



## Weekly News

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been a joy to show round prospective parents this week; as you walk through our school and nursery, all notice the vibrant hum of pupils engaged in their learning and collaborative projects. From lively discussions in classrooms to the wonderful baking in the nursery kitchen, our school is alive with the joy of learning.

Excitement is building as Year 2 gear up for our annual pantomime production! Rehearsals are in full swing, with children enthusiastically embracing their roles and bringing the magic of the stage to life. Stay tuned for a full review next week - you won't want to miss this spectacular show!

### **Year One News**

In Literacy this week the children wrote some excellent pieces of persuasive writing using adjectives and alliteration. The children were persuading customers to come and visit our fabulous farm shops. 'We have excellent eggs laid by our great hens. Our cows were milked this morning and we now have marvellous milk for sale.' We have also learned what imperative (bossy) verbs are and when to use them. The children wrote instructions about making a jam sandwich and followed their instructions to make one. In Maths, the children have been learning their number bonds. In Science this week we have started learning about plants and growing. We had a lovely walk around the school grounds identifying different types of plants, looking closely at the different leaf shapes and colours. In our topic lesson, the children have continued producing a detailed map of a farm with a key.

### **Year Two News**

This week Year 2 have enjoyed starting a science experiment. They are looking to see how enamel is affected by certain liquids. Despite the offer of some human teeth from the generous-hearted Year 2 children, we decided eggshell was the closest thing we could test on. We look forward to seeing if our predictions will be correct!

History has focused on the Tudor hierarchical society. Children were riveted by the information they discovered about life for both rich and poor in this period. They had plenty of questions.

Rehearsals have stepped up a gear and it is wonderful to see the children growing in confidence with their speaking and performance skills. Face paints and costumes are waiting in the wings.... you are in for a treat!

## Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health next week, I would just like to draw your attention to Mindworks, Surrey who are a Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service. They provide a range of advice and helpline for parents who are concerned about their children. More information can be found on their website [What can I do to help my child? :: Mindworks Surrey \(mindworks-surrey.org\)](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org)

This weeks lunch time superstar is Farzan for being exceptionally helpful in assisting Mr Waite to stack the chairs away nicely. Well done Farzan!

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **841** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

### Merit Awards:

Bertie G, Daniel P, Teddy S, Leo SM, Ethan R, Benjamin W, Faith H, James M, Laksh P, Muzhi D, Luigi C M and Aaron E

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

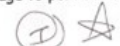
# Work of the Week

Year One have been learning about alliteration and using exciting adjectives. This is Rory's fabulous piece of persuasive writing.

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L.O: To use descriptive language to persuade.

Rory page 1



Welcome to Saturday  
farm shop. All <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~  
fresh <sup>vegetables</sup> are fresh.  
You can buy  
crunchy cabbages  
juicy mangoes  
and fruity  
pineapples. We have  
a <sup>(selection)</sup> ~~selection~~ of  
exotic <sup>(exotic)</sup> fruit.  
Such as delicious  
strawberries and  
bananas. Would you  
like to buy my  
sweet juicy juice?



Rory page 2



We <sup>also</sup> have a  
fruit section which  
is full of juicy grapes,  
delicious strawberries  
and fresh bananas.  
Please will you  
come and visit us!

This is wonderful writing  
Rory! You have used  
alliteration and adjectives  
in your description! (Shp)



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We're going on a bird hunt..... we're going to spot a big one! This week in Nursery we have been finding out all about birds. The children have been learning about the different types of birds we might find in our gardens at home and birds we might find in different countries. One of the most well know birds that the children recognised was a robin. Our outdoor garden was transformed into a special bird watching station, the children enjoyed using binoculars and the bird spotting sheets to note down what they saw. We made bird feeders in the Kitchen and hung them out on the tree to see what birds came to eat. In Blue room the children have been using different resources to create their very own birds pictures and in Green room, they made their own binoculars. In maths we have been looking at the number 5. We used our fingers to help us count to 5 and practiced number bonds, we learnt that we can add numbers together to make a larger number. In our phonics session this week for Pre-Reception children we recapped our letter sounds 's' and 'a'. The children have been practising writing the sounds they have learnt so far using the rhymes, 'the snake slithers silently' and 'the ants go marching round, up and down'.



## Reception News

We have had an exciting week here in Reception, filled with superhero adventures and important life lessons. This week, we read the book "Super Milly and the Super School Day" by Stephanie Clarkson and Gwen Millward. This story taught us that each and every one of us possesses superpowers that we can use in our daily lives. We learned that kindness is one of the most important powers we can possess. During our PSHE session, we had meaningful discussions about perseverance and determination. We discovered that challenges and mistakes can actually make us stronger learners. These lessons tied in perfectly with the themes of our book and provided valuable insights for our little superheroes in Reception. The children have engaged in super reading, super phonics, super maths and super coding! Children created their own superheroes. They enjoyed coming up with names and imagining the powers these superheroes might possess. We also channelled our artistic powers to bring our superheroes to life by making our own superhero. Our super maths skills were utilised to sort numbers in to odd and evens. This week, we introduced the children to coding using BeeBots. They swiftly navigated the BeeBots around a map, saving the day by identifying different emergencies. Along the way, our super learners even managed to read superhero words. We were amazed by their brilliant coding skills. Well done to all our Reception Superheroes this week.



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates For The Diary

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February - Parents Evening

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th - Year 2 Pantomime

*Tea & Coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30 am for Year 2 parents*

Friday 9th February - Jupiter Assembly

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Friday 9th February - Year 2 singing at Linden House

Friday 9th February– Mufti Day & PTA Disco



**Art Award:** Congratulations to **Irina B & Dawn F** who have been awarded the Art Certificate

**Mathletics:** Congratulations to **Bella W** for your Bronze Certificate



Congratulations to **Lucy S and Oliver P** for your Gold Certificates

Congratulations to **Chloe B, Estrella W and Oliver K** for your Platinum Certificates

Congratulations to **Ivan C** for your Emerald Certificate



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

**Benjamin W:** player of the week at Rugby and will be playing in the next four rugby festivals

**Ivan C:** star of the week two weeks in a row at swimming

**James C:** achieved Level 3 swimming certificate

