



Newsletter No. 8

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.
Friday 3d March 2023



World Book Day

What a fantastic way to celebrate World Book Day - children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters making the school seem like a walking talking library! We were delighted to welcome Michael Holland, author of "I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast", and his daughter Serena to GMA. Michael led a fascinating assembly about his journey to become an author and showed us just how important plants are to our everyday life. Michael has kindly donated a signed copy of his book to our library and we look forward to welcoming him back for science workshops in the summer term. His book is available to purchase from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ate-Sunshine-Breakfast-Michael-Holland/dp/1911171186>
During the day, children shared books with each other and discussed their favourite books.

Here are some book recommendations from children in Hazel class:

Charlie and the Chocolate factory by Roald Dahl

Horrid Henry's Underpants by Francesca Simon

The 52-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Anyone But Ivy Pocket by Caleb Krisp

Bunny vs Monkey Machine Mayhem by Jamie Smarts

The World's Worst Children by David Walliams

Little People, Big Dreams – Michelle Obama by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

We became Hogwarts with so many pupils and adults dressed up as Harry Potter!



Our staff went all out with their World Book Day costumes...



... and so did our pupils!



Where does our daily food come from?

As part of learning about where our daily food comes from, Willow Class visited the school kitchen. We saw how the food was stored, prepared and the place kept clean. We even had time to see a delivery of food to the kitchen. In the boxes were vegetables, salad and meat. The kitchen staff told us where the food came from - it was local, mainly. Thank you to all in the kitchen who let us ask so many good questions.



Tomato soup!

Our new Year 4 Junior Dukes made tomato soup this week and learnt how to be safe in the kitchen. The children really enjoyed completing their cookery unit. A big thank you to our wonderful kitchen ladies, Mrs Nielli and Mrs Power, who supported this activity.



Languages

In Acorn Class, the children showed an interest in finding out why some people speak different languages. We got out the large atlas and looked at where England is and then we looked at lots of other European countries on the map. We talked about the languages spoken in those countries. The children were interested to know how we could get there. After discussing why we couldn't walk to Spain, we thought about all the other forms of transport we could use to get there and how we might get over (or under) the sea.



Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Casey	for her focus and concentration when writing the digits 1 to 10 and for listening carefully to feedback and making corrections. She was a very proud peacock!
Oak	Oscar	for a consistent positive attitude and excitement for learning.
Elm	Alice	for her confidence when reading and her ability to talk about what she has read.
Beech	Harper	for getting down to tasks quickly resulting in her completing tasks in the allocated time.
Maple	Poppy	for her fantastic effort and enthusiasm during geography and English lessons this week.
Willow	Eddie	for telling me he was 'proud' of his work and that 'it's my best!'
Chestnut Sycamore	Blake Noah	had some excellent ideas in English. for his effort in, and engagement with, his phonics lessons.
Hazel	Sophie	for her brilliant contributions to lessons and growing confidence in her mathematics.
Birch	Florence	for her helpfulness in class. She is always happy to take responsibility for jobs and help both adults and pupils with tasks.



Other awards to mention

Pen licences have been awarded to Lottie, Elodie and Ivy from Hazel Class

Elizabeth from Sycamore Class - Muddy Monsters 2nd place - certificate and medal

Tidy Ted

Beech Clash for neatly stacking their chairs and keeping a tidy classroom.