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A message from Miss Moore, Assistant Head & SENCo

This week has been an exciting week. On Monday and Tuesday we welcomed the Year R mummies to the Mother's Day event where they got to spend some quality time playing games together. Also on Monday Year R & 1 had a water assembly presented by Puddleducks on water safety. We were very pleased to welcome Gary Parsons to school on Wednesday. He has illustrated a number of amazing books which he shared with the children. The children had an amazing experience learning all the different techniques.

Thursday was World Book Day, the children have thoroughly enjoyed all the special activities. Thank you for all your support with your children's amazing costumes and imaginative hats. The PFA were on hand to help support us with the book swap and presented the prizes of the Golden tickets Winners.

The children have been writing poems inspired by the book 'Visible Sounds', which is about a young girl who deals with hearing loss, and how she finds joy and magic in the world. We have enjoyed listening to the children reading their poems in assembly this morning.

I thought it would be a good opportunity to also celebrate the good behaviour and respect that the children show towards each other as well as towards adults. As you will be aware we are embracing a nurturing approach across the school and one of the ways that we achieve this is through positive praise. As a school we would like to recognise the children that are always showing that they are following the school rules:

The school rules Being Ready, Respectful and Safe sit alongside our school values. As a whole school community the children that always follow these rules are going to be thanked and celebrated by having a hot chocolate with a member of the senior leadership team.

We are going to call this Hot Chocolate Friday. Teachers are going to nominate one child from each year group who always show that they follow our school rules. Every Friday during Celebration Worship the children will receive a certificate and be invited to have their reward as a thank you for upholding our school values.

I look forward to our first Hot Chocolate Friday which will launch on the 15th March.

Things to Remember

Year 2 - It is PE block week (11.03.24 - 15.03.24). The children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit every day.

Dates for the Diary

14.03.24 - 5N Class Assembly
15.03.24 - Red Nose Day
15.03.24 - PFA School Disco
18.03.24 - KS1 Parent SATs meeting
19.03.24 - KS2 Parent SATs meeting
22.03.24 - YR Farm Animal Workshop
22.03.24 - Reports coming home
25.03.24 - PFA Easter Raffle draw
26th & 27th Mar - Y4 Production @ 2pm
26th & 27th Mar - Parent Consultations

ACHIEVEMENTS

Learning Award

RB Willow-Rose P, RG Mircea AC,
1A Matilda S, 1M Thaddeus B, 2H Emily W,
2K Buster B, 3B Molly H, 3G Niamh H,
4C Ava W, 4P Jemima F, 5N Jemima M,
5R Blake H, 6C Tilly K, 6L Daniel AJ

Values Award

RB Archie B, RG Jaxon T, 1A Freya H,
1M Ella H, 2H Alvin G, 2K Wren F,
3B Oscar N, 3G Elizabeth M, 4C Max B,
4P Tony S, 5N Freya W, 5R Ima U,
6C Layla A, 6L Jack B

Reading Certificate

RB Alex S, RG Ellis EC, 1A James H,
1M Xavier A, 2H Oliver B, 2K Yanny R,
3B Jess S, 3G Clara BP, 4C Ryan G,
4P Seb R, 5N Noah MA, 5R Diar M,
6C Katie L, 6L Harry F

Librarian Award

Frankie, Florence and Amelia from 2H for showing determination, enthusiasm and great teamwork as they worked through the challenges set around the school for World Book Day.

House Points

Beckett	2461
Dickens	2333
Churchill	2532
Harvey	2446
Holmes	2346
Shakespeare	2334

CONGRATULATIONS TO
CHURCHILL
This week's Winners

School News

Book Swap - Thank you to everyone who donated books for the book swap on Thursday. We received just over 900 books which is amazing!

A reminder that the school timings will change after the Easter Holiday. Please refer to the letter emailed on 02 February.

Children in the Nurture room have been doing a paper mache activity. They have shown great interest and have all shown resilient as several balloons have popped!



Well done to all the children so far that have received their Blue Peter **Reading** badges. Congratulations.

Last week, Beatrice Self shared some exciting news in 3B's Book Club. She met Rob Biddulph, Author of the Peanut Jones series, at the Faversham Literary Festival, and showed him her incredible Peanut Jones hat! Rob signed both her copy of Peanut Jones and the Twelve Portals and her amazing hat, and got a photo with him!

3B can't wait to read this series of books too!



On Monday Year R and 1 had an important water safety talk from Abbie from Puddleducks. They learned what to do if they find themselves in trouble in the water. They also learned what to do if they needed to help someone else in the water. Thanks to Puddleducks for giving up their time to come and see us.

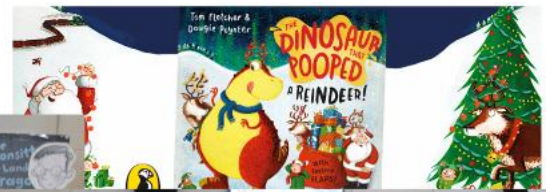


Year R had their Mother's Day events this week. The Mums and children enjoyed spending quality time together playing games and eating cake. Thanks to the PFA who provided refreshments.



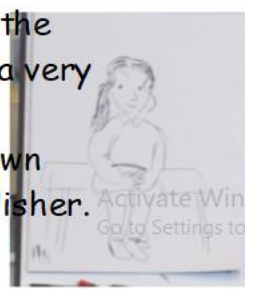
World Book Day

WORLD BOOK WEEK



On Thursday, Gary Parsons visited school to talk about how to illustrate books. We learnt that rubbers are important! Rubbers help us to draw. Our drawings don't have to be perfect; we can change and edit them. Thumbnail sketches use rectangles to create the pages of the story and space is left for the words of the writer. We stretch our imagination and elaborate what we know about a character, using previous images we have seen. The children were in awe of Gary's drawings and were amazed by the illustrations he created based on one of the children. Once it is complete, and the publisher has decided they like it, it's time to add colour. Gary uses a very tiny brush to paint the detail.

Children were then able to draw themselves by stretching their own imagination and think about a book cover they would send in to a publisher.





Author of the Week

Hope from RB, has written a story based on The 3 Little Pigs but with a twist.

