

Weekly News Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents

Last Friday we enjoyed Neptune Class's Assembly with a focus on the wonderful story 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children acted with great confidence and had us all laughing with their wonderful interpretation of this clever story. We also enjoyed the songs and dances and the applause was loud and clear at the end of this clever assembly. Special thanks to Miss Rendall and Miss Fleming for such an enjoyable production.

After the Assembly we all headed out to do our Comic Relief sponsored mile and we want to say an enormous thank you for your kind generosity as we raised and incredible £3,350 for this important charity.

On Tuesday we stepped back in time as Year 2s enjoyed a Victorian Day. All the children arrived in costume and congratulations to all parents for their clever interpretations of a variety of classes in Victorian society and very well done to our gentile ladies Miss Drayton and Mrs Russell suitably dressed for the occasion. The children sat in rows with a nib pen and ink as well as a slate board and learnt about the very strict rules of the Victorian classroom. They also had fun exploring Victorian artefacts and playing authentic Victorian games. What a wonderful and interactive day!

On Wednesday we were delighted to offer the first of 4 Mother's Day events beginning with a Stay & Play session for our Nursery mothers. They left looking splendid with their Mother's Day crown and iced cake. On Thursday and then Friday it was the turn of Pre-Reception mothers to enjoy first a very heart-warming show followed by a Stay & Play session and we were all moved to tears by the beauty of the assembly and the children's fabulous performances.

On Friday we are looking forward to welcoming all remaining mothers in to school for their special treat. We have seen the beautiful cakes that the children have made especially for our Mother's Day tea and heard the song that the children will be singing so it might be sensible to bring a tissue.

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Thea L for being a wonderful help to the Lunchtime Team this week, picking up some fallen cutlery to avoid someone tripping. Well done Thea.

We had two Housepoint totals to celebrate this week as we did a half week count to share in our Thursday Assembly. Congratulations to Dahl House who won on Thursday with a magnificent total of 1423 Housepoints and to Dahl House once again who finished the week right at the top of the Housepoint Leader Board with 1584!

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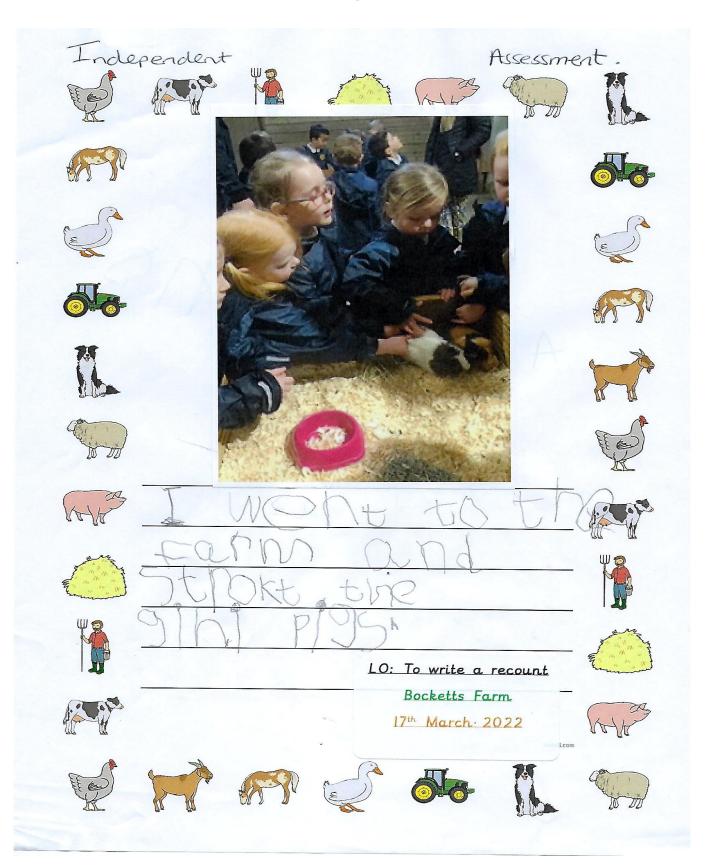
Bronze Star Times Tables Champions
Callan M, Izzy J, Monty H, Cillian R, Liam S, Otis L, Nikhil K.

