

Hello/Buna Ziua

Dear Parents and Carers

What an exciting week we have had. It was delightful to see the enthusiasm for **World Book Day** across all the schools. The children brought in some fantastic texts for us to share and **Mrs Rachael Hyem** and **Mr Christopher Squires** [our resident English Leads] did a stonking job organising the events across the day. We even had **Year 2 children** visiting the **Junior School** to read with **Year 6 children** and **Year 5 children** met up with **Year 1 children** in the **Infant School** and **Reception children** welcomed the **Year 4 children** into their classrooms. Thank you to everyone who could make it into the classrooms to support the children with bookmarks. How exciting! Look out for pictures of our new displays coming soon!

The **Next Page Book** sale was a roaring success and despite the long queues and your amazing patience we raised over £100 through commission to purchase some new books for the children to read in school. Again how exciting!

We have a few weeks left to the school term, and will be using this opportunity to assess the children on the progress they have made so far since September. **Next week**, our **Year 6 children** will participate in mock SAT papers and we will support them as we would later in May. Please reassure your child that this is a practice and we will all learn from any mistakes that are made so that next time we all feel better prepared.

Next week, we are inviting all the children to come to school in **non school uniform** and donate to **Comic Relief** on **Friday 15th March**. The School Councillors have also suggested that children participate in a **class joke** and **design a red nose** competition. Entry forms are available in the Junior classrooms, the infant children will use their Ready to Learn time in class. These will be judged separately across each year group for a small prize. To enter the joke competition the charge is 20p and 50p for designing a new red nose. All proceeds will be sent to Comic Relief. Thank you in advance for your support.

The **PATHS Team** have organised an **Easter Fete** for the children to be involved in with a goody bag, exciting activities in each hall, an entry to a the raffle and an Easter egg. Please book your child's ticket on **ParentPay**. If you have any suitable **raffle prizes** for both adults and children we would be very appreciative.

We hope that you will be able to book an appointment for the **Parents Consultations** on **School Cloud** from Monday 11th March and come into the school halls as we did before Christmas. Due to the short week they will be held across both schools on **Monday 25th** and **Wednesday 27th March**. We look forward to sharing with you the children's books and their next steps. Please look out for the **Parent Consultation Targets** coming out soon via email.

The **Reception children** will be showing off their talents in our **Easter Concert** on **Tuesday 26th March** at **9.15am** in the **Infant School** Hall. There is space for 2 adults per child but we cannot accommodate buggies and prams for health and safety reasons.

Don't forget in the **Infant School** that we have our traditional **Easter Bonnet Parade** on the last day of term at **2.15pm**. All children are invited to create a bonnet at home and we will show them off at the end of the school day on **Thursday 28th March** on the front playground. Apologies for the time change, we have decided this would be a great opportunity for the children to sing 2 of our songs we have been learning, so the parade will be first and then 2 songs afterwards.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes / Cele mai bune urări

Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Preschool

This week **preschool** children thought about our Mums and what they do for us and made some lovely pictures and cards also using and exploring real daffodils for some inspiration! We planted sunflower seeds and would love some tapestry updates of how they are growing at home! Next week we will continue 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' from this weeks PE linking to naming our body parts and thinking about how to keep our body healthy.

Reception

This week **Class 1 and 2** have enjoyed learning about a range of famous U.K landmarks e.g. Big Ben, The Tower of London, The Shard, The Angel of the North, Buckingham Palace, River Thames, White Cliffs of Dover and Stonehenge. In maths we have been thinking about the composition of 7 and using interlocking cubes to show number bonds and our Literacy learning has focused on writing captions using our Stage 2 and 4 phonic knowledge. Next week we will be comparing Huntingdon to London and thinking about the similarities and differences between them. We are also going to be thinking about a range of animals including tame and wild ones.

Year 1

This week **Class 3 and Class 4** had enjoyed World Book Day by sharing their favourite books and making bookmarks. In science we identified and named a variety of animals including fish and amphibians. In English we used adjectives to describe Gerald's appearance from 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. **Next week**, in maths we will be measuring weight and capacity in non-standard units.

Year 2

This week **Class 5 and 6** wrote a character description about Traction Man. We hope you will be impressed with it when you read it at parents evening. In maths we subtracted 2-digit numbers and recorded our working out on an empty number line. We learnt about Scotland in geography, including how children celebrate Saint Andrew. **Next week**, in English we begin 'The Pea and the Princess' also by Mini Grey. We will continue with subtraction of 2-digit numbers. Have a look at Subtracting two-digit numbers - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize.

