

# A PIECE OF PYE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families

Thank you for all your support during the Spring Term. It has been a snowy one!

The children have been fantastic as always and there is lots of great news to share with you.

We have had a great term with a Pirate Book week when teachers walked the plank. The children and staff loved dressing up.

We have had our second Memory Master competition with children making great improvements to their times tables knowledge and spelling skills.

There has been a range of trips and also two author visits and a visit from Wonderdome.

We continue to show good attendance at school but the snow has had an impact on our overall percentage so we have a little bit of work to do to get back up to 96%! We can do it.

Next term our Year 6 children have their SATs tests before preparing for secondary School and we very much hope they enjoy their last term with us.

The children have shown a great level of curiosity in finding out about Easter and how Christians celebrate and have also found out about different types of crosses. After the holidays we will be finding out more about Ramadan and Eid.

*M. Andrew*

**St Luke's Biz Kids Competition**  
***During the Spring Term the children, ably led by Debbie and Zabeda raised money for St Luke's Hospice. They did a range of things and raised a grand total of over £1000!!***

***However, they also made a presentation to a panel of judges and competed against 10 schools from across the city. The children were fantastic and they WON!***

***It was fantastic as St Luke's is a cause very close to our hearts. They learned so much about the work of the Hospice. Well done to all.***



**WINNERS OF BIZ KIDS 2018**  
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS**

## EFFORT AND BEHAVIOUR REPORTS

We hope you enjoy your end of term reports and seeing how well your child is behaving at school and how much effort they are putting into their learning every day. That effort continues to have a great impact on the children's achievement. Please keep talking to your child about their learning for the rest of the year.

**GOOD EFFORT+GOOD BEHAVIOUR=GOOD ACHIEVEMENT**

You will receive your curriculum map and homework jigsaws after the holidays, so please look out for them. If you would like any more information or want to chat about the grades given in the report please come and chat to your class teacher or Zabeda.



## We have had some great topics this term and learned so much!

Here is a quick update from some of our classes.

### Nursery: Jewels

We have been learning about shapes and looking out for them in the environment. We have used them to create pictures and patterns. Come and see our displays in the Foundation. We have also been working hard with phonics, listening for the initial sounds in words and which letters make these sounds.



### Foundation 2: Explorers & Investigators

This half term Foundation's topic has been 'Me and My family'. As part of their learning the children learnt about The Enormous Turnip. They retold the story and made turnip soup. It was delicious! They also learnt about Easter and how it is a special celebration for Christians.



### Year 1 Willows

In Year One Willows we have really enjoyed our Fly Me To The Moon topic this term. We have learnt about the solar system and produced some fantastic writing about Baby Bear going into space. We even found a rocket ship crash site in the forest area! We had the opportunity to search for more aliens in the forest area, make alien masks and send a rocket into space.



### Year 1 Mighty Oaks

To help them learn about space, the year 1s had a very exciting visit from the Wonderdome. The children climbed inside and were amazed by the beautiful planets and constellations. They learnt lots of interesting facts and even climbed inside a space rocket afterwards!

### Year 2

In Y2 we have been very busy preparing for our production of Jack and the Beanstalk. We used the story for our reading and writing work in English. Then we worked together as a whole year group to learn songs and use drama to re-tell the story. We worked with Mrs. Andrews to make a fantastic beanstalk to use in our performance to the school and parents. We have done some great learning and had lots of fun along the way!

**We hope you all enjoyed the show!**



### Year 3

Shimmering Stars and Tenacious Tigers worked hard this term to learn a carnival dance in PE. They showed great resilience and teamwork in working together to learn the moves and perform them confidently to an audience.

### Year 4

In Y4 Galaxies we have been learning all about the Roman Empire. It was great to see so many parents at our 'Time to Shine event'. We marched together with Roman commands - words and numbers. We were ordered around and made to march by a very bossy Centurion. The children had made Roman shields with a central boss that depicted the time in Roman numerals of our drill; 9:15. We demonstrated the 'Tortoise' configuration to defend ourselves against barbarians too. This was before we all took part in a Roman numeral treasure hunt. Finally, the parents came into our classes to share our learning about why Rome invaded Britannia. They left with a better understanding of the conquering Romans. See you on XVII/ IV/ MMXVIII for the start of next term.



### Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic term learning about ancient Egypt. We were lucky enough to visit the Egypt exhibition and workshop at Weston Park Museum, which inspired us to then create our own Egyptian museum for our 'Time to Shine' event. This was a huge success, thanks to our creative and enthusiastic children and the fantastic support of parents. The children filled the museum with ancient artefacts they had made, PowerPoint presentations and amazing paintings. Year 5 also really enjoyed the visit from talented illustrators and authors, Chris Mould and Alan MacDonald. They inspired us with their workshops and as you can see in the pictures, the children enjoyed meeting and chatting to the authors and asking them questions. Fireballs and Thunder and Lightning are now looking forward to their next topic which is Wizard School!



### Year 6: All Stars and the Pirates!



Y6 had an enormous amount of fun learning about all things pirate! We studied the text 'Davy Jones' Locker.' We challenged ourselves to write our own alternate ending to the story where Davy Jones returned for his revenge. In our stories, we tried to build suspense and include lots of pirate related vocabulary. We were even lucky enough to read our stories to the author of 'Davy Jones' Locker,' Chris Mould! We have also been incredibly busy preparing for our SATS – we are so proud of all that the children have achieved so far!



### Year 6: Marvels

As well as working hard to achieve our best in our upcoming SATs, in Year 6 we have been learning all about Easter. We studied traditional and modern paintings showing the events of Easter week and discussed how different people could be feeling. We then showed this off in our Time to Shine event for parents.

Miss Debbie and Miss Zabeda had fun shopping for the Easter gifts. As always at Pye Bank we all celebrate together, so enjoy your chocolate Bunny from all the staff here at Pye Bank. And for all who celebrate have a happy and peaceful Easter.



**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING THE DECORATED EGG COMPETITION. WE HAD SO MANY IMAGINATIVE ENTRIES AND WERE AMAZED BY HOW MANY CHILDREN TOOK PART AGAIN THIS YEAR. WELL DONE AND THANK YOU.**



**Just for information:**

*Schools across the country are now developing Lock Down procedures and policies to help keep children safe in an emergency situation. We have developed procedures for Pye Bank and these are available on the website. All staff are aware of these and we will be making children aware of what we would do in an emergency. We will do this in a way which is non-frightening for the children. We will send further information after the holidays for you but please do have a look at the policy. The most important thing to remember is to keep your contact details up to date at all times. If you change your phone then please let us know immediately. Thank you.*

**TERM STARTS ON TUESDAY APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> FOR CHILDREN  
YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MAY 14<sup>th</sup> TO MAY 17<sup>th</sup>  
ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLIES APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**

Please encourage your children to keep playing Times Tables Rock Stars. We have a good number of Rock Legends and even a couple of Rock Heroes now. It is so important for children to know their tables and this online system is fantastic. The teachers are competing too and even Mrs Andrews has worked hard to be a Rock Legend!!

Just a quick reminder that children who arrive BEFORE 8.40am must go straight to breakfast club. For health & safety reasons children should not be left in the playground. Staff are not able to supervise them.