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NEWSLETTER

WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day at school today! The day began with a fantastic parade of costumes, with children and staff proudly showcasing an array of creative and colourful characters. This was followed by the grand opening of our newly established library, stocked with a fantastic selection of brand-new books generously purchased by our PTA. We are incredibly grateful to the parents and grandparents who joined us for this special occasion and helped make it such a success. Don't forget to visit our Facebook page to see all the magnificent costumes that were on display but here is just a flavour of the many costumes worn by our enthusiastic young readers!







EDUCATIONAL VISITS

On Tuesday, our Key Stage 2 pupils had a fantastic time at the Hallé for Youth concert with the Hallé Orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall. The day was made even more special as we celebrated International Women's Day. This inspiring event introduced the children to the power of live orchestral music, and they proudly performed 'How Far I'll Go' from the Disney film, Moana. A huge thank you to Mrs Taylor for preparing the children so brilliantly, and to our PTA for funding this enriching musical opportunity. We are incredibly proud of how confidently our pupils represented the school.



FUN AT THE FARM

On Thursday, our Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Smithills Farm as part of their Science curriculum enrichment. The children had the opportunity to meet a variety of farm animals, learn about life cycles and habitats, and explore how food is produced, bringing their classroom learning to life. From feeding lambs to observing chicks, the hands-on experiences sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of the natural world, making it a memorable and meaningful day for all. Thank you to the PTA for subsidising the cost of the trip.

FUND-RAISING

As well as our usual fund-raising for the PTA, we will also be supporting Francis House with their Easter Chick Campaign and the St. Joseph's Penny Lenten appeal in aid of CARITAS.

The children have taken home a St. Joseph's Penny box and we ask that it be placed in the home for any spare change that family members are willing to contribute during LENT. The boxes will be collected in again by our Charity Prefect during the last week of term.

The PTA will be purchasing the Easter chicks to distribute to the children. Additional chicks can be purchased from the school office for £2 each. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Please feel free to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and like our posts.

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FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

We are delighted to invite parents and grandparents to our 'Festival of the Arts', taking place on Wednesday 18th March at 5:00pm in the school hall. This special evening will celebrate the creativity and talent of our pupils, who will be showcasing their artistic skills in a variety of ways. The programme will include performance poetry, musical instrument performances, singing and an exhibition of artwork created during lessons. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to see the breadth of learning and creativity taking place across the school. The festival will last approximately one hour, and light refreshments will be served afterwards. We very much hope you will be able to join us to support and celebrate our young artists



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CLASS NEWS



Pre-Prep

This week we have been focussing on learning all about farms and farming in the UK. We have learnt the names of the animals and their babies and found out about what products we get from them such as wool and eggs. We really enjoyed our day out on the farm on Thursday especially meeting and handling some of the animals. We also enjoyed watching the cows being milked and learning about the process of bottling the milk.

Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have enjoyed another busy week of learning. In Maths, they revised multiplication and division, with Year 2 achieving excellent results in their end-of-unit assessment. In Art, the class created collages based on *What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson. In English, they continued their dragon theme by reading *The Dragon Machine* and exploring adjectives to describe the character George. On Thursday, the children visited Smithills Farm with Pre-Prep, where they enjoyed a tractor ride and seeing the animals.

Year 4/5

This week in Maths, the children explored fractions, revisiting equivalent fractions and learning to multiply fractions using visual models. In English, Viking Boy introduced a mysterious traveller, and the class became "literary detectives," using clues and Norse mythology to write creative character descriptions with impressive vocabulary.

Year 6

It's been another really busy yet fun-filled week of learning in Year 6! The week started with an amazing Forest School session with Mrs Jones and Ms Curley before a financial literacy lesson with Toby from Stockport County. On Tuesday, the visit to the Bridgewater Hall to watch the Halle Orchestra was such a magnificent experience. We managed to fit in some Maths all about solving problems involving fractions as well as a comprehension exercise on Wednesday and Thursday. Then the week finished on a real high with World Book Day and all of the fun activities about reading for pleasure.

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)

Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led
by coaches
from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and
upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £7.50 per
sessions (Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)

Sewing & Craft Club – Mrs Ashworth –
FREE after-school club for all ages (3.05 pm
– 3.45 pm)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Event | Time and further details |
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| Monday 9th March | After-school girls' football (KS2) | 3:00-4:00pm |
| Monday 9th March | Year 5 Parents' meeting with Mr Usher regarding high school applications. | 3:15pm – Year 5 classroom |
| Monday 16th March | After-school girls' football (KS2) | 3:00-4:00pm |
| Wednesday 18th March | Festival Of the Arts | 5:00pm in the school hall Parents/grandparents welcome |
| Thursday 19th March | Readathon finishes | |
| Monday 23rd March | After-school girls' football (KS2) | 3:00-4:00pm |
| Thursday 26th March | Academic progress reports to go home | |
| Friday 27th March | Easter Bonnet Parade followed by Easter Draw. | 2:45pm |
| Friday 27th March | School closes for the Easter holiday (2 weeks) | 3:05pm |