



As we come to the end of a super term we would like to wish you a Happy Easter. We hope you have a good break and look forward to seeing you all in April, ready for the Summer term!

BOOK WEEK

What an exciting Book Week 2016!

The children began the week participating in drama activities based on a chosen book with the Perform drama group. They were able to explore the characters and setting through role play and movement as well as enjoy the chosen story as a source of enjoyment. Years 1 and 2 also visited the Boyn Grove Library in order to learn about the library service, how libraries are organised and their many uses. We were all amazed at the number of books we could borrow and enjoyed taking part in some fact finding missions. Hopefully, many children will continue to visit the library for researching school topics and choosing books to read for pleasure.



The week ended with our fabulous Book Character Day. It was fantastic to see so many awesome costumes and the children thoroughly enjoyed the assembly based on the various book characters.

Finally, we have to say a huge well done to those of you who completed the book week challenge. The children have made some fabulous collages, drawings and boxes that are currently displayed in the school for all to see and enjoy.

Miss Grierson

DANCE FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 10th February classes 1ME and 1NS participated in the Dance Festival 2016 at The Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead. Many parents/carers came to watch the festival and all were very impressed with our dances. It was a very enjoyable day and the children behaved impeccably. Mrs Evans and Miss Stallibrass would like to thank the children in 1ME and 1NS for their outstanding efforts, not only during the day itself but also in the weeks leading up to it when they rehearsed and practised and persevered!



Well done children!

Mrs Evans

CAKE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who joined in with Sport Relief on Friday 18th March.



There was a sea of red in assembly and the cake sale was a huge success. There were so many cakes donated and many were homemade and looked delicious. The children obviously had a wonderful time baking at home and we really do appreciate their efforts.

Altogether we have raised a tremendous **£454.82**.

Mrs Evans

Dropping Off and Picking Up.

Please be aware that it is school policy that you see your children into their classrooms at the start of the school day. Please wait with your child(ren) either in the playground or in the cloakroom before seeing them into their classroom when the teacher opens the door.

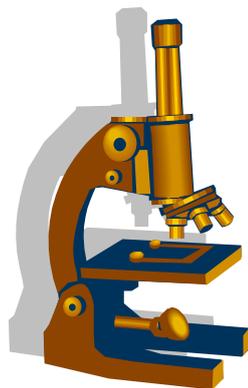
At the end of the day please collect your child(ren) from outside their classroom door. The teacher will give your child to you. They will only give your child to you or someone you have told us is picking up your child.

If someone tries to pick up your child and we have not been informed by you then we will NOT let them go. We will phone you to confirm.

SCIENCE

Year 2 children enjoyed a fabulous day out at the Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We spent the morning exploring all the different science based areas in the Discovery Centre. It was very interesting to see science at work and to get involved in all the 'hands-on' activities. After lunch we went for a long walk in the woods before playing in the play area. We were quite lucky with the weather as the rain held off for our afternoon activities. All in all it was a very successful and enjoyable day trip. Many thanks again to all our adult helpers.

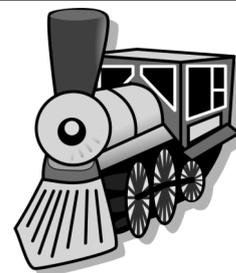
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HISTORY

During this History unit Year 2 have been delving into the life of an historic figure and learning about the life and achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel along with some of Maidenhead's significant past. The children were involved in building their own bridges, in teams, out of just masking tape and newspaper and discovering which designs were the strongest and safest. A visitor from the Maidenhead Heritage Centre talked to them about Brunel and his achievements, which they placed onto a time line, and the children enjoyed being able to handle pieces of train track and different bricks which had been brought in. To conclude the children were asked to design some (rather fabulous) cars for the future and present them to the rest of the class.

Mrs Palmer



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Following on from their Brunel history topic, Year 2 children recently worked as engineers, designing and building vehicles. We saw some impressive lorries, fire-engines and racing cars made with different axels. Some of these will soon be displayed in the gallery on the school website, so please take a look. Meanwhile, this is Technology Week in Year 1 and the children are busy designing their ideal house. They have shown great imagination and included many details in their plans, so the finished properties should be very successful.

Mrs Clark



Onesie Day

We had an exciting day when we all came to school dressed in our onesies or pyjamas. The day was planned to raise awareness for juvenile type 1 diabetes. The money raised went to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) who are trying to find a cure for this life changing disease as numbers seem to be increasing. As a school, we were able to raise £368 which was fantastic. Thank you for all your support.

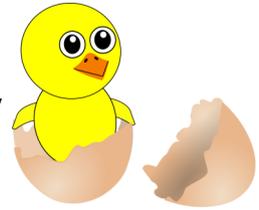
Miss Grierson



Chicks!!

We have been very lucky to have the Living Eggs programme back in school recently. We had the eggs delivered in an incubator and the children were amazed to observe 8 of them hatch within a few days. A little later the children were given the opportunity to hold a chick which both the chicks and the children enjoyed immensely! The chicks have now been rehomed and we look forward to being updated on their progress as they grow and change.

Mrs Day



GEOGRAPHY

This term Year 1 enjoyed learning about hot and cold climates and finding them on a map of the world. They also learnt why different animals prefer to live in different climates and where these are. Next term the whole school will take part in our Alwyn Around the World Week. The children will help set up their classrooms to represent different countries and then travel to visit some of them, getting a stamp in their Alwyn passport as they go. Reception will learn about England, USA, Egypt and France. Year 1 will visit Canada, India, Wales and Japan and Year 2 will travel to Australia, South Africa, Greece and Italy. If you have any information, pictures or artefacts from these countries you would like to share with us that week please speak to your class teacher.

Mrs Barnes



Little Alwyn Request.....

After Easter Reception will be planting in their sensory garden. Any donations of plants, seeds, bulbs or compost would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Harris



SWIMMING

Year 2 will start swimming straight after the Easter break on Wednesday 13th April.



Unfortunately we are no longer able to take Year 1 swimming.

As the Year 1 children are so young it has been necessary for additional members of staff to accompany them to ensure their safety, especially as there are other schools and members of the public, there at the same time.

In the past, Year 2 teaching assistants have accompanied the Year 1 children when they go swimming. Unfortunately the new Year 2 Curriculum is more challenging than the old one and we cannot allow the Year 2 teaching assistants to be away from Year 2 lessons.

Fire Fighters in Year 1

The children in Year One welcomed five fire fighters and their fire engine on Tuesday 15th March during a special week entitled 'People who Help Us'. Children learned about fire safety, what to say if they ever needed to ring for a fire engine and the all important words; Stop, Drop, Roll!



Children were allowed to sit in the fire engine and were amazed at how loud the sirens were from inside the cab. They were also allowed to use the hose and squirt water at three cones. The cones were pretend fire and many children used such force the cones fell over which meant they would have put the fire out! We have some future fire fighters in Year One.

Mrs Evans

GARDENING CLUB

Now that the weather is improving we are starting to sow seeds ready to grow vegetables in our garden. The tomatoes and leeks are underway and we're getting ready to sow runner beans. In the Autumn we made seed packets of sunflower seeds and we've just taken them home to sow during the holiday.

We always like to take time to enjoy our garden, so we finished off the term with an Easter Egg hunt, and shared the eggs to take home. **Mrs Lewis**



Term ends on Thursday 24th March at 2.55 p.m.

Children come back to school on Monday 11th April.

We all hope you have an enjoyable, restful and sunny Easter holiday!

