



## Weekly News

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Purley and Coulsdon Music Festival**

On Saturday, a small (but mighty) group of Year 2 pupils spent their Saturday morning singing 3 wonderful songs at the Purley and Coulsdon Music Festival. It was a close contest, and we were delighted to receive an Honours Award for our singing. A huge well done to all our choristers and a thank you to Mrs Mulhern for conducting the choir brilliantly and to Mr Ezeanaka for accompanying the children on the piano.

### **Good Digital Citizen Awards**

A huge congratulations to everyone in Year 2 for achieving their "Good Digital Citizen Award" on Tuesday. It was lovely to welcome parents along to this presentation and to share the work the children have been engaging with in becoming a good digital citizen. Miss Rendall explained that the children had discussed the 4 "Cs" of Digital Citizenship – Contact, Content, Conduct and Commerce.

### **Mars Class Assembly**

An enormous well done to Mars class for performing such an interesting and entertaining assembly this morning. We learnt about a range of transport, we were wowed by your singing and dancing and thoroughly enjoyed listening to your story.

### **Mother's Day**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming mothers to our Mother's Day extravaganza next Friday! The morning is very flexible, so for mothers who can only stay for an hour (or less) that's fine, feel free to drop in and leave when you need to. For mothers who can stay for the whole session – great! And for mothers who can't join us, we will be thinking of you and celebrating your "fabulousness" as well.

### **Red Nose Day**

Children are invited to wear red noses on Red Nose Day, which is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March (the same day as our Mother's Day extravaganza).



### **Year One News**



Year One were surprised to find enormous footprints along the Year One corridor earlier this week – they decided that a giant must have visited the school and proceeded to use similes and adjectives to describe our visitor. In art, the children have been learning about decoupage and decorated eggs in preparation for Easter and created art based on Lillian Blades' idea of using found materials. In geography, the children have located continents on the map and enjoyed piecing together a jigsaw of the continents and naming them correctly.



### **Year Two News**



This week in Year 2, the children have been learning about Emily Davison and her association with Epsom. The children had a fantastic guest speaker, Mr Paul Taylor (What's on in Epsom) who was instrumental in helping create the wonderful statue of Emily Wilding Davison now in Epsom Town centre. The children learned so much about the significance of the statue. In maths, the children have been learning about symmetry and using a ruler to plot vertices. In literacy, we have been learning about riddles and using contractions in our writing. The children were delighted that Mrs Roberts and Mrs Grehan

couldn't figure out our riddles until the final 2 clues were revealed!

Great news about our seeds ... some sleepy seeds have decided to awaken at last!

This week's Lunch-time Superstar is Julius S in Nursery. Mrs Taylor is very proud of how well you have settled in to having lunches. Well done Julius!

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **1483** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Caleb W, Luca G, Kian Y, Mayan E, Hadi L, Zachary R, Oliver P, Olivia B-P, Holly S, Tadeo W, Margot P and Kitty T

## Work of the week

Zara in Saturn has written a wonderful piece of writing about her fire giants! She has used amazing adjectives and alliteration.

Zara



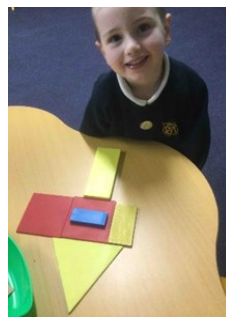
My fire giants <sup>name</sup> name is  
Zara. The giants skin is  
like lava. Zara is loyal  
and <sup>pretty</sup> pritty. She has long  
golden hair. She says ze  
Zi Z o Zum She lives in  
a house as big as a  
mountain. She is not on fire now.  
What a super piece of writing 😊



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week in Nursery...we played in the snow! What a lovely surprise for Spring. The children had a great time exploring, investigating, and running in the snow. As well as fun in the snow, our focus book this week has been The Enormous Turnip. We have been looking at ways we can help each other, like the characters in the book help pull the turnip from the ground, and we have been encouraging our please and thank yous.

We have been cooking up a storm in our kitchen making vegetable soup, the children loved it! They chopped, grated, peeled and stirred the vegetables to make their soup and then enjoyed it at the snack table. Our focus in maths this week has been 2D shapes and the children have been fantastic at recalling triangles, squares, rectangles, and circles. Well done everyone! The children have done a great job at all the activities that we have had out this week, from planting vegetables in the garden to sequencing the story of The Enormous Turnip in Green room. Fantastic learning everybody!



## Reception News



This week Reception have been busy looking into 'SPACE' through our book 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. The children were inspired to write about what they would take to the moon. Items such as sweets, sandwiches and chocolate as well as their favourite teddy were mentioned.



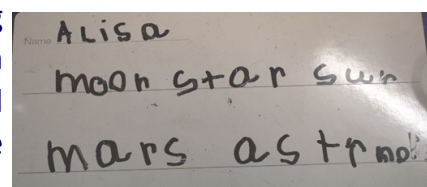
We used our knowledge of 2d and 3d shapes to describe and make our rockets. We used language like straight, corners and sides. Some of our children used their imaginations and told us just where their rocket would take them like, Mars, Saturn and even to have tea with some green aliens.

Linked to our rocket making we practiced counting forwards and backwards from 20! We are all very good at counting forwards and back from 10 but some of the teen numbers are tricky! We practised our subtracting skills too by using a tens frame. We placed counters on the frame and then taking some away. Some of us even tried to write a number sentence too. Well done Reception, you are becoming top mathematicians!



Mars class have been very busy this week acting, dancing, singing and practicing their lines for their assembly. They loved performing to their mums and dads today!

In class we have started to practise writing our letters in a joined style. We have been looking at individual letters and their lead ins and lead outs. Please practise at home when you get the opportunity.



# SCIENCE Week

Monday 13th March - Science assembly & classroom experiments

Tuesday 14th March - Epsom Council recycling Assembly

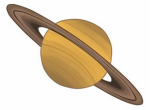
Wednesday 15th March - Year 2 visit to the Science laboratory at Banstead Prep School  
*School uniform to be worn*



Friday 17th March - Saturn Class Assembly

*All Saturn parents are welcome to attend*

*Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am*



Friday 17th March - Mothers Day Event 9.30am-11am

*Please arrive via the back gate and meet on the field from 9.30am*



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Sukie R for your Gold Certificate



**Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:**

Farzan M-H - Certificate for 5m swimming

Noah W - Player of the match in football

Henry D - Star of the day in football

Roberta PdM - Certificate for playing in a concert

Teddy S - Level 4 swimming badge

Edward F - Certificate in rugby

