

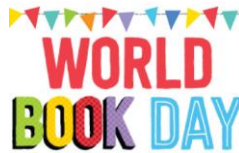
Newsletter



Mrs R. Mander - Headteacher

10th March 2023

World Book Day We had a fantastic time last Thursday when we celebrated World Book Day. Here are photographs of everyone having such an enjoyable time! Well done everyone!



Pupils in Nursery studied 'The Gingerbread Man' throughout the week leading up to World Book Day. They enjoyed watching a live performance of 'The Gingerbread Man' and were a super audience!



Reception pupils also enjoyed watching the live performance of 'The Gingerbread Man'. All children looked amazing in their costumes. Pictured below is Georgie, who is in Reception, dressed as the witch from 'Room on a Broom'.



Year 1 pupils had a special visit from 'Tom the Tale Teller'. Tom shared some fantastic stories with the children, using his suitcase of props and his story stick. The children and staff loved listening to Tom's stories and enjoyed sharing some of their stories with him.

Here is Orla dressed as Cruella DeVile, Jake dressed as Harry Potter and Ivie dressed as Neila from Space Band, who are all from Year 1.



Forthcoming Dates:



**Week beginning
13th March 2023 –
Menu week 1.**

17th March - Comic Relief Day – Children to wear an item of red or their Red Nose to school in exchange for a monetary donation (suggested amount £1)
22nd March – Peak Venture Meeting – 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Parents of pupils in Year 5*)
24th March – PTFA Easter Bingo Event
27th March – Please bring in decorated eggs into school for the PTFA competition.
W/B 27th March - Parent/Teacher Consultations **Nursery to Year 5 only (Excluding Year 2)** (*After School Appointments - Face to Face meetings.*)
30th March - **Nursery to Year 5 (Excluding Year 2)** Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm (*Face to Face meetings.*)

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

Bad Weather

I would like to apologise for the disruption caused by the terrible weather yesterday and today, which was far worse than forecast. I would like to thank parents for your understanding and co-operation, especially regarding the short notice given on Thursday morning.

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Year Two celebrated World Book Day in style! The children looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite storybook characters. We saw princesses, Harry Potters, Mary Poppins, super hero characters and many more! Year 2 based their week on the story of Greta and the Giants using Greta Thunberg as our environmental inspiration. They compared the setting of the forest and the city, researched information about Greta and some children even did some Japanese forest bathing! All children had a fantastic time!



Here is Leighton dressed as Willy Wonka and Brody dressed as Fantastic Mr Fox, both from Year 2.

Children in Year 3 shared the book 'Mother Earth is Weeping' by Claire Donald. Children produced contrasting poems about 'Our beautiful Planet' and 'Our Damaged Planet'. The children had great fun taking part in an active reading lesson, solving clues and racing to find letters to unscramble, around the school grounds. The children also produced beautiful artwork to illustrate the poetry work completed throughout the day. Finally, the children played a 'snakes and ladders' style game with a strong environmental message.

Year 4 studied the book 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. In the story, a small boy named Billy goes into the forest and is chased by a terrible creature. Billy climbs a tall tree to escape and meets tiny little creatures called Minpins who live in the trees. Year 4 children created their own Minpins from dolly pegs – they are pictured here.



Pictured here are Oliver as Willy Wonka, Grayson as The Funniest Book of Jokes Ever and Grace as Peter Rabbit, all from Year 3



Year 5 pupils also explored the book 'Mother Earth is Weeping' by Claire Donald. They discussed the environmental issues that face the world at present and ways in which we can help the environment; pupils each made a pledge to Mother Earth to help protect the environment. The children wrote poems about aspects of the Earth that are being affected by Climate Change and created artwork inspired by artwork in the book. Here is Michael, from Year 5, dressed as Mr Twit.



Year 6 started the day listening to an online poetry tutorial by Joseph Coelho, who was elected the UK's Children's Laureate in 2022. With his help, Year 6 wrote a World Book Day inspired poem. Following this, Year 6 focussed on the issue of littering, identified the most littered items in the UK and discussed the impact of littering on the environment. The children then analysed the features of the poem 'One Broken Planet'. They used the same features to create their own poem entitled 'One Littered Planet'. Photographed above is Harry's costume, inspired by Tom Fletcher's 'Christmasaurus'.



