



Newsletter 22

8th March 2024

Dear Parents

We hope you all enjoyed World Book Day ~ it was lovely to see the children dressed up in a variety of different costumes. I hope you all had a chance to visit our Book Fair; a huge 'Thank you' to Miss Applegarth for organising. Our STEM focus week takes place from Monday and I know the children will have a great week. Remember our open afternoon will take place from 2:45pm on Friday 15th March.

Well done to everyone with attendance this week ~ we hit our target of 96%!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AWARD

Our target is to be at **96%** attendance throughout the year.

This week	96.3%
Week beg 26 th February	94.9%
Best week to date	Week beginning 09 October ~ 98.65%



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 4th March:

CLASS	RED <95%	AMBER 95%	GREEN 96+%
HERON			98%
FOX	94.7%		
BADGER		95.9%	
ROBIN			96.6%
KINGFISHER		95.3%	
HEDGEHOG			97.3%
WOODPECKER			100%
RABBIT	91.4%		
OWL			97%
SQUIRREL			96.4%

Well done to **Woodpecker Class** who had the highest attendance this week.

HOURS OF LEARNING LOST

This week: 8 March	267 minutes = 4 hours and 27 Minutes
Last week: 26 February	372 minutes = 6 hours and 12 Minutes



GOLDEN BOOK

This week the following children shared their learning with me:

<i>Sofia</i>	<i>Hedgehog Class</i>	
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ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We like to celebrate the achievements and awards of our children outside of school too! If your child has earned an award in an event, please send in a copy of the certificate and we can mention them in our weekly newsletters.

This week we celebrated the success of:

Pupil	Class	Achievement
<i>Ernie</i>	<i>Woodpecker</i>	<i>3x Badges in Squirrels (Scouts) ~ Be Active, Let's Celebrate & Musician</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Squirrel</i>	<i>Watford Gymnastics ~ Level 2 Preschool Award</i>
<i>Anousha</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>Dolphina Gymnastics ~ Level 6</i>
<i>Miraj</i>	<i>Badger</i>	<i>Learn to Swim ~ Stage 5</i>

40 THINGS BINGO!

This half term's challenge is to achieve a FULL [HORIZONTAL LINE](#).

Well done to the following:

Pupil	Class
<i>Zakariya</i>	<i>Kingfisher</i>

Deadline for achieving a vertical line is Thursday 28th March.

THE BIG WALK AND WHEEL 2024

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **11-22 March 2024**. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels.

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE AND GOVERNOR DAY

Governor Day was a success: Children were seen to be happy, confident, enthusiastic, learning well and oracy in practice was seen. Behaviour was excellent during lessons, lunchtime and playtimes. Governors met with teachers during lessons and at break times.

Following on from Governor Day, the Full Governing Board met. During the meeting we covered the following:

- The School Business Manager's report was received alongside the government's School Financial Value Standard; a working party was set up to refine the budget which is being set at the end of March.
- The termly Personnel and HR update including provision for SEN children in school.
- Wellbeing of teachers and students, especially in recognition of the recent wellbeing week. Wellbeing is in line with our aims as one of our priorities in our School Development Plan.
- Details of attendance figures
- Safeguarding, GDPR and new safeguarding checklist protocols have been rolled out for lettings companies/individuals.

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- Travel to school including pupil safety, parking restrictions and local residents' views. We accepted that at drop off and pick up times the volume of cars will always be difficult to manage but park and stride keeps being recommended.
- X as a communication platform; school are looking at other alternatives.
- Language day was a success, it was lovely to hear children speaking and saying poems in different languages and will continue in forthcoming years.
- The school's risks were considered and we are currently considering any new risks to support reviewing and updating the risk register.
- Governors' future meetings, skills and future training were planned.

SPRING TERM REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

Our Early Years Classes:

Parent consultations are coming up on either Wednesday 20th March or Thursday 21st March; booking will be open next week ~ please ensure you book an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. The children will be bringing home their books on Monday 18th March for you to have a look through prior to the meeting.

Our KS1 Classes:

Our annual written report will be sent to parents on Monday 25th March. Please have a read through, especially at the next steps indicated by the teacher to support with development over the summer term. Should you wish to share feedback about your report please complete and return the feedback form to your child's class teacher by Thursday 28th March 2024.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

This month we are focussing on the country of Croatia. Please see attached a knowledge organiser to support discussion at home.

CLUBS

A reminder that there are still some places available at our after school clubs and some clubs are taking bookings for the summer term. Please look here for more information: [After School Clubs](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY

We've had a great week celebrating World Book Day and all things reading! Each year group took part in various author / illustrator live webinars, including read-alongs, Q&A sessions and illustrator demonstrations. On World Book Day itself, we celebrated our favourite books and stories - the children went to a special assembly, dressed up in their fantastic character costumes - year group photographs were taken which should appear in the Watford Observer on 15th March! We also had a visit from one of our school governors who met with the English Lead and undertook a literacy learning walk around the school to see what goes on in English lessons, look at books and discuss how we monitor attainment and progress across the school. Our school book fair was very successful - thank you to everybody that visited and purchased a book. It was lovely to see so many children wanting to read for pleasure; any profits will be used to buy new books for the library or replenish books from our reading scheme. And finally, every child in school was given a world book token to redeem a free book from a choice of texts at participating retailers for World Book Day Tokens. Click here to find out where you can redeem your token: [Participating Retailers](#)

STEM FOCUS WEEK REMINDER ~ 11-15th March

Next week we are holding our STEM Focus Week, based on the text 'The Tale of a Toothbrush' by M.G. Leonard. This week's learning will be linked to the curriculum areas of: English, Maths, Science, Computing and Design Technology. Don't forget:

Thursday 14th March – Dress up Day (whole school)

- To raise awareness of recycling and sustainable living, we are inviting the children to make their own **accessory to wear with, and enhance their school uniform**...all items must be made from **RUBBISH** e.g.

