



Newsletter: March 7th 2016

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Book Week is well underway. It began with a wonderful assembly by Year 4 class. Hopefully everyone has made a good start to the Sponsored Read! Please sign the sheet every day to verify your child has read. Don't forget the children will be raising money for books for school, but will also receive a voucher to spend on books for themselves. There will be an Usborne Representative available after school on **Thursday 17th March** to help you and your child to spend their voucher. Vouchers can also be spent on-line and details of this will be attached to your child's voucher.



Dressing Up as a Book Character Tuesday 8th March.

Please ensure your child is dressed as a book character and if they can bring the book in as well this would be great!

As part of this the children will take part in a whole school writing workshop where they will write in character.

Website Problems

Some people have experienced problems getting on to our website recently. Please do inform us if you are having any difficulties so that we can arrange to have them resolved.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

This will take place on **Tuesday 8th March at 2.15pm**. We have organised an e-safety Information Meeting for parents and carers, following a number of parental requests. It will be most informative as we have an expert outside speaker.

This workshop will help parents to understand how to best protect their children when using the internet and there will be an opportunity to ask questions to an expert in this field. We hope that this will be well attended.



Healthy Schools

Please remember that as a Healthy School we are a nut-free school. Please do not send in any products for birthday celebrations which contain nuts as we will be unable to distribute them to the children.

Events for this week

Wednesday 9th March – The Green Team and School Council will be meeting with an Eco-Schools Assessor to share the environmental projects that have taken place in order for us to keep our Green Flag flying!

Thursday 10th March – Reception Class Assembly. All parents are welcome to attend at 3pm. Please arrive promptly as we cannot keep the children waiting.

Thursday 10th March – Year 5 trip to Burgess Park (BMX Track)

Friday 11th March – Year 4 Bench ball Competition at Bacons' College

Date for the Diary

24th March – Easter Hat Parade

Theme: Love of Reading or Books



Celebrating Success

Friends of St. Johns

An enthusiastic meeting of interested parents and carers took place last week. Some great ideas were discussed including an after school sports tournament, a dance/disco for pupils and a second hand uniform sale.

We hope the second hand uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 22nd March after school. So please start to gather any unwanted or outgrown uniform that you would be happy to donate that is in good condition.

Anyone interested in taking on the Chair of this group please give your names to the office - maybe two people could be joint chair?

EYFS

Reception class continue to enjoy their weekly visits to the Library. They have fun listening to a story and choosing a book to bring back to school. We would like to thank those parents who come to help and make this weekly event possible.

KS1

Museum of London

On Friday 3rd March Year 2 had a lovely day at the Museum of London, thank you to all our parent/grandparent helpers, we hope you enjoyed the day too!



Alex & Sonnie wrote a report on their trip: 'Our class went to the Museum of London. We went on the tube. We saw how London used to look and we found out about the Great Fire of London, we answered lots of questions and watched a great film all about the fire. We even got to make our own animations using the ipads. We had a lovely time.'

KS2

British Museum

This week, Year 3 went on a trip to the British Museum to explore some 'real life' Roman artefacts. They went to find out more about their current topic, in particular the Roman army. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Chimaobi commented, 'My Favourite artefact was a Roman sword - it looked sharp and like it was made of stone!' Nedu said, 'My favourite bit was when we found a helmet with the long feather plums coming out of it'.



Bananagram

Well done to Khang in Year 5 who is our school Bananagram Champion. He won the KS2 competition and is representing the school, playing on-line against other schools.

Bananagram is a game which involves making words using letter tiles.

There will be opportunities for the children to play this educational game during Book Week at Lunchtime.