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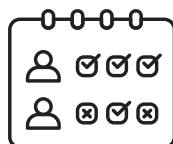
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Deputy Headteacher's Message: Mrs Parrott

Our assembly focus this week has been imagination, we thought about how imagination helps us to: solve problems, be creative, invent new things and tell stories. It was lovely to see how the children used their imaginations to create such wonderful World Book Day costumes. In addition to our theme of imagination, we had a visit from RAFT- Retrofit Action for Tomorrow Cleo introduced our pupils to the important link between school buildings and climate change. Following the assembly, Cleo and the RAFT team worked closely with our dedicated Eco Warrior group in a face-to-face workshop. This hands-on session gave our pupils the opportunity to explore their own school building in greater detail. It has been lovely to see the weather improve this week, the children have been enjoying break and lunch times in the sun!

Poppy Appeal

We were delighted to hear from the Royal British Legion thanking us for raising an impressive **£369** during our Poppy Appeal in the Autumn term, thank you to everyone who bought merchandise to support this very worthy charity.



Class Attendance

The class with this week's highest attendance is:

Raccoons & Geckos



Bears Class
93.3%



Emus Class
97.3%



Raccoons Class
99.3%



Penguins Class
97.2%



Elephants Class
95%



Yaks Class
97.5%



Geckos Class
99.3%



Roadrunners Class
93.7%



Macaws Class
95.3%



Hummingbirds Class
97.3%

Stars of the Week

Reception

JJ Beckwith-Pilgrim
Laszlo Szasz

Key Stage One

Oscar Pasonage
Nashel Mbiza
Dylan Mclees
Sukhvir Kaur

Lower Key Stage Two

Elsie-Mae Needham
Rose Saedi
Ayomiposi Omoniyi

Upper Key Stage Two

Milita Girdeikaite





World Book Day



Pupils and staff at Manor Drive Primary Academy, part of the Four Cs Trust, had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day with a range of exciting activities designed to promote a love of reading.

Throughout the day, children took part in book swaps, giving them the opportunity to share stories they love and discover new books to enjoy. Pupils also engaged enthusiastically in reading quizzes and completed the popular Favourite Book Hunt, searching for clues and titles hidden around the school.

To encourage reading for pleasure, children were invited to keep a book on their table throughout the day and take part in regular "Drop and Read" sessions. At different points during the day, everyone paused to enjoy some quiet reading time, helping to create a calm and focused atmosphere across the school.

Both staff and pupils also shared their favourite storybooks, sparking conversations about beloved characters, exciting adventures, and memorable authors. It was wonderful to see so many recommendations being exchanged.

World Book Day wouldn't be complete without some fantastic costumes! Children and staff came dressed as their favourite story characters, bringing books to life across the academy. There were many creative outfits on display, with prizes awarded for the best costumes.

Pupils also demonstrated their artistic talents by taking part in a competition to design and draw their favourite book cover. The entries were imaginative and colourful, showing just how much our children value the stories they read.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Mason, our Reading Lead, who organised such a wonderful event. Her efforts helped create a day full of excitement, creativity and, most importantly, a celebration of reading for pleasure.

World Book Day at Manor Drive Primary Academy was a great success and a wonderful reminder of how books can inspire imagination, curiosity and a lifelong love of reading.



From the sales at the book fair this week we have raised **£809.10** in rewards that we can spend as a school! We can't wait to spend this on books for everyone to enjoy!

A special thank you goes to Miss Mason for her organisation of the book fair and all the wonderful World Book Day activities.

Dates for your Diary

School Events

Reception and KS1 Disco
Wednesday 11th March
3.45 - 4.45pm
KS2 Disco
Thursday 12th March
3.45 - 4.45pm

Yaks Class Assembly
Thursday 12th March
2.30 - 3.00pm

Parents - by invitation only

Year 3 & 4 Educational Visit
Birmingham Think Tank
Friday 20th March
Children to arrive at
school for 8.00am,
return to school at 5.00pm

Geckos Class Assembly
Thursday 26th March
2.30 - 3.00pm
Parents - by invitation only

Term Dates

End of Spring Term
Friday 27th March

Summer One Term

Training Day
Monday 13th April
(no school)

School Opens
Tuesday 14 April

Bank Holiday
(no school)
Monday 4th May

Half Term Break
25th May - 29th May



Enriching Curriculum

Nursery Team

In Nursery our topic this week is the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs. We have been learning about the characters and the main events of the story. We recalled the refrains from the story it has been wonderful listening to our expressive storytelling language - lots of huffing and puffing, squealing and giggling little pig sounds! Pink playdough has been moulded, rolled, pinched and sculpted into pig faces and pig body shapes. Spring time has arrived at last, and we have been discussing the signs of Spring in our environment and the changes happening around us as bright coloured daffodils pop up and buds and spring blossom appear in the hedgerows on the way to school. We have begun to investigate the structure of plants and flowers and how flowers grow from seeds and bulbs. Our maths focus has continued with 2D shapes and we have explored how shapes can be combined to design our own shape creations exhibiting some great problem-solving!

Reception Team

Reception have continued to learn about animals this week, focusing on different animals we would find on a farm. We have been learning the animals names, how farmers look after them and different crops that can be grown on the farm. Outside, we have really enjoyed using chalk to draw round others, write our names and practise writing phonics sounds we've learnt. In the creative area, we have been using our cutting, sticking and painting skills to make farm animals on paper plates. On Friday, we all celebrated World Book Day! It was lovely to see lots of us dressed up in our costumes and sharing our favourite books.

Key Stage One Team

This week in Key Stage One, we have continued to enjoy our focus books in writing. Year One have been creating posters for how to look after the Earth and Year Two have been creating vlogs about things we have done within a landscape. Our yoga skills have been developed in indoor PE and in geography we have been exploring the hottest/coldest part of the world. Continuing to explore the importance of money in PSHRE and in computing we have been learning how to sort and categorise data.

Lower Key Stage Two Team

In writing, Year Four stepped into the role of bakers and made delicious coconut buns. Carefully measuring, mixing, adding, and stirring the ingredients, following each step of the recipe. The best part was, of course, tasting our freshly baked treats once they came out of the oven! In maths, Year Four continued applying the distributive law to calculate the multiplication of one-digit numbers by two-digit numbers. In writing, Year Three explored similes and metaphors inspired by our class book Cinderella of the Nile. In addition to this, we have been developing our understanding of addition by bridging through 10 and subtracting small numbers. We conducted an exciting investigation to determine which surface was best for a car to slide on. We explored the concept of forces, carefully considering resistance and how it affects movement.

Upper Key Stage Two Team

Upper Key Stage Two have had a fantastic and busy week of learning! In computing lessons, we were excited to begin working with computer databases for the very first time. We explored how information can be organised, searched and sorted efficiently. In maths, we have been applying our strong understanding of multiplication and division to solve a range of reasoning problems. We have been using bar models confidently to represent calculations and tackle multi-step challenges. In science, we launched our new topic, Earth and Space, by learning about the planets in our solar system. In addition to this, we enjoyed discovering fascinating facts about each planet and comparing their sizes and positions.



Well done to Miss Howley one of our fantastic Nursery Assistants, who has recently achieved her Level 3 qualification.