We made inferences about the setting and the main character, Anna Hibiscus. On Friday we celebrated World Book Day, thank you for supporting your child to celebrate a love for reading!

Next week:

In Nursery, we will be continuing to learn about the Easter Story and we will also be making a traditional African necklace. In maths, Reception will be exploring and comparing quantities using stem sentences; in Literacy, Reception will be practising writing short sentences after saying them aloud.

Reminders:

Please make sure children are not wearing jewellery to school including bracelets and necklaces.

Remember to return your reading book every Friday.



Key Stage 1

This week:

This week in Year 2, the children have been investigating our new book 'Look up!' by Nathan Bryon, Dapo Adeola. The children have been writing persuasive texts encouraging people to join Rocket (our main character) to watch the meteor in the park. The children researched persuasive texts by looking at leaflets and role playing how to persuade people to do what you want them to do (watch out for these powers of persuasion, parents!). In maths, Year 2 have been looking at multiplication and division by using concrete objects as well as pictorial models. In Year 1, the children have been learning about subtraction - they have enjoyed using concrete objects to help them to complete their subtraction sums in classroom. They especially liked creating food safety posters in D.T., learning about hygiene in the kitchen.

We celebrated World Book Day today! All the children enjoyed sharing their character costumes, reading with parents and friends, as well as the extended reading times within their classroom. The children all received a voucher valid for either one of the given titles or £1 towards another book.

Happy reading!



Next week:

English the children will be learning about press conferences.

They will be learn what a press

conference is and then writing their own script that they would read if they were a newsreader.

Reminders:

Year 2 parents: We would like to invite you to a meeting next week to discuss the SATs that take place in the summer term:

Wednesday 8th March, 9:00am or Thursday 9th March, 3:30pm.

Lower Key Stage 2

This week:

We have been learning about William Shakespeare this week and focusing on one of his most famous pieces of work, 'Romeo and Juliet'. Children really impressed us with their knowledge of playscripts. They were able to identify the features and use stage directions effectively.



We also really enjoyed taking part in World Book Day activities. Please find some pictures of our costumes below.



Next week:

On Wednesday 8th March, we will be celebrating [World Maths Day](#). This will involve using Mathematics and playing a range of maths games throughout the morning. We will then be taking part in activities for our maths passports and our termly focus of shape.

Reminders:

Mr. Dickey will be holding a **meeting for Year 4 parents on Friday mornings between 8:30 - 8:50am** to discuss the multiplication check that Year 4 children will take in the summer term. Please ensure your child is engaging with Mathematics at home as activities are set on this to support children.



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KS2

Weekly News Page
Phase Leader & Acting Assistant
Headteacher: Miss Shaw

Upper Key Stage 2

This week:

Congratulations to our netball team, who took part in a tournament this week, and played exceptionally well: working as a team and showing strength when they faced defeat. They came a very respectable fourth place and we are very proud of them.

In our lessons, we have created monologues for Lady Macbeth, worked on our times tables facts in our maths passports and celebrated World Book Day - take a look at our costumes!



Alice In Wonderland



Harry Potter



Lady Macbeth

Next week:

Year 5 will be visiting Stratford Youth Zone to watch the performance of 'Josie K' on Monday. On Wednesday, we will be celebrating World Maths Day with activities to support our maths skills, especially shape which is our half-termly focus.

Reminders:

Please remember that PE kits should be in on Monday and stay in school until the end of the week. Children will need PE kits for sports clubs too!

Year 6 parents, please join us for a SATs meeting next week at one of two slots:

Wednesday 9:00am or Thursday 3:30pm



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Attendance

Congratulations! The class with the highest attendance across the school last week was...



Foxes



Celebration Page

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards



Headteacher' Awards

Wonder (LKS2): Maria for thoughtfully connecting her own real world experiences to our current topics in the classroom

Harmony (EYFS): James for sharing his ideas and working alongside his learning partner.

Compassion (KS1): Lilyana (Hedgehogs) for helping and setting an example of how to help others

Strength (UKS2): Krisha, for always putting in her effort and strength into all aspects of her learning and being an excellent role model to others.



Little Owls (Nursery):

Dragonflies (Reception): Sarah for joining in during group discussions on our topic story.

Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Kamiyah for working on her writing and completing some wonderful work in phonics.

Butterflies (Y1): Bahija for consistently showing role model behaviour and for her excellent work on addition.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Rodas for joining and settling into our class

Squirrels (Y2): Georgi, for trying his best with his learning.

Otters (Y3): Elizabeth for working hard with her letter formation and presentation.

Badgers (Y3&4): Aysha for putting effort into everything she does.

Foxes (Y4): Paulinka for working really hard to improve her learning.

Swallows (Y5): Alice for having the courage to perform her Lady Macbeth monologue for the class.

Eagles (Y5&6): Jamima for working hard to produce a great diary extract in English.

Kingfishers (Y6): Maria L for fantastic focus and trying to use a range of punctuation in her writing.

Mathletics

Gold:

Silver: Jahaziel (Yr2)

Bronze: Timeea (Yr 2) Tohfa (Yr 5)



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WHCS Song Sheet

Michael Finnegan

Michael Finnegan

There was an old man
Named Michael Finnegan,
He grew whiskers
On his chin-ne-gan,
The wind came up
And blew them in again,
Poor old Michael Finnegan,
Begin again!
(Repeat)

There was an old man
Named Michael Finnegan,
He grew whiskers
On his chin-ne-gan,
The wind came up And blew them in again,
Poor old Michael Finnegan,
Begin again!
Poor old Michael Finnegan,
Begin again!
Poor old Michael Finnegan,
STOP!

A great warm-up for diction and vocal range. There are some very low notes the first time this is sung through, so make sure that these are really punched out and don't get lost.