



OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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Messages and reminders

Welcome back to the second part of our spring term. What a busy and exciting week we have had!

On Monday, Year 1 watched a **virtual show** from the stage where Matilda takes place. Famous authors spoke about their ideas and the writing process. MC Grammar presented the show and the children really enjoyed it.

On Tuesday, it was **St David's Day** so the children learnt a little bit about Wales and some of the traditions linked with this day.



It was also **Shrove Tuesday** (Pancake Day), a special day in the Christian calendar as it is the preparation for Easter and the start of Lent. The children took part in an assembly where they learnt about different traditions in the four countries of the United Kingdom and some of them took part in a pancake race with the teachers.



It was fantastic seeing the children in school on Thursday wearing their book character costumes for **World Book Day**. We had a huge range of different ones; Harry Potter, Cinderella, Charlie and Willy Wonka, Matilda ... the list was endless. Thank you for supporting the children with finding the book and costume.

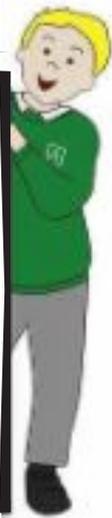


It was great to hear about the books and characters as it encourages other children to read them. The staff also enjoyed the day and the opportunity to share some of their favourite books, stories and poems.

The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Look and listen
- Be careful and kind
- Always do your best



To listen to the official World Book Day Song, 'Reading is Amazing' click this link:

https://youtu.be/u4LO_Nnod-M



In the song MC Grammar references over 30 popular children's books. Challenge your crew to spot and name them all. Oh, and RAP ALONG of course.

Message from the PTA



Back by popular demand, to celebrate World Book Day, the PTA have organised a **Book Blitz** this weekend (Saturday 5th and Sunday 6 March). The map is now live for the Book Blitz and trail this weekend, so why not go for a nice stroll and pick up a book or two along the way?

<https://www.alwyncourthousepta.com/bookblitz>

Donut Day is starting Friday 11th March, where we will be selling donuts, drinks and other tasty treats. So why not pop by for a Friday treat? We'll be in Courthouse playground after school and will then be back on the first Friday of every month.

Half Term Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the challenge.

Here is a selection of some of your hard work.

The models and shoe boxes ...

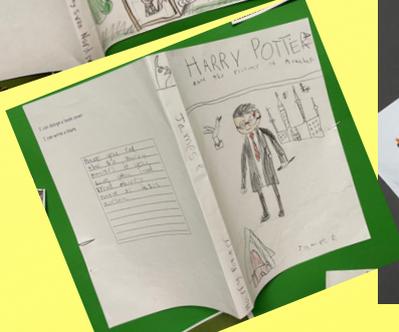
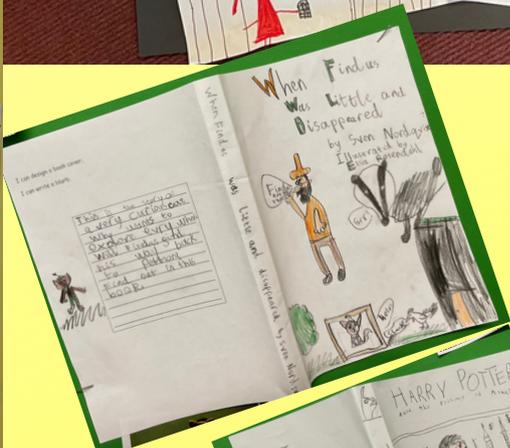
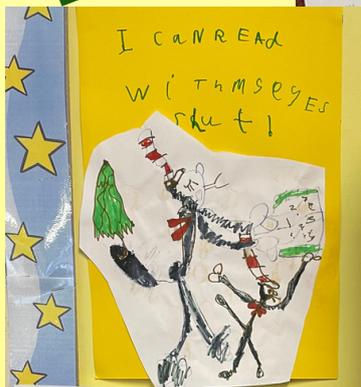
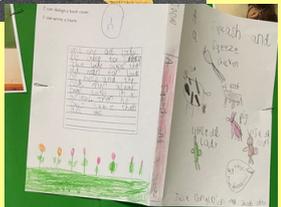
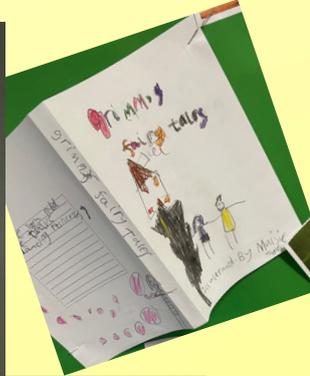
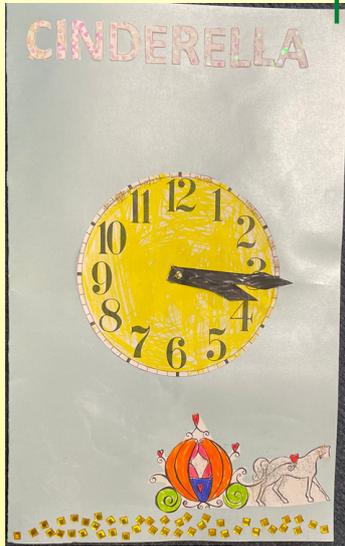


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The cookery, collages and book covers ...