Year 3

This week **Beech** and **Chestnut** children started our new book 'And Tango Makes Three', which has a beautiful message about family diversity. In maths, we learnt about regrouping the ones column when the sum is ten or more. This can be a tricky concept, but the children are really picking it up and next week we will move onto regrouping in the tens column. It was lovely to see all the parents making bookmarks with the children. World Book Day was great fun and everyone enjoyed the activities that were planned. **Next week**, we will be creating and testing our pneumatic mechanisms, so we kindly ask for more boxes for those who haven't brought any and for emergency spares.

Year 4

This week in **Holly** and **Willow** Classes were delighted to see parents coming to help make bookmarks. In English, we explored Roald Dahl's writing style, learning about portmanteaus and borrowing some of his techniques to start stories. In maths, we learnt the expanded multiplication method securing our understanding of multiplying multiples of 10 and 100. We designed our own vehicles in DT and now need recyclable resources to make these. **Next week**, we will write our stories about how Mr Wonka rescues the Oompa-Loompas and applying our times table facts when dividing.

Year 5

This week **Oak** and **Ash** Classes have started to look at decimals in maths and will link it to our prior knowledge on fractions next week. In English, we finished writing a story from Kensuke's point of view and have started to look at types of letters and how they vary. The children went swimming on Wednesday and behaved well at the pool, with some children showing increased confidence and aiming high. World Book day was a lot of fun, and we enjoyed making origami book marks and sharing books with Y1 in the Infant School. DT involved making bridges out of spaghetti. A great week for all.

Year 6

This week **Pine** and **Sycamore** classes worked hard as the countdown to SATs is now on! We built on our familiarity with SATs reading questions, developing our confidence answering inference questions from texts. In maths, we flew through our work on calculating angles on a straight line, around a point and opposite angles in a shape. The children continue to work hard in arithmetic lessons, and we are seeing real progress in their attainment. In English, we enjoyed writing setting descriptions based on a Victorian Circus – the children created some beautiful atmospheres through figurative language. **Next week** we will complete SAT mock papers.

Dates for the Diary / Date per il diario

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| Comic Relief/ Sports Aid | All Schools | Friday 15th March | All children can wear non uniform [no football strips or bare midriffs please] and bring a red nose for a donation of £1. The School council are inviting children to share a joke [for 20p donation] and/or create a red nose of their own [50p donation]- jokes and nose designs will be entered into a competition for a prize. |
| Reception Trip to Trinity Free Church | Reception Classes | Wednesday 20th March | The children in class 1 and 2 will visit the Trinity Free Church in Hartford as part of their RE work. |
| Burwell Parents Meeting | Year 4 | Wednesday 20th March | We look forward to sharing key information about the Burwell Trip scheduled for after Easter at 6.00pm in the school Hall. |
| GenR8 Assembly | Junior School | Tuesday 26th March | The KS2 children welcome back GenR8 into school to celebrate Easter |
| Parents' Evening | All Schools | Monday 25th & Wednesday 27th March | These will be in person in the school halls – PLEASE BOOK ONLINE VIA SCHOOLCLOUD |
| Reception Easter Concert | Infant School | Tuesday 26th March | All parents are invited to join in with class 1 and class 2 Easter concert from 9.15am in the school hall. |
| PATHS Easter Fete | Infant School | Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March | The Infant School children will engage with the Easter Fete over the 2 mornings. For a ticket please pay £5 via ParentPay. |
| PATHS Easter Fete | Junior School | Thursday 28th March | The Junior School children will engage with the Easter Fete across the school day. For a ticket please pay £5 via ParentPay. |
| Easter Bonnet Parade | Infant School | Thursday 28th March | Our traditional Easter Bonnet Parade will take place at 2.15pm on the last day of term, we look forward to seeing the children's creations. Do come and join us on the front playground . |
| End of Spring Term | All Schools | Thursday 28th March | School will be closed on Friday 29th March and reopen on Tuesday 16th April |
| Burwell Trip | Year 4 | Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April | The Year 4 children will be engaging with a wealth of exciting activities on this residential trip |
| Mosque Trip | Year 2 | Friday 24th May | Year 2 children will be visiting a mosque in Cambridge as part of their RE work. |
| Treehouse Club | All Schools | Friday 19th July | Our After School Club will not be open on this day due to staff training. |

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