Merit Awards

Daniella B, Autumn W, Oliver K, Olivia B-P, Thomas B, Margot P, Izzy J, Arya K, Quinn K, Kitty T, Blake Y, Peter G, Liam S, Oliver P and Haris A.

Work of the week

Reception went to Bocketts Farm last week and had so much fun learning, exploring and playing that they were inspired to write about their adventures. All children wrote with enthusiasm, completely unaided. Angelina wrote about stroking the Guinea pigs! What amazing letter formation, phonic application and key word knowledge. Top job!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Wow what a fabulous week we have had in Nursery. We have been very busy learning about Mother's Day and thinking about how special our mummies are to us. The children each loved sharing with their friends favourite things to do with their Mummies. As it is such a special day on Sunday we decided to make our wonderful mummies some special gifts. We have been using our creating skills to make wonderful



Mother's Day cards and we wrote our names inside all by ourselves! We have been weighing and mixing ingredients to make salt dough; we then used different shape cutters and painted them bright colours to create a special candle holder for our mummies too. In the Nursery kitchen we worked together to bake vanilla cupcakes. We have enjoyed three wonderful mornings of Mother's Day Stay & Play; the children worked



with their mummies to create a personalised daffodil, a crown to make Mummy 'Queen for the Day' and we decorated our yummy cupcakes. We ended our week with two fabulous assemblies from our Pre - Reception children; they blew the audiences away with their loud clear voices, their singing, dancing and enormous smiles. The Nursery teachers were bursting with pride, well done Pre-Reception.



Reception News



It might be the end of our final full week before Easter but we are still working hard, being inspired and learning lots and lots! This week, following on from our trip to Bocketts Farm, we have been finding out lots of animal facts. We decided to make a 'Farm Fact Book' to share with the children in Nursery. They were very interested to learn about all the facts we knew. We wrote the facts ourselves and used our phonic skills to spell the



words. In Maths we have continued our journey of half and double by making some delicious heart shaped biscuits. We drew an icing line to show half then were able to share the chocolate beans equally between the two halves. We had to make sure each have had the same, it's only 'fair'. I wonder who we will share this biscuit with? (Shh!It's for our Mother's Day Tea and it is a surprise!) We have been creative too, making some special cards for our visitors. We had time with our Art Director Mrs Degg, in which we added interest to their Gustav Klimt 'Trees of Life' using brightly coloured Sharpies and plasticine stamps coated in luminous paint. They look amazing! We then had 'Outdoor Adventures'



with Mrs Self, we looked very closely at the daffodils to see their trumpets, stamen and pollen. We also found a baby stag beetle which was white whereas the adult is black. Then we looked closely at the butterfly display and saw some tadpoles. It is full steam ahead for Reception, what good learners we are, we cannot wait for next week's learning adventures!



Please remember there are <u>no</u> clubs next week Except football make up session

End of term arrangements

Nursery & Pre Reception - finish at 11.45 Reception, Year 1 & Year 2- finish at 12pm

Date for your diary

Tuesday 10th May 8.50am- 11am Grandparents Morning for children in Ahlberg & Dahl house

Wednesday 11thMay 8.50am-11am Grandparents Morning for children in Donaldson & Kemp house



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Edward P d M and Evie W for their Gold award.

Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Charlie A- Medal awarded for the U7s festival for Sutton and Epsom in Leatherhead

Edward P d M, Cillian R and Liam S - have received medals for participating in the Surrey Rugby Mini Festival

Holly S - Playball medal for amazing sport this term

Elena G - for cycling 15.39km at the weekend

Benjamin W - for earning a Red Award for swimming

Daniella B- for playing the violin in her first concert



