



Newsletter

For all parents, staff, governors and pupils
Friday 8th March 2019



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely half term break, pupils have arrived back fully recharged for the busy half term ahead.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already attended the parent consultations. For those yet to attend, please look out for your child's mid year report which will be distributed the day before the consultation takes place.

Today we celebrated our World Book Day and there were so many amazing book characters. Thank you for the efforts made towards the wonderful costumes. It was great to see so many parents/carers join us for the Reading Breakfast as well as our afternoon reading session in EYFS and KS1. The school were fortunate to welcome author Jack Trelawny, who lead a great assembly and Q&A session with our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr R. Latham

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE:

The class with the highest attendance the week commencing 25th February is 3N with 97.8%.

The class with the highest attendance the week commencing 4th March is 2NS with 97.4%.

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks is 97.2% which is slightly above our school attendance target of 97%. Keep up the good work!

BUILDING LEARNING POWER:

The building learning power for the week commencing 11th March is:

'Learning with and from others'

The building learning power for the week commencing 18th March is:

'Being Resourceful'

BIG QUESTION:

Year 1—What three things would you take on a desert island and why?

Year 2—What if there was no school?

Year 3—You know your friend has cheated on an important test. How would you handle the problem?

Year 4—What is similar and different about a book and a tree?

Year 5—If you had a chance to run the country for a week, what changes would you



YEAR 2 OCKENDON WALK:

This week, year 2 went for a short walk around Ockendon. They focused on the features of a town and conducted a traffic survey! They were very shocked how busy the roads were during the afternoon. Next week, we will be visiting Horndon on the Hill and will be comparing the village to our local surroundings.

NON ATTENDANCE AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Please be reminded of the importance of letting the class teacher/club leader know if your child cannot attend their after school club. We understand that there may be occasions that children have to miss their club but there is a waiting list in operation so places may be withdrawn and offered to other children if attendance is sporadic.

THE USE OF BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:



Please be reminded that children riding bikes or scooters to school must demount them at the school gate. Children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



MERIT AWARDS:

The following children have achieved their merit awards:

Bronze—Alexandra, 6G and Abigail, 6S

Silver—Ellis, Faith-Mia and Emily D, 6S and Chloe S, Louie, Charley and Kailyn, 6G



WORLD BOOK DAY—8th MARCH 2019:

Today we have had a great time celebrating World Book day. The children and staff all came dressed as an array of book characters including Gangsta Granny, Willy Wonka, Fantastic Mr Fox and lots of characters from Harry Potter. Prizes were presented for the best costumes across the school. The day started with a Reading Breakfast and it was great to see parents and children sharing stories together. During the day lessons have had a book theme, such as fairy tale maths, writing an alternative ending to a known story and creating book marks. Year groups have also mixed together to take part in a buddy reading session, with children from KS2 sharing books with the younger children in EYFS and KS1. In the afternoon, KS2 enjoyed a visit from author Jack Trelawny who told them all about how he writes his books. In KS1 we also had parents visiting to read with their children in class. The day ended with a Book Swap event as well as a 10p Book Sale. Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work to make this day a success and a special thank you to the parents from the PPT who supported the events before and after school.

MATHLETICS EVENT—THURSDAY 7th MARCH 2019

On Thursday, a team of Year 6 mathematicians took on 28 other schools at the Thurrock Mathletics Competition and did rather well - if we do say so ourselves! The questions were tough (even harder than SATs we heard them say) but the 4 children used all their knowledge to tackle them with gusto. Well done Fope, Chris, Jess and Riley!

TAGTIV8—MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019

On Monday, the school hall was alive with the sound of children enjoying maths! Tagtiv8 encouraged our children to get active and get their brains working when it came to number knowledge - and boy did the kids impress! It was also delightful to see so many parents join in the after-school session and learn some lovely, energetic ways to practice times tables and number bonds.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM:

Monday	11 th March	Y6 Parent Consultations
Tuesday	12 th March	Y5 Parent Consultations
Wednesday	13 th March	Y4 Parent Consultations
Friday	15 th March	Y2 Parent Consultations
Monday	18 th March	Y3 Parent Consultations
Tuesday	19 th March	KS1 4x4 Football (girls)
Thursday	21 st March	KS1 4x4 Football (boys)
Tuesday	26 th March	Class, Team and Year 6 Leaver Photos
Thursday	4 th April	Last day of term for pupils
Friday	5 th April	Inset Day BISI Badminton
Tuesday	23 rd April	Summer Term begins