



DIARY DATES

April 2019

Tues 23rd

INSET day

Wed 24th

Summer Term Starts

Tues 30th

YR, Y1, Y2 Karate
Workshop

May 2019

Thurs 2nd

Local Election. School
Open

Mon 6th

Bank Holiday

Thurs 9th

EYFS Mr Miller PE
coaching

Fri 17th

FoSG Dress Down
Day, bring a bottle.

Sat 18th

Spring Fair

Mon 20th – Fri 24th

Walk to School Week

Mon 27th – Fri 31st

Half Term

Tues 21st

KS1 Game on

Wed 22nd

Y1 Trip to College
Lake

EYFS Game on

Fri 24th Y2 Trip to

Affinity Water

5th April 2019

The Easter Bunny Visits!

Yesterday, the children were thrilled to receive a visit from the Easter bunny. We watched the children's joy at discovering the hidden eggs around the school and their delight at finding the little chicks inside.

This is just one example of the events that have been arranged by FoSG and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and dedication this term, and for the many great events they have organised. Of course, a thank you also goes to parents and staff, who put in time and effort to ensure the events run smoothly.

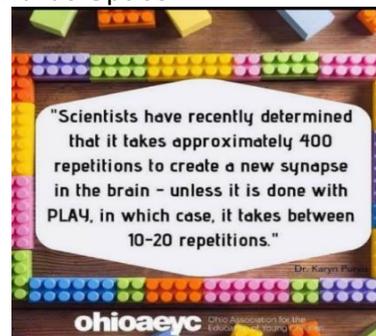
Others events have included Film Night, where the children enjoyed watching 'Hotel Transylvania 3,' and Race Night, which was a fun, action packed evening for parents, with a cake auction to top the night off.



Over £100 was raised on Red Nose Day as the children came to school dressed in non-school uniform. To really get in the Red Nose Day spirit, some of the children dug out their silly hats and deeley boppers. The themed desserts made by the kitchen went down a storm!

National Science Week

During National Science Week the children spent time experimenting and learning all about the wonderful world of Science. We were thrilled so many parents came along to the Science Assembly. The children were able to demonstrate their engineering skills by making parachutes in Year 2, paper helicopters in EYFSU and Year 1 even launched their paper mice towards Space!



The children loved learning about 'flight' during Science Week and constructing their own paper aeroplanes. We try to have fun whilst learning at Swing Gate; it is proven by Scientists to increase the brains ability to retain information if play and learning is enjoyable.

Maths and Handwriting Drop in Sessions

Everyone enjoyed the recent maths drop in sessions and handwriting workshop. We hope that they were informative and you were able to gain knowledge on the way we teach maths and handwriting at Swing Gate. The children were so proud to share their work with parents and share what they have been learning



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

'Believe you can and you are halfway there'.

Theodore Roosevelt



Osborne Assembly

Osborne Construction came in to assembly this week to teach the children all about how to stay safe around construction sites. The children learned about the safety equipment that the builders wear and they launched a very exciting poster competition.

Official Opening of Y1 Outside Area

Despite the persistent rain, the Official Opening Ceremony of the Y1 outside area went ahead on Tuesday.

Mr Bennett and other contractors who dedicated their time and all the materials to make this space so appealing came along and cut the ribbon. Year 1 sang and all attendees were offered a piece of the delicious celebratory cake that Shelley had made and was decorated by the Bennett Twins Laurie and Tommy.

Book Week and World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day and Book Week with books aplenty. During Book Week, children read their favourite books, shared stories, designed book covers and read together with pupils who visited us from Thomas Coram.

Pupils and staff came to school in an array of fabulous costumes! Pictured are our Squirrels team who had an Alice in Wonderland theme going on between them!

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that the book fair raised an amazing **£538.44**. This money will be used to buy new books for the school, so a big thank you to everyone that came along and supported this year's book fair. We hope to have the Scholastic book fair back in school in October.

EYFS Chair to Cooker Transformation!

In our last newsletter, we asked if anyone was able to donate an old chair to the school that the EYFS could upcycle to use in their outdoor mud kitchen play area. The perfect chair was kindly donated by a parent and what a transformation!

Before and After:



Herts Catering Awards

We are delighted to announce that Shelley and her team have been shortlisted for the Primary Academy School Catering Team category at the HCL Awards 2019. Good luck Shelley and her team!



Class Photographs

This year's class photographs were delightful with a great response regarding the modern style. The deadline for free postage has passed, however you are still able to contact the company direct for purchases.

Driving onto School Premises

Parents are reminded please not to park or drive onto the school premises. Safety of children is paramount and it is incredibly dangerous if vehicles are manoeuvring in this small area, especially at drop off and pick up. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Further Dates for your Diary:

Spring Fair Saturday 18th May

We encourage you to come along to this fantastic annual event. The theme of this year's fair is 'wild animals' which was voted for by the children.

We are looking for volunteers to help, so please get in touch if you are able to get involved in anyway. It's one of the highlights of the school year!

Walk to School Week (20th – 24 May) and Clean Air Day (20th June)

We have signed up to the National 'Walk to School Week' and National 'Clean Air Day' campaign.

We always encourage walking to school if you are able to. We realise this is not possible for everybody, all the time, but we invite you to make your best efforts to do so during this week.

More information will be available nearer the time to help you plan.

Ashlyns Festival 12th and 13th July

Set in the grounds of Ashlyns School, the Ashlyns Festival raises money for students, the school and the wider community. It is a two-day celebration of summer, consisting of a Comedy and Curry night on Saturday 12th and The Festival, with live music across two stages all day on Sunday 13th.



It is always a pleasure for me to speak to parents and carers during drop off and pick in the mornings and afternoons whilst in the playground.

I was delighted to meet other parents, who are not able to drop off and pick up on a regular basis, at last week's parents' evenings and to



hear the positive reports from them and the teachers.

As the Easter break is upon us, I would like to wish you all a fun filled break and look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer Term.

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