



Weekly News

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents,

Science Week



What a fabulous Science week we have had this week! We have fully immersed ourselves in investigations, problem solving and exploring fascinating scientific facts. We were delighted to welcome 2 scientists to school on Monday, the recycling team from Epsom and Ewell on Tuesday and on Wednesday Year 2 visited the science labs at Banstead Prep and got involved with a range of experiments. Thank you to Miss Kay for organising everything.

Saturn Class Assembly

Bravo Saturn Class! The children had their audience laughing, crying, clapping, and whooping with joy with their assembly this morning. A wonderful assembly celebrating all our "superhero" mum's and recognising not only how amazing they are but also shared how much they loved their mums and how special they are. A beautiful way to start our Friday.

Our Mother's Day Extravaganza



The weather may have thwarted some of our plans today, but the rain didn't stop the joy and laughter of our Mother's Day extravaganza. We had a wonderful morning celebrating all our fabulous mum's! Our morning was filled with Irish dancing, decorating shamrocks and crowns. The children had a wonderful time and told me they were all a bit tired after the energetic dancing this morning! A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us and a particular thank you to Mrs Pryor for organising everything, ably assisted by Mrs Langley and Ms Fleming. We hope all our families have a lovely weekend celebrating with their loved ones.



Year One News



Year 1 have loved Science Week and we are sure the future of science is secured with our budding scientists. They loved the egg experiment and worked hard to protect their eggs with lots of padding. The eggs then had to be dropped from a height without breaking, so parachutes were then made from different materials. Nearly all the eggs remained intact! After the recycling assembly the children were inspired to create posters reminding us of the importance of recycling. For our art this week the children used recycled materials to spell out the word 'recycle' to encourage us all to recycle our waste.

Year Two News

Year 2 have really enjoyed investigating and problem-solving during science week this week. The topics have ranged from discussing healthy eating, dissolving materials, chromatography to creating cushioning and parachutes to try and drop an egg without it cracking! They have also enjoyed learning about the brave Malala Yousufzai and chronicled her life.



Congratulations to Tristan in Nursery on being named the lunchtime superstar this week! Tristan has impressed everyone with his great behaviour when staying for lunch for the first time!

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **1713** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Sybil T, Benjamin W, Micah R-K, Luke B, Edward F, Sebastian C, Chloe B and Lucy S

Work of the Week

Year 2 have loved their topic, Real Life Heroes! Following on from learning about the amazing fossil hunter Mary Anning, Mercury have made their own fossil imprints. They worked on rolling out the clay, getting the right thickness, choosing their 'fossil' and imprinting it carefully into the clay. Here is Peter's wonderful example.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week in Nursery we have been enjoying Science week!

We have had the opportunity to blast off in Green room as our focus was Space, I wonder who might want to be an astronaut when they are bigger? In Blue room we have been learning about the human body and have been making skeletons. We have learnt why it is a good thing we have a skeleton, and how it helps us stay upright and move around. In Yellow room we have had a fantastic rainbow experiment and looked at the different weather we have. The children made brilliant predictions about what might happen before the experiment and made great observations about what they saw during the experiment. In the Kitchen we learnt about how amazing our tongue is and how it is one of our 5 senses. We had a blindfold taste test in which the children had to try an item of food and say what they thought it tasted like. They did a great job and as you can imagine the salty and sweet flavours were voted the best. Outdoors we got the chance to connect with nature and went on a minibeast hunt, we found a very big spider!

To end our wonderful week, we celebrated St Patrick's day with our Mummy's. We loved having our mummy's in to show them all the fantastic activities we have in Nursery. Happy Mother's Day for Sunday.



Reception News

Science Week got off to a fantastic start with a special assembly about the Solar System lead by Dan and Sophie who are real-life scientists. Afterwards, they took us onto the playground for an investigation involving fizzy drinks and sweets. The results were explosive! Then, we did a balloon experiment using a wooden skewer covered in olive oil which pierced the balloon. The oil meant the balloon did NOT burst, wow! We also predicted what would happen to Gummy Bears left in water for 24 hours and saw the surprising results the next day. On Tuesday, we had an assembly with a man from the local council about recycling, and we did our best to reduce the use of paper and electricity in school. We also performed an experiment using fizzy water and raisins, and an investigation



using Skittles sweets. After that, we used invisible ink pens to write kind messages to our friends and opened them up in the dark using ultra-violet light to read what was written. As well as all this, we made skeletons joined with split pins and designed posters for our Science competition. We also talked about our Recycled Cup competition entries and showed them to our friends. What terrific Scientists we have in Reception; well done everyone.



The Foundation Team

Tuesday 21st March - Sharing our Learning

All parents welcome 8.30am - 8.55am

PTA Showcase - 9am - 9.30am

All parents welcome to enjoy tea & coffee in the hall

Wednesday 22nd March- Year 2 Trip to Wakehurst Place

Children should arrive at school in their PE kit and school shoes. Children must also bring a named carrier bag with named wellies, a waterproof even if it is sunny and a named water bottle.

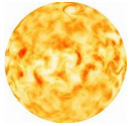
No bookbags will be required on this day

Wednesday 22nd March - PTA - Second hand uniform Sale

Thursday 23rd March - Sun & Earth Pre Reception Assembly

All Sun & Earth group parents are welcome to attend

Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 24th March - Sky & Moon Pre Reception Assembly

All Sky & Moon group parents are welcome to attend

Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 24th March - All clubs finish



Mathletics: Congratulations to Max P for your Gold Certificate

Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:



Amelia H - Star of the week at Poptastic

Rory L - Stepping Stone swimming certificate

Charlie L - Stepping Stone swimming certificate

Thomas B - Level 1 swimming certificate

Meili L - Gymnastics Award 4