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belt	hair clip	glasses
bracelet	brooch	tie
necklace	badge	shoe enhancement
hat	waistcoat	sash

- **Friday 15th March: Sharing our learning with you** - Parents are invited in to their child's classroom on Friday 15th March at 2:45pm to share their STEM Focus Week learning.
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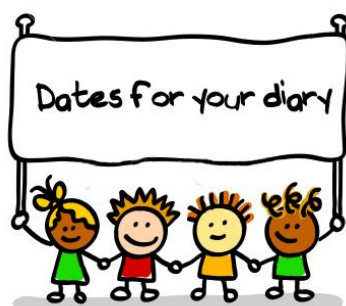
THIS WEEK'S FLYERS:

1. Herts Balance and Ride Course
2. Croatia Knowledge Organiser
3. BeeZee Families Programme
4. BeeZee Sweet Swap

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Charlotte Cooper
Headteacher



Spring term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Wk Beg 11 th Mar	STEM Focus Week		
Tue 12 th Mar	World Maths Day		
Fri 15 th Mar	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Tue 19 th Mar	World Poetry Day		
Wed 20 th Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Thu 21 st Mar	EYFS Parent Consultation	Virtual	Appointments
Fri 22 nd Mar	Fox Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 25 th Mar	KS1 Annual Report Home to Parents		
Tue 26 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	Year 1 Spring Extravaganza	Hall	9:15am
Wed 27 th Mar	End of term for Nursery pupils		
Thu 28 th Mar	Spring Term ends 1:15pm		

Summer term 2024

Date	What's Happening?	Where?	Time?
Fri 19 th April	Earth Day / Litter Pick		
Fri 26 th April	Robin Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 26 th April	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Fri 26 th April	International Dance Day		
Mon 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY ~ SCHOOL CLOSED		
Fri 10 th May	Owl Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 10 th May	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Fri 10 th May	Pyjamarama Day ~ come dresses in your PJs		
Wk beg 13 th May	Well-being week		
Mon 13 th May	Y1 Singing Festival	Nascot Wood School	Afternoon
Thu 16 th May	CLASS PHOTOS		
Fri 17 th May	LEARNING OUTDOOR DAY		
Fri 17 th May	Heron Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 17 th May	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Wk beg 20 th May	Walk to School Week		
Mon 20 th May	HERITAGE DAY		
Wed 22 nd May	Reception Workshops	St Luke's	Morning
Fri 24 th May	Learning together morning	Classrooms	9am
Wk beg 27 th May	HALF TERM		
Tue 4 th June	Reception and KS1 school trip – details to follow		
Wed 5 th June	Environment Day		
Fri 14 th June	Woodpecker Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 14 th June	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Wk beg 17 th June	Creative Focus Week		
Thu 20 th June	CLEAN AIR DAY		
Fri 21 st June	World Music Day		
Fri 21 st June	Open Afternoon	Classrooms	2:45pm
Fri 28 th June	Kingfisher Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 28 th June	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Wed 3 rd July	New to Reception Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am
Thu 4 th July	New to Nursery Parents Meeting	Hall	9:15am
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day ~ joint event with the Junior School Followed by the CSA Summer Fair		
Mon 8 th July	EYFS Annual Report to Parents		
Wed 10 th July	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Thu 11 th July	Transition Day 1	Classrooms	N/A
Thu 11 th July	KS1 parent consultation	Virtual	3.30-6pm
Fri 12 th July	Rabbit Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Fri 12 th July	Coffee Morning	Oak Room	9am onwards
Fri 12 th July	Y2 Leavers Disco (Year 2 only)	Hall	4:30-6:30pm
Mon 15 th July	Squirrel Sharing Assembly	Hall	9am
Mon 15 th July	Squirrel Coffee Morning	Oak Room	From 9am
Mon 15 th July	Transition Day 2	Classrooms	N/A
Tue 16 th July	Y2 Performance	School Hall	9:15am
Wed 17 th July	Y2 Performance	School Hall	9:15am
Thu 18 th July	End of term for Nursery pupils ~ usual time		
Fri 19 th July	Summer Term ends 1:15pm		

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SPRING 2024

Wednesday 27 th March	Nursery end of Spring Term ~ usual time
Thursday 28 March	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2024

Monday 15 April	Summer term starts
Mon 27 May – 31 May	Half term
Thursday 18 th July	Nursery end of summer term ~ usual time
Friday 19 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils



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AUTUMN 2024

Monday 2 September	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 September	Autumn term starts
Mon 28 Oct – Fri 1 Nov	Half term
Friday 29 November	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Friday 20 December	Autumn term ends 1:15pm

SPRING 2025

Monday 6 January	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 January	Spring term starts
Mon 17 Feb – Fri 21 Feb	Half term
Friday 4 April	Spring term ends 1:15pm

SUMMER 2025

Tuesday 22 April	Summer term starts
Mon 26 May – 30 May	Half term
Friday 18 July	End of summer term 1:15pm
Monday 21 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 July	INSET ~ School closed to pupils
Wednesday 23 July	Occasional Day ~ School closed to pupils