

NEWSLETTER 04.03.2022

Dear families,

We live in turbulent times and that means children inevitably have lots of questions about the international situation that is unfolding. I have overheard lots of children across the school asking questions to the adults about all sorts of things this week. I know we like to think our children are unaffected by such things, but they do take in a lot more than we might think they do. The DfE have published the following about talking to children about this. It is worth a read and may help you discuss the situation and answer your children's questions.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

As a school, we hope to lend our support and even today we had suggestions from Willow class when discussing Red Nose Day, you can read more details about this under the Save the Date heading. We will be thinking of other ways of how we can support and more details will follow when we have a plan agreed.

In the best of ways, World Book Day felt like we had been transported to another world of magic, creativity, awe and wonder! Everyone went above and beyond with some simply incredible potatoes- who knew you could do so much with a spud! The children loved visiting 'The Potato Gallery' to see all the creations. Welcoming governors into school to read was a moment to cherish too. A shout out to the fantastic Mrs Tweedale for making this such a brilliant day / week of experiences. Don't forget to check out the website to see for yourself. Congratulations to the winners Busby, Henry, Peter, Red, Scarlett, Blanche and Freddie. Let me know the title of the book and we will order it for you.

We have seen an increasing number of children arriving late for school in the mornings. This is incredibly unsettling for the children and does not allow them to enjoy a smooth start to the school day with their peers. Please be aware that teachers often focus on some of the most important things for children early in the morning because research shows this is when they are at their most receptive. If your child is regularly late for school s/he will consistently miss this important part of their learning.

Our Y6 pupils received notification of their secondary school places this week. Congratulations to you all, I hope that you were all pleased with the allocations that you received. Remember the deadline to accept your place is Tuesday 15 March 2022.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sinead Connolly, Headteacher

Diary Dates

17/03/22 Beech Class School Trip

18/03/22 Red Nose Day

22/03/22 Lime Class

Performance 6:00pm

26/03/22 Farmer's Market

30/03/22 Parents'

Consultations 1pm-7pm

01/04/22 End of Term

Boxercise Mother and Child with Mr Edwards

March is women's history month and to celebrate this month we would like to invite Mothers or Grandmothers to come in and exercise alongside your child. Each class will have a different boxercise session to accommodate all our eager mums!

08/03/22 Willow Class Mums @8:55-9:30

15/03/22 Maple Class Mums @8:55-9:30

22/03/22 Lime Class Mums @8:55-9:30

29/03/22 Beech Class Mums @8:55-9:30

01/04/22 Ash and Sapling Mums @8:55-9:30

Don't forget your trainers and your water!

We would like to use this opportunity to raise some money for the International Rescue Committee charity, all donations welcome on the day of your session.



In Early Years, we have been enjoying immersing ourselves in our key text *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, by Michael Rosen. We have been inspired by this story to explore a lot of different activities, from squelchy mud writing to snowstorm dancing! This week also saw us celebrating World Book Day! We enjoyed sharing our potato creations with each other and loved visiting the school's potato gallery!



This week we celebrated World Book Day! The children dressed up potatoes as their favourite book characters and brought them in to share with the rest of the school. We loved getting to see everyone else's potato and discussing which books the characters came from. Well done to everyone who took part! Be sure to spend your book tokens on a fresh, new book.



Lime class are enjoying the new topic 'Misty Mountain Sierra' and have been making mini mountains then drawing them using contour lines. We are learning lots of new vocabulary to help us with this topic and read and analysed a poem called 'the mountain'.



We also love our new class reader, 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson and even role played an encounter with a yeti! In PE we are practising our speed stack skills for an upcoming competition.



In Science we have started our new topic all about teeth and the digestive system. We looked at our own teeth; counted them and looked at their different shapes and understood their different functions. We investigated the effect that different liquids had on our teeth. We put milk, orange juice, white coffee, black coffee, lemonade and 'no added sugar' lemonade on egg shells (a similar substance to enamel). We enjoyed discussing our results, which also led to understanding the importance of caring for our teeth.



What a talented bunch we are in Willow! We loved sharing our fabulous entries for this year's World Book Day competition. So many creative ideas and clearly a lot of fun was had creating such amazing potato characters. Well done to all!



Keeping with the theme of books, we enjoyed a visit from Mr Willet, one of our Governors, this week. Mr Willet shared his love of reading with us and read us a short story. He challenged us to guess the character being described in the story. He also shared with us many interesting items from the past as he spoke of his love of books. Thank you, Mr Willet.



We loved your visit!

Who doesn't love a quiz? We huddled up in our teams to play this year's World Book Day quiz. There was quite a lot of head scratching and whispering, and we are pleased to say there were many correct answers as well as we explored the wonderful world of books.

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Junior Dragons get to work!

Many of our Willow Class became young entrepreneurs by taking part in the Junior Dragons' Apprentice Challenge. This has been a really unique and stimulating experience for the children.

Pupils developed vital work skills such as creativity, collaboration and communications skills. As young entrepreneurs they learn about money, planning, organising and communicating to a wide range of people in a real experience. In particular we have noticed a huge improvement in confidence, collaboration and leadership.

We found this opportunity allowed the children to develop transferable skills and to express themselves in a way that is not always possible at school. We were impressed by the children's ability to surpass our expectations of them to design, lead and coordinate an activity with minimal support, so keep your eyes peeled for these children in the future.

We have been very fortunate and would like to thank Mrs Lloyd-Williams and Mrs Sassis for organising and supporting our dragons. Also, a thank you to Mrs Askew for transporting them to the event. It was absolutely terrific and the children excelled themselves!



Save the Date- March 18th

As Red Nose Day 2022 approaches, there has never been a better time to make a difference, no matter how big or small. This year, Willow Class, have been given the job of deciding what we should do to raise money. As you can imagine, lots of ideas were flying around but the unanimous decision was to have a cake sale and to dress up in Ukrainian colours.

Therefore, we would appreciate if you could help us and support us to raise lots of money! You can do this by baking either cakes, cupcakes or cookies. You will need to bring your cakes/cookies on the morning of the sale; they will be sold between 15:00-15:15 the same day! Please make sure that you do not include any nuts in your cookies/cakes. If you do have a gluten free or dairy free recipe, feel free to use it. Please also bring the ingredients' list, so we can add it next to the cake. If your child stays for multi-sports they will be able to purchase cakes before hand!

Nursery Deadline

Please remind all your friends and family that the deadline for applications for September entry to Little Hadham Nursery is Thursday 10th March 2022.

Covid guidance changes

You will know from the news that government guidance has changed. This is what the new guidance says: Removal of the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine. Those who test positive should avoid contact with anyone in an at risk group, including if they live in the same household. This means the following: If children show any symptoms whilst they are in school we will still be sending them home.

Anyone with symptoms should take a PCR test, stay at home and follow government guidance if positive. People who have tested positive will continue to be advised to stay at home for five full days and then receive two negative test results on consecutive days before returning to their workplace or setting. Anyone with one or more symptoms of coronavirus - a high temperature, a new continuous cough; or a loss or change in sense of smell or taste - should self-isolate and book a test. This will be subject to change as the term goes on and we will update you over the coming weeks about any adaptations to this.