



## Weekly News

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents,

### World Book Day



On Thursday, we were delighted to see everyone dressed up as book characters to celebrate World Book Day. Our theme this year was Fairy Tales – the day started with the children spotting a giant beanstalk had grown through the school overnight, with giant's slippers and the giant himself at the top of the beanstalk! The children proceeded to write their ideas of why reading is so important on leaves that adorned the beanstalk by the end of the day. A huge well done to our homework winners who designed and made the most delicious and imaginative food for a fairy tale character. The ideas ranged from a fish cake for Puss in Boots to sticky toffee apples and apple pie for Snow White. The day was packed with fairy tale fun! A very special thank you to Mrs Taperell and Mrs Leyland for organising such a wonderful World Book Day.



### Jupiter Class Assembly

A huge congratulations to Jupiter Class for a wonderful assembly today. It was so interesting to hear about the history, geography, and purpose of hats! The children sang, recited, and delivered their assembly brilliantly. We all left the hall tapping our toes and clicking our fingers as we listened to the Mexican Hat Dance!

### The Tidy Cloakroom Award



Well done to Venus Class who have won the "Tidy Cloakroom" award for the last half term.

Our School Council Chairs presented the award to Max, on behalf of Venus class.

### Save The Morning for our Mother's Day Extravaganza!

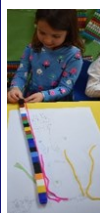
You are warmly invited to attend our Mother's Day Extravaganza on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am. This year, our Mother's Day celebrations falls on St Patrick's Day and Red Nose Day, so we have decided to have a morning filled with activities that celebrate our wonderful mothers but with a St Patrick's theme. Comfy clothes are recommended ... as are clothes that you don't mind getting a bit messy!

### 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 has had a fabulous week reading The Giant Jam Sandwich which inspired them to make their own sandwiches to ward off any wasps! This reading theme was continued on Thursday when all activities were inspired by fairy tales, from constructing towers made of spaghetti and marshmallows for Rapunzel, estimating and measuring the length of Rapunzel's hair using cubes to subtracting sweets from the gingerbread house.



### Year Two News

This week in Maths, the children have been thinking about 2d and 3d shapes and how these are made of sides, edges, corners, vertices and how some shapes are symmetrical or asymmetrical! Children have drawn their own shapes on grided paper and learned to become more adept at using a ruler. The children have been introduced to Mary Anning, the great fossil hunter in our topic work. Super discussions were had about sources and how and where we find information about people from the past. Can we trust the information we are given? The children are also looking forward to creating our own fossil imprints using air dry clay. Year 2 continue to encourage the seeds they have planted to grow – but some are misbehaving!

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Superstar Thomas B for having perfect manners and tidying away your chair at the end of lunch time.

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of 1335 House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Estrella W, Rory L, Zhibo X, Remy K, Annabelle L, Tate T, Sybil T, Meili L, Daniel P, Juliana RM, Hugo T and Max M



# World Book Day





## Work of the week

This week in Year 2, we discussed all the ways we keep healthy, from diet and exercise to mental health and sleep. We talked about needing 'motivation' to do these things. Phoebe in Venus class gave these motivational words of advice to Jigsaw Jo who didn't see the point in doing some of the following things...

Phoebe



### Healthy Me

Help Jigsaw Jo - Ages 6-7 - Piece 1

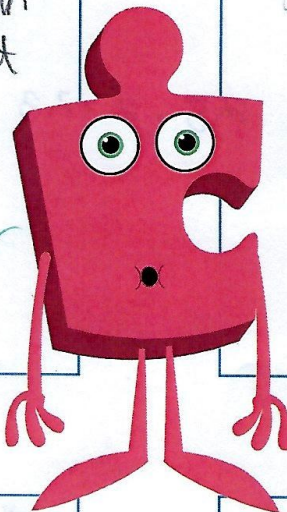
Jigsaw Jo is finding it difficult to stay healthy and is not very motivated.  
Can you think of some ways to help Jo?

Jigsaw Jo doesn't feel like going to dance practice.  
What could you suggest to help Jo?

because it is healthy and is fun and there might be new people

Jigsaw Jo doesn't want to eat the apple in the lunchbox.  
What could you suggest to help Jo?

because an apple is healthy



Jigsaw Jo doesn't want to go to bed on time.  
What could you suggest to help Jo?

because in the morning he will feel tired and if he goes to school he will be grumpy and not tired

Jigsaw Jo doesn't feel like cleaning teeth.  
What could you suggest to help Jo?

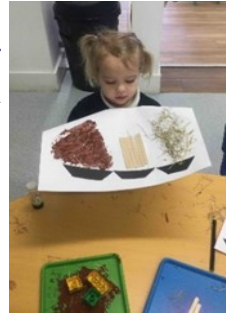
because if he doesn't clean his teeth he might have a tooth ache!

Super explanations

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News



What a fun week we have had this week in Nursery. We got to enjoy world book day on Thursday! The children looked fabulous dressed up in their costumes as did the teachers! As our focus was fairy tales for world book day this year, the books we looked at in Nursery included, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs, and The Gingerbread Man.



We helped the three bears make porridge in the kitchen this week and got to choose some delicious toppings to go on top. We helped the three little pigs build their houses in Blue room as well as outdoors with the building blocks and made maps in Green room to find our way from our houses to school, just like little red riding hood when she travelled through the woods to grandma's house. Outdoors we followed the gingerbread man story, we had to try and cross the river by building a bridge instead of jumping on Mr Foxes back. We helped Jack climb the beanstalk in Yellow room using our fine motor skills to link the beanstalk together. We all really enjoyed reading and listening to the fairy tale stories throughout the week.



And finally, the children have been really working hard at their phonics this week! Nursery made their very own listening ears



## Reception News

Once upon a time in a magical land far away, lived brave bears, perfect pigs, wild wolves, golden girls, fear-some foxes and wicked witches.

Reception were truly immersed into their World Book Day theme of Fairy tales this week. They started the week as Woodcutters from Little Red Riding Hood, making strong houses and getaway cars for the Three Little Pigs, safely using saws, hammers and nails to connect and construct.

The children have been baking with Old Mother Hubbard, making porridge and gingerbread men, weighing and measuring the various ingredients needed and used their senses and amazing adjectives to describe the different smells, tastes and textures.

Neptune and Mars class have created some stunning leaves to add to the schools beanstalk. When Jack or Mrs Grehan, or any special visitors climbs up our beanstalk (the staircase) to reach the giants (Year 2), they will be delighted to read about the marvellous reasons as to why our pupils love to read. Some of their ideas include, 'when I read I go on fun adventures', 'reading helps me to have lovely dreams', 'reading takes me to magical places', 'I feel calm when Mummy reads to me'. How delightful!

The children ended their week with a fairy tale scavenger hunt, finding ferocious frogs, wonderful wands, colourful cloaks and fabulous fairy dust. Well done on a rather spectacular week Reception, we are so proud of you all!



**The Foundation Team**





**Tuesday 7th March - Year 2 Digital Citizen Assembly**

*All Year 2 parents are welcome to attend*

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

**Wednesday 8th March - Year 2 Trip to Emily Davison Statue in Epsom**



**Friday 10th March - Mars Class Assembly**

*All Mars parents are welcome to attend*

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



**Mathletics:** Zara L for your Gold Certificate



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

Barnaby B – Learn to Swim Level 6 certificate and Certificate of attendance

Rebecca G – gymnastic medals – silver in vault and bronze in trampoline

Triston T - Playball player of the week trophy

Henry D – Star of the Day at Headstart Holiday Courses

