

## NEWSLETTER

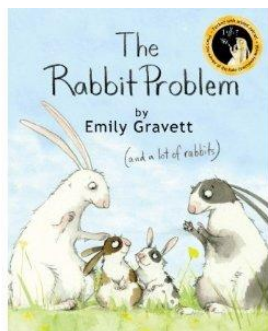
## Science Evening – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 6.00-7.00pm

Please come along to our Science Evening next week on Thursday evening – 6.00-7.00pm. There will be lots of exciting experiments to take part in and science concepts to explore. The hall will be filled with different activities for young and old. The Mayor Councillor Butchins will be officially opening the evening at 6.15pm. There will also be cakes on sale from 'The Great Science Bake Off'. Money raised will go towards buying a planting bed for each class. Come along and find out more about what the children have been learning in our special Science Week and meet the Mayor!

## Assembly

This morning Reception GC treated us to an assembly all about animals. They told us about the different animals that had visited them and the work they did because of it. They had made clay snakes, rabbit fairy cakes and used animals in their writing and number work. They retold the story of Superworm and recited a funny poem about an unlikely pet. Then they finished with a dance which they performed with confidence and obvious enjoyment. Well done Reception GC for a wonderful assembly.

## Rabbit Problem



### Community Project 2013—2014 The Exhibition The Rabbit Problem & the books of Emily Gravett

Visit the new Community Hall at 96 Shenley Road to experience the creative talents of the children and young people within our community.

	<b>Tues</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>March 3pm—5pm</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>19th March</b>	<b>9am—5pm</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>20th March</b>	<b>9am—5pm</b>

Drop in and have a look. Take the opportunity to show your support of the literacy and numeracy work of the schools within our community.

Count the rabbits and enter our competition to win a copy of one of Emily Gravett's books.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 97.6% attendance and in KS2 4DH with 97.8%... WELL DONE 2TS and 4DH.

Group – Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.6
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97.2
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	96.3
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	95.6
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	94.8
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	94.7
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	97.6
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97.2

Group – KS2	Possible	% Attend
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	97.8
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	97.5
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.5
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	97.1
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	96.2
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	96.1
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95.7
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.1

## Nursery Admissions for September 2014

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 can register for a Nursery School place for next September. The deadline for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014. If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

For further information log on to [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer in the school. If you would like any help please ask any member of the school office. **The closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014.**

## EAL Sessions at the BECC

Do you speak English as a second language? Do you have a child under the age of five. If so the Children's Centre (The BECC) are offering a free course to support you in developing your English skills. If your home language is not English this would be the perfect opportunity to learn English in a friendly and supportive environment. If you are interested please sign up at the office and more information will follow.

## Telling Stories (Part 2)

‘What skills do we need to tell stories?’

Stories are more than just strings of sentences; they need to have a structure to make sense. We need to set the scene, say who was there, what happened and what it felt like. Stories also need to take into account their listeners – what does the listener know already and what do they need to know to understand the story and help it make sense?

Telling stories involves lots of other skills, such as being able to pay attention, knowing which words to use and being able to put sentences together. Being able to tell stories is a good foundation for writing. It’s unlikely that children will be able to write well-structured stories if they can’t understand or tell stories verbally.

How can you help your child to be a storyteller?

This week encourage storytelling at home – it’s important for your child to tell stories in as many different situations as possible, and lots of different types of stories. The more stories they tell the easier it gets!

Use stories to share time together, change the mood or settle down for sleeping time. You can use stories in books, or ones that you make up out of your head.

You can help by listening and responding to their stories:

“Ah, teddy’s sad ... what happened?”

“That’s a great story. I like the part where the dragon fell off the bridge.”

“So you had beans for lunch and then played outside with Molly and Ben?”

Let your facial expression reflect your interest so that you look genuinely interested in what they’re saying. And if you prompt them to tell you what happened next, give them time as they may need thinking time to bring all their ideas together. You may also need to recap to help them get the story structure right.

Watch out for Part 3 ‘Playing, Bedtimes and Routines’ in next week’s newsletter...

*Taken from a blog posted by: Amanda Baxter on Wednesday 5th June 2013. Amanda Baxter is the Communication Advisor for I CAN, the children’s communication charity. The full blog can be found at:*

[http://www.motherandchild.co.uk/blog/telling-stories/?utm\\_content=bufferf4f97&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.motherandchild.co.uk/blog/telling-stories/?utm_content=bufferf4f97&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

## Swimming Gala

Last Friday our Swim Team competed in the Borehamwood Sports Consortium Swimming Gala. They competed in individual breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle and mixed relays. It was a great opportunity for the team to perform all of the skills and techniques they have been learning during swimming lessons. They performed extremely well and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Overall we finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Well done to everyone who participated. A special thank you to our parent helper.

## Term Dates September 2014 to July 2015

### AUTUMN TERM 2014

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Half-Term Week – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Staff Training Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September (No School for pupils)

### SPRING TERM 2015

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Half-Term Week – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Staff Training Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January (No School for pupils)

### SUMMER TERM 2015

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Half-Term Week – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Staff Training Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April (No School for pupils)  
Staff Training Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July (No School for pupils)  
Staff Training Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July (No School for pupils)  
Occasional Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (No School for pupils)

## Class Assemblies

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am	1YN
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am	Nursery

## Spring Term Dates

Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Week	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Chess Match @ Samuel Ryder	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Governor Day	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Science Evening	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Nursery Admissions Close	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 4 - Egyptian Day	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Full Governing Body Meeting	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
KS1/2 Base Trip to Dinosaur Safari Adventure Golf	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Girls Football Tournament	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Dress up Day (Animal Theme)	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
KS1/2 S&L Base Tea	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Finish at 2pm for the Easter Holidays	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

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