

Friday 8th March 2019

Book Week

It has been very exciting at Derwentwater this week as we have been celebrating Book Week to coincide with World Book Day.



Teachers started off the week by decorating their doors to their classroom. The teachers chose a variety of books including the Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, Holes by Louis Sacha and a platform 6 ¾ inspired by platform 9 ¾ from the Harry Potter novels.



On Tuesday, classes swapped with different year groups to hear each other read. Reception were paired with Year 6, Year 1 with Year 4, Year 2 with Year 5, Year 3 with Year 6 and Nursery with the librarians.



Thursday was the dress up day for World Book Day. Children (and adults) had some amazing costumes covering a range of characters from across fiction.



The culmination of the week though was a performance of The Enormous Turnip in the Lower Hall for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You may recognise the actors...

A huge thanks must go to Ms Papior and Mrs Kirby who organised the week's festivities.



The DSA Community Corner

The DSA are running a second hand uniform sale 15:15 next Wednesday (13th March). Please leave any donations under the table by the school office from Monday. There will also be a cake sale, please buy or bake cakes (labelling ingredients) for Year 1 parents to sell and drop them off in the entrance hall on Wednesday morning.



People Who Help Us

Nursery are learning all about people who help us. This week they had a visit from one of the parents who is a doctor. He came in to tell the children all about his important job. Thank you to Dr Mirza for giving up your time to talk to the children.

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 6 Saturn who have the best attendance in school this week at an amazing 100%! Every child was in school every day this week - what an achievement!

Dolphins - 95.7%	Shark - 88.7%	Turtle - 96.8%
Ruby - 99.1%	Sapphire - 93.3%	Diamond - 94.8 %
Opal - 95.2%	Jet - 93.5%	Emerald - 91.5%
Birch - 93.8%	Oak - 99%	Willow - 95.2%
Pine - 95.2%	Maple - 95.7%	Holly - 97.6%
Universe - 97.4%	Eclipse - 94.4%	
Jupiter - 97%	Mercury - 98.5%	Saturn - 100%



e-safety: Roblox

This week our e-safety focus is Roblox. You will find a guide to Roblox attached to the newsletter. If your child is using it to play games, please be aware that they have access to chat rooms in which anyone can talk to them if your child has accepted a friend request. Additionally, it is easy to make in-app purchases on this site and, unfortunately, we have had instances where parents have ended up with bills running in to hundreds of pounds because their children have bought game credits on their accounts.

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Red Nose Day

Next Friday, 15th March, is Red Nose Day. Children can come dressed in something red or their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1.

School Meals

Please make sure that you keep your child's account in credit. If bills are not paid, the debt is passed from Harrisons to the school. With the current pressures on our budgets, we are unable to subsidise the non-payments. If you are struggling to pay, please see someone in the office or Mrs Hingley who may be able to help you.

Outstanding payments

Similarly, there are lots of outstanding payments on our School Money system from some parents. Please could you check to see if you are in debt and clear it as soon as possible. Again, if there may be a problem in clearing it, please come and speak to Mrs Hingley or someone in the office who may be able to help you.

SMSAs

We are currently recruiting for SMSAs. If you are interested in a position, please check your emails for further details of how to apply.



London Lido Challenge 2019

The amazing Ms Collinson along with some of our parents and friends, has created a challenge to raise money for the Nile Swimmers charity. This charity provides training programmes in Sudan and other low and middle income countries to help keep people safe around water. Each month she will be swimming at various outdoor swimming pools around London. The third challenge is this Sunday from 2pm until 5pm at the Oasis Sports Centre in Central London. For more information, look up London Lido Challenge on Facebook. Alternatively, if you wish to sponsor them at <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/london-lido-challenge-Nile-Swimmers> They have already raised an amazing £830!



Dates for your diary

March

10th - London Lido Challenge

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