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Sporting Success!

I am proud to announce that our Year 5 and Year 6 Boys' and Girls' Sportshall Athletics team made a triumphant return to the sporting arena on 3rd November at Staffordshire University Academy. They were crowned winners of the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership competition with a superb all-round team performance in the various running, jumping and throwing events. The same athletes can now look forward to taking part in the Staffordshire County Competition at Fenton Manor Leisure Centre, Stoke-on-Trent on 18th April.



The team were as follows: **Back Row (left to right)** : Mason Gray, Brodie O'Grady, Jack Harris, Zach Hodgetts, Dylan Wilkes, Emelia Florey, Evie Kelsall, Olivia Adams, Ava Saunders Maisie Maguire. **Front Row (left to right)** : Leo Hayes, Ethan Phillips, Isabelle Smith, Jessica Askey, Poppy Roberts, Erin Houlston, Corban Maunder, Jacob Hubbard. Excellent performance everyone!

Our Year 3 and Year 4 Boys' and Girls' Sportshall Athletics team also made a long-awaited return to the sporting arena on 10th November at Staffordshire University Academy. They finished in second position in the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership competition with an excellent all-round team performance in the various running, jumping and throwing events. The team were as follows: **Back Row (left to right)**: Evie Postings, Leah Powers, Mia-Lily Duckhouse, Huw Wright, Alex Houlston, Charlie Knott, Ethan Gittings, Harry Steward, Eadie Fern.



Front Row (left to right): Logan Kelly, Joel Lesniak, Jack Smith, Bella Holland, Esme Exal-Ashe, Sharnee Thomas, Joe Tuck, Isla Adams and Esmae Horvarth. Well done everyone. An excellent performance!

I am also pleased to report that our Year KS2 cross-country teams took part in the Cannock and Rugeley School Sport Partnership competition at Staffordshire University Academy on 28th February. From the trial races at Five Ways, a team of 4 girls and a team of 4 boys were selected from each year group. Mr Redpath wrote, 'Excellent support from parents, a testing course, and squalid weather conditions saw all our individual runners from all our teams give their absolute best in terms of competitive attitude and effort. Special mention to Huw Wright who won the Year 3 boys' race, and Erin Houlston who won the Year 5 girls' race.' Well done to everyone who took part – you were amazing!

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Comic Relief Day

On 17th March, Five Ways will be taking part in Comic Relief day. We will be supporting the work of the charity on this day by asking pupils to wear their red noses during break times or to wear an item of red clothing, e.g. a pair of socks, a red jumper or a red hair band in exchange for a monetary donation. (Suggested amount £1.) Pupils will also learn about the good causes of the charity during assembly on this day. Thank you in advance for all donations received.



Five Ways Lottery

Tickets can be bought by following the link:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school

Well done to last week's winner!



PTFA News!

Easter Bingo – 24th March and Easter Egg Hunt – 31st March – Details of these events have been finalised and information will be sent home next week. Secure your tickets quickly for the Bingo event because they sell out fast!

Egg Decorating Competition – Please see the posters due to be displayed around school; information will be sent home next week. Entry fee £1 payable via the PTFA's new online payment system. Please bring your eggs to school on Monday 27th March ready for judging! Good luck everyone!



Next PTFA Meeting – This will be held on Tuesday 18th April at 7.15pm in the KS1 staffroom. Everyone is welcome; we hope to see you there!

Book Fair – Postponed!

Regretfully, we have made the decision to postpone the book fair. Due to the poor weather conditions, the book fair was unable to be delivered. Once a new date is arranged, everyone will be invited to come along and browse the books. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

*(Please be aware that KS2 Choir will **NOT** take place after school on Tuesday 14th March, as previously communicated.)*



Nursery Application: Deadline 24th March 2023

This is an important reminder that applications for your child's Nursery place ready for September 2023, need to be submitted by **24th March**. Application forms for the Nursery cohort due to start in **September 2023**, are available to access on our school website via the 'Information for Parents' tab, or alternatively by following this link: <https://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Nursery%20Application%20Form%202023-24.pdf>



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