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World Book Day

World Book Day was a brilliant success last week. Lots of children dressed up in some great costumes and spent the day enjoying stories and learning about authors. Thank you for all the effort you put into making the children look special as this made the day all the more fun for them. Each year group learnt about a different author. These were:

- R, 1, 2 - Julia Donaldson
- 3 and 4 - David Walliams/ Roald Dahl
- 5 and 6 - Michael Morpurgo

On top of this, Emily Light organised for all children up to Year 4 to take home a bag of books to enjoy while the older children could choose from a selection in the hall.



Race for Life

The Race for Life last Friday was an amazing day. We were all so proud of the children's efforts and so many of them pushed themselves to the limit and ran as far as they could. Thank you and well done to everyone that took part.

There are a few sponsorship forms to come back in but as it stands, the school has raised an incredible £1530. Wow! Buckfastleigh – you are fantastic!!

If you still have sponsor money to bring into school, please drop it into the office on Monday at the latest so it can be counted and shared with our two charities.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is next Friday 18th March. A separate letter was sent out this afternoon outlining everything that will be happening on the day. Jordan O'Brien has planned a fun filled day where

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the children will also be learning about how the money raised will be benefiting those less fortunate than ourselves. If we raise enough money, all the teachers will end up being splatted with a cream pie to their faces! What more could you ask for!!

Snacks

A quick reminder about snacks at playtime. Children should only be eating fresh fruit or vegetables or cheese. No other snacks are allowed and should be left until lunchtime. Can I also remind you that we are a nut free school (including peanuts). Thank you for your help with this.

Volunteer Day in our Garden

Libby Hamilton is organising a volunteer day in our school garden on Sunday 3rd April. This will be to get the school ready for the growing season and to tidy up some of our outside spaces. It would be great if you can help. Anyone interested should contact the school office or speak to Libby directly.

Sharing Difficult News

There is so much going on in the world at the moment, especially with the war in Ukraine and worries about the cost of living. This can cause anxiety for both adults and children and it can be difficult knowing the best way to share scary news with your child. The following links provide some excellent advice on how to do this.

<https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/how-to-talk-to-children-when-the-news-is-scary/>

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/the-basics/help-your-kids-with-scary-news>

In addition, if you would like some child friendly ways of explaining the war in Ukraine, these link provide some information.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

<https://live.firstnews.co.uk/>

<https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine/>

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings are being held during the week beginning 14th March. Next week, teachers will be contacting families to organise appointments.

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Grenville House 2023

There will be a meeting in the hall on Tuesday 22nd March at 3:30pm for all the parents of children in Year 5. This will be an opportunity to find out about our residential trip to Grenville House in the summer of 2023 when the children are in year 6. I would encourage as many of you to come along with your child and find out about what is planned.

Brilliant DT Work

Last half term, all year groups did some brilliant DT work and a selection of final pieces are now on display in our gallery in the Aviary. These include:

- Year 1 - Wheels and axles
- Year 2 - Moving books with sliders
- Year 3 - Moving books with levers
- Year 4 - Pneumatic catapults
- Year 5 - Pulley cranes
- Year 6 – Toys with cams

Pictures of these can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown



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