



Newsletter

FEBRUARY '16

- 27 PFA Film Night
- 29 Tour for Prospective Nursery Parents

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- 2 Reception trip to London Wetlands Centre
Y1 trip to Kingston Museum
- 3 Class Photographs
- 4 World Book Day
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- 11 KS1 evening production
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Tour for Prospective Nursery Parents
- 15 Y6 trip to Natural History Museum
- 16 Tour for Prospective Nursery Parents
2.30 – 7.30pm Parent/teacher interviews
(School closes at 2.15pm)
- 18 Closing date for Nursery September 2016 admission
Nursery trip to Natural History Museum
- 21 2.30 – 7.30pm Parent/teacher interviews
(School closes at 2.15pm)
- 24 Easter Service in St Luke's Church
School closes for spring break at 2pm
Easter Egg hunt at 2pm

APRIL '16

- 11 School opens for the Summer Term
- 18 Clubs restart this week
- 27 Nursery trip to Wisley Gardens
- 28 PFA Meeting at 8pm

MAY '16

- 2 May Bank Holiday
- 5 Year 5SD trip to National Portrait Gallery
- 6 Year 5ET trip to National Portrait Gallery
- 9-12 KS2 SATs Tests
- 20 Year 5SD trip to The British Museum
Bags2School
- 23 Year 5ET trip to The British Museum
- 26 Parent Council Meeting at 8pm
- 27 School closes for half term

YEAR 3&4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 11th February, a Year 3&4 boys' football team competed in a Borough tournament at Chessington Community College.

The boys played outstanding football throughout and were unbeaten until the final game. Half way through the game, they were 2-1 up and looked set to win the tournament outright. Unfortunately, they were unable to retain their lead but still finished a very commendable second overall.

Well done boys, you were terrific and your football was a joy to watch.



WORLD THINKING DAY

Monday was World Thinking Day, a day of showing appreciation and thanks among the many members of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. To celebrate, St Luke's children who are members of Rainbows and Brownies came to school dressed in their special uniforms. Some of the boys who are in Beavers and Cubs also joined in support.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Since launching the improved website at the beginning of the year, we have increased the amount of curriculum information available for parents, particularly on the year group pages. If you have visited these pages you will know that as well as the termly topic flow charts, there are also updates for each year group, with a brief summary of recent activities and any news and reminders about forthcoming activities.

In addition, we are going to add year group learning highlights to the weekly newsletter, which will keep you updated about learning happening across the school. Year groups will produce these fortnightly so next week you will get an update on years R, 2, 4 & 6.

LEARNING IN NURSERY

We have been busily exploring some new resources this week in Nursery. The first resource was a fantastic new woodwork bench that was funded by the school PFA. The children have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of the bench and tools, so were so excited when they found out that it has finally arrived! We began the week by learning about how to use the tools and bench safely, focusing on using the saws. The children learned how to use the safety goggles, the clamp and the saws. We used the saw to cut across the wood. Once the children had their slice of wood, they were able to decorate it however they liked and take it home. The children showed a great awareness for safety and listened attentively to the woodwork rules!



The second new resource is our mud kitchen in the garden. After a hesitant start and a worry about getting their hands dirty, the children delved in and relished the chance to make some mud pies, mud silly-soup and even a mud volcano! Within the mud kitchen, the children use pots, pans, baking trays, spatulas and spoons to explore the mud. We are in desperate need of more resources for the mud kitchen so if you do have any old kitchen equipment at home, please do think of us.



We have also begun planting seeds this week to coincide with our growing topic, so far we have planted sunflower, tomato and sweet pea seeds.

REMINDERS

Please can we remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used by parents in the morning for drop-off and the afternoon at pick up.

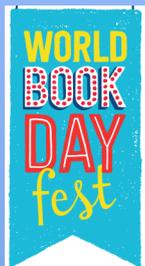
CLASS PHOTOS

Our school photographers (Vancols) are in next Thursday (3rd March) to take class photographs. Your children do of course always look splendid in their uniform, but you may wish to ensure that they look especially neat and tidy next Thursday!

PFA EVENTS

The second film (Big Hero 6) night is on tomorrow, Saturday 27th February with the doors opening at 4.30pm.

There is also a Book Bring & Buy to celebrate World Book Day on Saturday 5th March, 3-5pm in the Music Room. If you have any good quality second hand books to donate please bring them to the PFA shed from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th March or on the day.



WORLD BOOK DAY

A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 4th March and children have the option to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would also like everyone to bring in their favourite 'read', for instance a comic, an annual, or even a recipe book to share or present to the class.

WELL DONE TO ...

