



Newsletter No. 2

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

Friday 28th April 2023



Investigating Plants

Year 1 are continuing their science work on plants by investigating different kinds of seeds. We have set up a test to see whether cress seeds grow better on wet kitchen roll or in soil. What do you think?



Penguins

In geography this week, we have been finding out about Antarctica and emperor penguins. Imagine standing for 2 months on the freezing ice keeping an egg balanced on your feet! Mark Jenkins' story "The Emperor's Egg" taught us some fascinating facts about penguins. You can listen to the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQHaPPNr6zc>



A Broad Bean Seed

Willow Class have been learning how to dissect a broad bean seed. We discovered the plant parts which will eventually grow, the food source that keeps the seed healthy and nourished, and discussed the early stages of germination. It was really fascinating to look so closely at something so small.



Reading Corner

Reading books with children for just 10 minutes per day has a massive impact on their wellbeing and outcomes. Here's how many words children would have heard by the time they were five years old if....

Never read to: 4662 words

1-2 times per week: 63,570 words

3-5 times per week: 169,520 words

Daily: 296,000 words

Here are this week's book recommendations
Reception/ Year 1



Author: Clare Foges Illustrator: Al Murphy
Bathtime gets boisterous when no-one's at home: flannels, toothbrushes, loofahs and even the power shower boogie the day away to DJ shampoo's groovy beat! A cracking comical story for young children, for whom bathtime will never be the same again...

Year 2:



Squishy McFluff, The Invisible Cat: On With The Show!
Author: Pip Jones Illustrator: Ella Okstad
A funny and engaging rhyming story with colourful illustrations about Ava, her invisible cat and what happens when the circus comes to town.

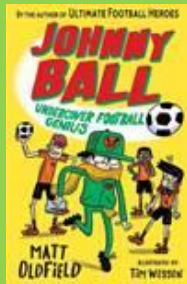
Year 3:



The Tindims of Rubbish Island
Author: Sally Gardner Illustrator: Lydia Corry
Combining eccentric characters, short chapters and lively illustrations, this delightful new series from a talented mother-daughter team is ideal for confident, independent readers

Reading Corner continued.....

Year 4:



Johnny Ball: Undercover Football Genius

Author: Matt Oldfield Illustrator: Tim Wesson

A wise, witty and very funny illustrated story of the youngest football coach ever and his race to finish at the top of the league.

PGL

It was great to see our Year 4 children heading off to Lincolnshire for their residential trip this week. Wednesday morning see very excited children boarding their coach. News from PGL is that they are having a brilliant time and we will share more from PGL with you next week.



Coronation Picnic

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. This will include a special assembly in the morning and activities throughout the day for the children. The children should come into school on the day dressed in red, white and blue, or as a royal. We will also be having a Coronation Party picnic, hopefully on the field, as a whole school.

We realise that this is very late notice, and may not be possible for you, but the children will all be having their lunch on our school field between 12 and 1 on the day and we would love for any parents or carers who are interested in joining us to do so. We know that many of you will be unable to attend but you are welcome to send another adult such as a grandparent in, to eat with your child.

If you would like to join us, please come to the field in time to set out your picnic blanket ready for the children to come onto the field in classes at 12pm. Any spare blankets would be appreciated! When you arrive, we will indicate where your child's class will be sitting.

If your child usually attends Acorn Class at the start of the week, they are welcome to attend the picnic on the Friday but you will need to bring them in at 12pm and they will be under your supervision until you take them home at 1pm.

Although we hope for nice and sunny weather, if it's raining, we'll have to accommodate the children in school for their picnic and there won't be room for any additional adults to join them.

The options for food can be found at the following [link](#). Please can you all fill this in by Tuesday morning (2nd May), whether you are providing food for your child or whether you would like us to do so? We don't want any children to go without food on the day!

As part of our Coronation party, we will also be having a crown parade. Your child can design and make a crown to bring in with them on the day. The child with the best homemade crown in each year group will be declared the winner, as will the best parent or carer's crown

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	Oscar	for his concentration and effort during phonics sessions and his increased confidence in writing words and sentences in phonics.
Oak	Luke	for a fantastic improvement and effort in his writing and taking part in phonics!
Beech	Oscar	for his confidence and clarity when explaining his moving picture story of the Billy Goats Gruff to a child in Reception.
Elm	Tugrahan	for settling in well in Elm Class and making lots of friends.
Willow	Finley	for his developing mature attitude to getting his work done in class and not being distracted. Well done!
Maple	Harmony	for always taking care when writing to punctuate her sentences correctly.
Chestnut Sycamore	Rose Dylan	for working well in a group on space. for his inexhaustible enthusiasm for all aspects of his learning.
Hazel	Caleb	for his fantastic attitude in maths when dividing a two-digit number by ten.
Birch	Ella	for her beautifully presented explanation text, including all the key features and fantastic expanded noun phrases.



Other awards to mention

Tidy Ted

Birch Class for keeping the classroom tidy with neatly stacked chairs.

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Amber from Chestnut Class received a bronze medal that she won in her gymnastics club. She achieved 3rd out of 22 in her category!

Elijah from Beech Class received his Level 2 Swimming