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Class 1

Class 1 have had a special delivery of frog spawn from The Classroom Fairy. Some of the frog spawn has already started to hatch into tadpoles and we have enjoyed watching them wriggle out of the jelly. Our Fairy is still enjoying reading all our letters; she has really helped build our confidence as writers and she is super impressed with how fantastic our writing is becoming.

We had a helping hand from the fairy with our entry in the inter-class potato growing championships. The fairy left us a secret ingredient... some sparkly fairy dust to add to our compost (we haven't told classes 2 or 3 about our secret ingredient! It's TOP SECRET!)

We have been learning all about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and we even made some delicious pancakes. This week in maths Year 1 and Reception have been busy weighing and measuring. We have also been brushing up on our DT hammering skills. We also had a drumming session with Zozo, which, as usual, we all thoroughly enjoyed!



Class 2

This week Class 2 have been completing map work based on the European countries. They showed that they could refer to atlases, maps and globes to help them locate certain countries to fill in on maps of their own.



On Wednesday we planted our seed potatoes - we are looking forward to helping the plants grow and as such grow some BIG potatoes!

We also wrote some fantastic poems in our writing groups, using the poem 'If You Should Meet A Crocodile' as inspiration! We then drew text maps and came up with actions - sharing our group poems with everyone was great fun!

Class 3

On Thursday in Class 3, we really enjoyed being able to dress up as different characters from our favourite books. We did lots of fun activities all based around World Book day, including designing our own book covers for our Space Quest stories.



Relax Kids

It was brilliant to have years 5 and 6 from St. Bega's School joining class 3 for their Relax Kids sessions, which, as it says on the box, was very relaxing! Classes 1 and 2, and the staff, also enjoyed their sessions - we now have lots of ways of relaxing.



The Daily Mile

This week we started 'The Daily Mile' and the children are thoroughly enjoying themselves - and so are the staff!



World Book Day

Everyone made a huge effort yesterday for World Book Day and we all enjoyed the special activities organised in class. Thank you for the donations that you gave - these will go towards some books for our school library.



The Big Battery Hunt

Today your child has been sent home with a 'Big Battery Hunt Box', where you can place your used batteries. As soon as you have filled your box, send it into school where they will be collected and taken to be recycled. By helping to recycle as many batteries as possible, our school could win:

- A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre
- A 3-year subscription to *MyMaths* worth £1000
- £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers
- iPads
- Certificates and trophies

For more information, please visit <https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/>

Red Nose Day

Next Friday (15th March), is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief so in support of this we are having a non-uniform day, where children can bring in a £1 donation. We will also be selling Red Noses in school from Monday 11th March for £1.25 - only one red nose will be sold per child due to the limited number of red noses we have so once they're gone, they're gone!

The money we raise will support vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally by funding amazing organisations that do amazing things! We hope that you join us in supporting this great cause! Thank you!



Parent Meetings

On Wednesday 13th March, 1-5pm, we will be holding parent meetings for each class (this doesn't include nursery). If you have not done so already, please contact the office to arrange a time to meet your child's class teacher.

Parental Questionnaires

Today we sent your child home with a parental questionnaire. We would really appreciate you completing this with your feedback about the school. We have also added an extra box on the back of the questionnaire for you to make comments in about what you feel we are doing well, what your child has gained a lot from, or any improvements you think would benefit the school. We hope to be able to share some of these comments on our school website and display them in school, as a way of celebrating our successes. We really appreciate the time you take on giving us this useful feedback! Thank you!

Nursery Open Afternoons

On Tuesday 11th June and Tuesday 18th June, we are having Nursery Open Afternoons in class 1 from 2-3pm. Children of any age are welcome to join us and it will give you the opportunity to see what we have to offer. Please visit the 'Nursery' section of our website to see the Nursery Open Afternoon leaflet. We hope to see you then!

Bright Stars

Class 2 have continued to make good sales this week on the bags they have designed and made. There are still some available so if you haven't already bought one, it's not too late! They are on sale Monday to Thursday 8:50-9:10am and Friday 8:50-9am.

Nursery Places

We have places remaining for nursery next term (after Easter), and bookings are now also being taken for children to start in September. If you will be requiring a place at our nursery, either this year or next, we recommend you contact us sooner rather than later to ensure your child can get a place!