- Amelie (Year 3) who won a silver and gold medal at a recent gymnastics tournament.
- Isabella (Year 4) who earned three 'Yeti' badges for her skiing ability during half term.



Hot School Lunches

week beginning 29 Feb 2016

Follow WEEK 2 of the
Spring menu

LEARNING IN YEAR 1

During Science this week, Year 1 investigated all sorts of building materials and tried to find out which are the strongest and most rigid. We looked at some photographs of different buildings and talked to our partner about them. Here are some of our comments :-

"The Gherkin is made of glass and metal."

"The house is made of clay and the roof is made of straw."

"Wood is natural and concrete is man made."

We have also been working really hard in Numeracy extending our knowledge of place value and also tackling some word problems together.

Our preparations for 'Avast, Ahoy' are going very well. The children were able to sing a wonderful version of 'Rolling in the Deep' today as they had all learned the words over half term. Thank you for all your support.



LEARNING IN YEAR 3

What a great week back after our half term break! We got stuck in straight away learning new skills in hockey and handball. Look at the fantastic action shot to see how much fun we had! We have started our new science topic looking at forces and how they affect objects. In literacy we have started a very exciting new topic researching the exhibitions at the Harry Potter Studio. Over the last few days in maths we have been multiplying by 10 and 100 and are beginning to divide by 10 as well.



We are starting a new approach to dictation using words from the Year 3-4 spelling list. Please look at your child's dictation book and encourage them to learn the three highlighted spellings. They will be tested by their partner the following week. Some lucky random children will be tested by the teacher! It is very important that the dictation books are back in school by Wednesday morning. Also a quick reminder; please ensure that homework books are returned to school every Thursday!

LEARNING IN YEAR 5ET

Welcome back to this very short, very busy half term. Our topic is 'Tales from Afar' but it was poetry which was at the forefront of everyone's mind as the week began. After a vocal warm up and voice projection tips, the children recited the poems that they had chosen to learn off by heart over half term. If they were apprehensive to start with, it didn't show; the performances were extremely entertaining and now we have a host of budding poets eager to learn more.



We continue to make friends with fractions as we get to grips with simplifying, making equivalents and turning improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. Everyone has made progress which is fantastic news. In order to tackle our other mathematical focus, we enlisted the help of Farmer Tom to set up a pigsty in the hall made of straws, so that we could work on finding its area.

The children are already showing great interest in the Islamic golden age and in Literacy they have listened and responded to 'The Pearl Diver,' a book about the pearl diving industry in Bahrain in the 1950s. Having assessed the dangers involved, most of the children have decided to take up a less risky career option.

To top off a week of new experiences, we all dipped our toes into the world of 'Bollywood' by following a dance routine in a slightly haphazard but very enthusiastic way. Ask the children to show you their moves!

LEARNING IN YEAR 5SD

Inspired by Hokusai's paintings of Mt Fuji, we designed our own pictures which we printed from tiles we had made. We were very pleased with the bright, colourful finished prints.

On Wednesday we had our first cricket skills lesson of the year. We are already developing a good bowling technique, although we still sometimes have to duck when a ball goes wide!

This week we have begun to learn about the Golden Age of Islam. We compared life in a British village in 900AD with life in Baghdad. We thought the way of life looked much more advanced in Baghdad. We have started reading stories from 'The Arabian Nights' and like The Sultan, would have kept Sheherazade alive.

We hope you like the pictures of our Slug Family. Not only are slug diagrams fun to draw but, did you notice, they also help us work out prime numbers. In maths we have also been practising multiplication strategies, including drawing factor trees and becoming faster at times tables.



ATTENDANCE & SUCCESS

We set high standards for attendance and punctuality. Our target for attendance is 97%+. Good attendance is strongly linked to pupil achievement.

What time should my child be in class by each day?

The gates are open from 8.30am to allow children to start coming into school. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 come into school and wait by the side entrance to the school building whilst children in Reception and Year 1 and 2 line up on the lower playground. The children go into class at 8.45am. Children arriving after this time at the office will be marked as late.

	Attendance	Punctuality*	
Reception (Deer)	96.5%		10
Reception (Owls)	94.3%		2
Year 1	97.7%	😊	0
Year 2	98.3%	😊	18
Year 3	94.8%		0

	Attendance	Punctuality*	
Year 4	96.3%		16
Year 5SD	96.3%		2
Year 5ET	99.3%	😊	21
Year 6	97.9%	😊	0

* This is defined as the total number of minutes lateness of children within the class. Minutes of lateness = lost learning.

Whole School Attendance for this week is 96.8%

Whole School Attendance to date is 97.0%



SUPERSTARS

Here are our Superstars from Monday, 22nd February – well done!

