



Newsletter No. 10

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 17th March 2023



Science Week

Science Carousel

Tuesday was a day full of science. From Year 1 to 4, our children were put into mixed age groups. Each group found their way around four classrooms to learn about an aspect of science. Building bridges, making moon dials, experimenting with skittles and learning about fingerprints made an exciting day of learning!



States of Matter

In science, Year 4 have started our new topic all about the states of matter. We started off this unit of work investigating liquids and solids. We had great fun looking at the properties of each material and considering if it was liquid or solid. The class were able to understand that sand is made up of lots of solid particles and that some materials can change from one state to another.



Rube Goldberg

Willow class know that a Rube Goldberg machine is designed to perform a simple task in a very complicated way. Science week was the opportunity to try out our knowledge of forces and change using a variety of resources. We had to move a ball of paper carrying a message from one end of the table to the other, triggering off a succession of events until the final one. We had a lot of fun and some very interesting results.



Happy Mother's Day

This week we celebrated Mother's Day for our wonderful mothers and carers by having breakfast with them. Thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for supplying a lovely breakfast!



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

We will be taking part in Sustrans big walk and wheel initiative next week. Please see below for further information.



Junior Duke

Our Junior Dukes – Year 4 have been busy learning a story as part of their drama unit. They then retold their story to an Early Years class using expression, voices and actions. The children also decided to make props as well. Their stories have included Monsters Love Underpants, Gruffalo and Crow in the Snow. Well done Dukes!



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



The 2023 challenge

It's more important now than ever to travel actively. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge will run from **20-31 March 2023**.

Comic Relief

There was lots of red around today as we wore red clothes to raise money for Comic Relief. Thank you for your voluntary contributions.



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.

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| Ash | Reggie | for his concentration and focus during phonics and for trying really hard with his handwriting when writing words and sentences. |
| Oak | Evie | for her increased confidence and participation in phonics lessons. |
| Elm | Lily | for her fantastic yoga in PE lessons. |
| Beech | Emily | for reducing the size of her letters when writing and for using great past tense verbs in her Pinocchio story. |
| Maple | Agnes | for always being ready to learn and treating others with compassion and respect. |
| Willow | Amy | for her improved neat handwriting in English this week. |
| Chestnut | James | for his improved effort and contribution to English lessons, particularly his writing and the brilliant vocabulary that he is using. |
| Sycamore | Kimberley | for the pride she shows in the presentation of all her work. |
| Hazel | Leo | for his increased participation in class discussions, particularly in maths and his bravery in using the value of honesty. |
| Birch | Oscar | for his excellent writing explaining how a Hoover worked. |



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Chestnut Class for stacking their chairs and keeping the desks tidy.

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Gabriella from Sycamore Class - Certificate of Merit for Numberworks