Rising 3s are able to enter our nursery provision at the start of the term in which they will turn 3, however all sessions will need to be paid for until they receive funding. All 3-year-old nursery pupils, are currently entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare per week (some children may be entitled for up to 30 hours depending on your circumstances) starting in the term following their 3rd birthday. You are then able to top this up if you wish. If you are unsure, please discuss your options with us - pop in and see Mrs Hey in the office for further information.

If your child already attends nursery but you wish to increase their hours, please remember this can only happen at the beginning of a new half term to allow for the appropriate staffing to be in place. **Please get in touch asap if you wish your child's hours to change after Easter.** Thank you!

Graduated Driving License (G.D.L.)

"A graduated driving licence puts a set of restrictions on new drivers who have recently passed their test, for an initial period of time.

Government statistics repeatedly suggest as many as a quarter of newly-qualified motorists are involved in an accident during their first two years on the road - with 400 young UK drivers sustaining serious or fatal injuries each year.

Although no countrywide scheme is currently in place, the government is exploring its possibilities, with the ultimate aim of reducing this worrying number of early-stage accidents."

(RAC, 2019, <https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/learning-to-drive/graduated-driving-licences/>)

There is clearly a need for the G.D.L. in the UK Sharron Huddleston has set up a petition in memory of her daughter, Caitlin Huddleston, which ultimately aims to protect our younger generation.

In January, Sharron was invited to speak about the need for the introduction of the Graduated Driving License in the UK at a meeting organised by Keoghs in the Houses of Parliament. The need for change is also recognised by insurance companies, such as LV, Admiral and RAC.

To find out more about why the GDL needs to be adopted in the UK, please watch the following clip: https://youtu.be/Y1vINaZG4_c

A message from Sharron...

Please can you support "Caitlin's Campaign" and sign our petition for the introduction of the Graduated Driving License in the UK. As a parent, there is no greater tragedy than losing a child. The G.D.L. is a positive law to protect our younger generation.

The G.D.L. is a vital lifesaving policy, because young drivers are known to be at a very high risk of serious and fatal crashes, and the G.D.L. helps to address this.

It would be greatly appreciated from all of Caitlin's family if you could help our campaign and sign our petition: <https://planetradio.co.uk/hits-radio/manchester/news/caitlin-campaign-the-petition/>

Irton Church

On Tuesday 19th March, class 2 will be visiting Irton Church to explore the stained glass windows and baptism, which links to our focus in RE this term of 'what is the trinity?' We will be going in the morning and be back in time for lunch.

Residential

Letters went out this week about classes 2 and 3's residentials to Scout Adventures Great Tower, near Newby Bridge, and the parental contribution for these trips. Some of the money raised by the PTA has gone towards paying for the cost of the buses as well as school contributing some money from the Sport Premium for each child towards the cost of the trip. Your contributions to trips are greatly appreciated and mean the children can continue to enjoy these types of experiences!

Carpark

Another reminder that if you are dropping off or collecting children from school, please can you ensure that your car is stationary while children and adults are on the carpark. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of everyone. Thank you for your understanding!

Achievements

Well done to the winners of both the 'burgundy jumper' and 'good to be green' this week. These are:

Class 1 - Casper and Charley

Class 2 - Millie and Oliver

Class 3 - Caitlyn and Marcel

The class with the highest attendance this week is...



Class 2!



School dates for your diary

11th March - British Science Week

- Science Dome for all classes
- Forest School class 1 PM (nursery remain at school)

13th March - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 'Bridges & Tunnels' Science Workshop at Millom Discovery Centre (PM)

14th March - Years 1 & 2 'Flight' Science Workshop at Millom Discovery Centre (PM)

15th March - non-uniform for Red Nose Day £1 donation

18th March - Class 3 Beach School day

19th March - Cycle Wise with year 5

- Class 2 visit to Irton Church AM

20th March - Cycle Wise with year 5

21st March - Cycle Wise with year 5

22nd March - Class 2 leading Collective Worship 9am

- Years 3, 4 & 5 last swimming session before Easter

25th March - Forest School class 2 PM

26th March - Easter Egg Competition

28th March - Film Club watching The Incredibles 2

29th March - Break for Easter holidays at 1:30pm

15th April - Back to school

18th April - Easter Service at Corney Church 9am

19th April - Good Friday (Bank Holiday)

22nd April - Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

13th May - KS2 SATs week

20th May - Class 2 residential (1 night)

21st May - Class 3 residential (2 nights)

Kind regards,

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