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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM

DATE: 19TH JANUARY 2024

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

What a cold week! Although it hasn't stopped the children's enthusiasm for learning and being outside. Early Years and Key stage 1 have been enjoying exploring the properties of ice and the magic of the 'dragon breath' that you make when you breathe out in the cold and our older years have appreciated the less muddy football surfaces! I hope that you have all managed to keep warm at home too. Please remember that support and help is available for any families experiencing financial hardship. Just pop in and ask to speak to Mrs Harwood, Mrs Ward, Mrs Thomson or myself and we will do what we can to help.

One of our core values is respect for others and in line with this, next Thursday, children in Key Stage 2 (Y3-6) will be sharing a special assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Holocaust Memorial Day is held internationally on 27th January and remembers the 6 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside more recent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. In learning about the way that Holocaust Memorial Day is marked, we help children understand how important respect for others is and how the responsibility to challenge prejudice and the language of hatred is shared by us all. Please do take a look at the [assembly resources](#).

Finally, good luck to Year 5 who are off to the O2 this afternoon to join schools from around the country as part of the Young Voices choir. We hope you enjoy this wonderful experience and look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

Thursday 1st February @4pm - Y5&6 Cross Country competition at Rydes Hill

Friday 2nd February - Closing date for the Arts Council Photography Competition (info below)

Friday 2nd February (pm) - Year 5 Christingle service at St Mary's Send. Parents welcome to join.

Thursday 8th February - After school PTFA Dressing up costume swap shop in The Den (info below)

Friday 9th February - INSET Day school will be closed for children.

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Friday 8th March - World Book Day celebrations in school

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

N Acorn - Ella
R Chestnut- Jonas & Rowan
R Conker- Noah & Bonnie
Y1 Elder - Grace & Cody
Y1 Willow- Benjamin & Sophia
Y2 Birch- Lilly & Mason
Y2 Cherry- Beau & Harrison
Y3 Elm – Oliver & Anya
Y3 Fir – Abigail & Freddie
Y4 Maple- Genevieve & Bonnie-Lou
Y4 Cedar- Aiden & Chlea
Y5 Beech- Rosie & Isla R
Y5 Pine-Felix & Rory
Y6 Oak – Tom & Aman
Y6 Sycamore -Skye & Cyrus

Values Champion:

(Given to children for demonstrating our school values)

R Chestnut - William
R Conker - Charlie
Y1 Elder - Rosie
Y1 Willow - Tocy
Y2 Birch – George
Y2 Cherry - Darcie
Y3 Elm – Savannah
Y3 Fir – Nathan
Y4 Maple - Joshua
Y4 Cedar - Noah Mc
Y5 Beech - Evie W
Y5 Pine - Lukey
Y6 Oak – Eyleen
Y6 Sycamore - Reggie

SEND'S GOT TALENT

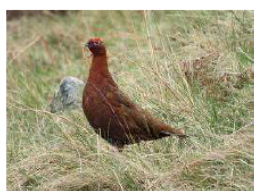
Congratulations to Genevive (Y4) who shared her dance achievements with us this week in assembly. She showed us some of the trophies and medals that she has been awarded for her ballet, jazz, tap, modern and musical theatre work. What a talented young lady you are Geneviver, well done!

Well done also to our Penathlon team who competed in an inter school competition this week and reached the bronze medal position. Congratulations to Frankie (Y3) and Ben, Indy and Rory (Y5), a fantastic achievement!



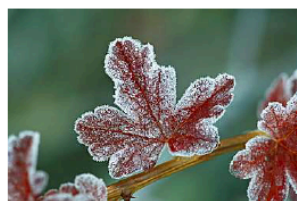
This week we are celebrating some of our staff in Send's Got Talent. This week, Mrs Andrews, Ms Blackwell and Mrs Hill attended their graduation ceremonies at Kingston University this week. Congratulations to Mrs Andrews who was awarded her Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), Mrs Blackwell who was awarded her BA Hons Early Years Teaching and Learning and Mrs Hill who was awarded her Foundation degree in Early Years.

If your child has a talent or would like to share something that they have achieved outside school by showing an award, trophy or saying a few words, please email your class teacher who will organise this with the person leading the assembly.



Send C of E Arts Council
presents...

Our World photography competition



We would like to invite all children at Send C of E Primary to participate in our photography competition. We would like the subject of your photographs to be based around the theme of 'Our World'.

Photographs will be judged by the Arts Council in the following categories: Early Years (Nursery & Reception), Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4), Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6). The winner of each category will have their photograph printed on a canvas and displayed in school.

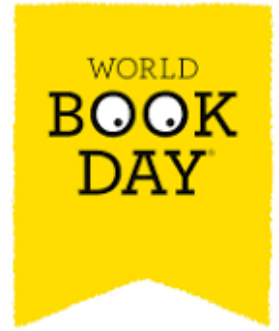


Closing date is Friday 2nd February. All entries to be sent to info@sendcofe.co.uk 'FAO Photography competition'

Good luck and get snapping!

World Book Day Celebrations

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day at school. This year's theme is **Read Your Way** and celebrates that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.



World Book Day have developed six evidence-based principles that can be implemented easily by families to support children in adopting a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure:

- Being read to regularly
- Having books at home and at school
- Having a choice in what to read
- Finding time to read
- Having trusted help to find a book
- Making reading fun!

These principles underpin everything the charity does and sit at the heart of our World Book Day celebrations in school.

We want every child to have books to read at home and at school which is why we are holding a **Book Swap Shop** this World Book Day. We are asking children to bring in a book (or books) that they no longer read for our book 'swap shop'. **These can be dropped off at the gate in the morning of Friday 8th March.** Please make sure that books are in good condition please. We will then use these to set up a 'book shop' which every child will visit during the day to pick a new book for free. Any remaining books will be used in class reading corners.

We want children to be read to and to find time to read so children will take part in lots of different book based activities throughout **Friday 8th March**, as staff and pupils share their love of all things reading.

We want to make reading fun and introduce children to lots of different books. To do this, children are invited to come to school on **Friday 8th March** dressed as a Character from a chosen book. We are keen to encourage swapping of costumes and 'free' costume ideas. There are examples of some easy costumes below and the PTFA will be running a **costume swap shop on Thursday 8th February** (see below). There will also be an opportunity during lunchtimes in the weeks before for children to create masks, headpieces and props for their homemade or free costumes.



Costume Swap Shop

In readiness for World Book Day the PTFA are holding a fancy-dress swap shop. Bring your unwanted costumes to school asap and give them to your teacher or drop them into the box in the school office.

On Thursday 8th February at pick up, visit us in The Den and choose a new one, for FREE!