Healthy Sleep for Children

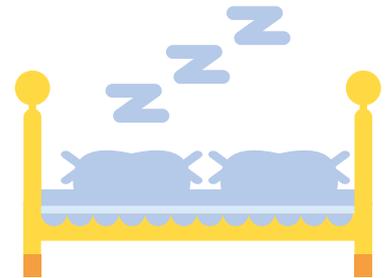
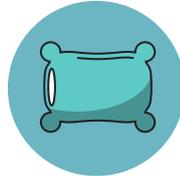
We are running a free 'Sleep workshop for parents'

Monday 7th March 2022 From 9:15-10:15am

At Alwyn Infant School

Delivered by Jane McFadyen, Senior Educational Psychologist
and Ellie Newbery, Trainee Educational Psychologist

The session will include information and tips about healthy sleep routines and good 'sleep hygiene' for children. We plan to follow up with a further 'problem solving' workshop where you are invited to drop in and have an informal discussion with us. This will be held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 9:15-10:15am.



All welcome!

If you know you would like to attend then please email senco@alwyn.org.uk so we know roughly how many parents to plan for.

This session is part of a series of workshops delivered with the Educational Psychology Service. Other dates to look out for:

Monday 4th April 2022 09:15-10:15am - Supporting children with eating

Monday 9th May 2022 09:15-10:15am - Healthy routines for children

More information on these sessions to follow.

Messages from the Year Groups

RECEPTION LEARNING THIS WEEK

- Ask me to tell you a word with /ng/ in it.
- Ask me to sound out the word 'ping'.
- Ask me a word with /dge/ in.
- Ask me to sound out the word 'bridge'.
- Ask me to tell you about a friend's favourite book.
- Ask me what ingredients you need to make a pancake.
- Ask me to count backwards from 10.
- Ask me to tell you 2 numbers that are fewer than 4.
- Ask me to tell you 2 numbers more than 2.

YEAR 1 LEARNING THIS WEEK

- This week in maths, we have been thinking about length and height.
- Ask me to find something that is shorter or taller than me.
- Ask me to find something that is longer or shorter than my favourite toy.

- In phonics, we have been looking at the following graphemes: <ew> as in newspaper, <ew> as in rescue, <ou> as in mouth, <aw> as in yawn.
- Ask me to think of some words with these sounds.
- In English we have been looking at the story of the Jolly Postman.
- Ask me to tell you who my favourite character is.

- In computing, we have learnt how to open up the application, paint.
- Ask me what picture I created using paint.
- This week in Geography, we have been thinking about physical and human features on a map. Ask me if the following are human or physical features: tree, house, lamp post, mountains.

YEAR 2 LEARNING THIS WEEK

- This week, we have enjoyed many fun activities to celebrate book week.
- Ask me to tell you three of my favourite books and explain why I love them so much.
- Ask me to name what I may find on the front cover and the back cover of a book and why they are important.
- In Science, we have been learning about animals and their young.
- Ask me to name some animals and tell you what their young are called.

- This week, in maths, we have continued to look at shape and focused on describing 3D shapes. We have used the words faces, edges and vertices and have looked at making patterns using 3D shapes.
- Ask me to tell you what a pattern is.
- Ask me to describe a square based pyramid using maths language.
- Challenge: Ask me to point out 3D shapes in everyday objects.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their brilliant school work and to those children who had a kindness certificate or a polite parrot certificate this week.

We are very proud of you!

KEY DATES!

7th March, 9.15am, Alwyn Hall
Parent session on sleep

7th-11th March (8.50-10.15am)
Grown Ups in School (Mum or Dad, not both)

9th March
Bags2School Clothing Collection. Drop off outside classroom doors in the morning.

11th March Donut Day after school, Courthouse playground

14th March
Pastor Ben Dale Visit

15th March
FRED Workshops in school

15th & 17th March
Parents consultations
2PWs meetings will be 14th & 17th March

18th March
Red Nose Day

21st March, 9.15, Alwyn Hall
Parent drop in: sleep

22nd March
Yr1 Trip to Odds Farm

23rd March
Yr2 Trip to The Look Out

28th March
PCSO visit for Yrs1 & 2

1st April
PTA Donut Day

4th April, 9.15am
Parent session on eating

8th April
End of Term