

Friday 8th February 2019



Nursery

The children in Nursery made bread this week. They enjoyed investigating how the dough rose when the yeast was added to it. They especially enjoyed eating the bread afterwards!



Reception

Reception had their last Stay and Play of the half term today. It's a great opportunity for parents to see what their children have been learning at school. If you are coming to Stay and Play, please make sure that you sign in and sign out before you go.



Year 1

As part of their topic for this half term, toys, Year 1 have been making their own puppets. They designed them, chose the materials and then cut out the shape.



Year 2

In science, Year 2 have been learning about different materials. The children then used these different materials to make catapults.



Year 3

In English, Year 3 are learning how to write instructions. As preparation for this, they built a Lego structure in teams by giving and following instructions.



Year 4

Year 4 had No Pens Day on Thursday. As part of the day, the children built bridges to test the strength of different materials.



Year 5

Following on from creating their papier mache bird sculptures last week, Year 5 decorated their birds using a variety of materials.



Year 6

This week the Year 6 prefects have been busy preparing an assembly next week to present to the other children around the value of the month: curiosity.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are on February 26th from 3.40 until 7.00pm and on February 27th from 3.40pm to 5.30pm. Sign-up sheets will be available from Wednesday next week. If you are unable to sign up at pick up or drop off, please email parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk by Tuesday for an appointment. Please include your child's full name and class in any email.



Year 5 Unicorn Theatre Trip

5 Eclipse went to see Icarus at the Unicorn Theatre yesterday. 5 Universe will be going next week. The children had an amazing time. A huge thank you to the DSA (and by extension everyone in the school community) who completely funded this trip. By doing this, it ensures that all children will have been to the theatre at least once before leaving primary school.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week we have been marking Children's Mental Health Week. Helen delivered assemblies to all the children talking about how we can 'fill up our buckets'. The principle is that everyone has an invisible bucket that holds all your good thoughts and feelings about yourself. The children talked about how they can fill their buckets and those of the people around them. We also had a coffee morning for parents to talk about how to be a bucket-filler. Thank you to all of you who donated to raise money for the Ealing Schools Counselling Partnership for the non-uniform day - Year 3 will have their day next week.

Illness and Injury

If your child has sustained an injury that means they are on crutches or unable to go out to play, please can you ensure that Mrs Robinson and your child's class teacher are informed before your child goes to class. Please be aware that if your child is in school they are expected to participate in all lessons including PE and swimming and to go outside at break time. If children come in and say that they are not allowed to do PE, swimming or go outside, we will request medical evidence to support this.

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Year 5 Citizenship Awards

The first ten children from Year 5 who attended the Michael Flanders Centre for adults with dementia were awarded certificates for citizenship in assembly. The people at the centre really enjoy spending time with the children participating in baking and arts and crafts activities. A new group of children is now going every Friday afternoon.

Attendance

Attendance at school is crucial. We expect attendance of a minimum of 96% across the year and our target with the local authority is 97%. Well done to 4 Maple and 4 Pine who have the best attendance in school this week at an incredible 99.1%! As a school our attendance this year is 97.5% currently beating our target from the local authority.

Dolphins - 89.6%	Shark - 97.7%	Turtle - 95.9%
Ruby - 91.4%	Sapphire - 92.4%	Diamond - 98.1%
Opal - 96.2%	Jet - 95.8%	Emerald - 96.7%
Birch - 94.2%	Oak - 88.1%	Willow - 97.4%
Pine - 99.1%	Maple - 99.1%	Holly - 93.8%
Universe - 96.8%	Eclipse - 96.2%	
Jupiter - 96.7%	Mercury - 93%	Saturn - 97.9%



Chinese New Year

Acton Library are holding an event on Saturday to celebrate Chinese New Year. It is a chance to learn about Chinese culture through storytelling, dance and music. The event is free and starts at 2.30pm.



Dates for your diary

February

- 12th - 6 Mercury computing with KGS
- 12th - Year 2 Gunnersbury trips
- 15th - Year 5 Unicorn Theatre Trip
- 18th - 22nd - Half Term
- 26th - Back to School
- 26th - Parents evening 3.40 - 7.00pm
- 27th - Parents evening 3.40 - 5.30pm

March

- 4th - Book Week
- 7th - World Book Day
- 14th - Parent Forum
- 15th - Red Nose Day
- 18th - Science Week
- 26th - Year 6 trip to British Museum
- 29th - Year 6 trip to British Museum

April

- 5th - End of term. School closes 2pm
- 23rd - Back to School