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**"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"**

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Book Week**

To continue our 'Learning to Learn' focus on Imitation, as part of book week the children having been imitating authors by keeping a writer's notebook. After assembly on Monday all the children in KS1 and 2 were given a notebook and pen to use for: collecting ideas, recounting events, making lists etc. (Children in Nursery and Reception will get their notebook and pen next week). Thank you to the PTA who provided the funding for the notebooks and pens.

This week all the children in KS1 and KS2 have visited 'The Bookstore' in Abingdon to 'spend' their World Book Day vouchers. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at the shop for once again allowing nearly 200 children to visit their shop in just 4 days. The children in Year 6 brought back books for the children in Reception and Nursery.

The children in Nursery and Reception had a 'pyjama and pancake' day on Tuesday. It was lovely that so many parents were able to come in at the beginning or end of sessions to share stories with their children. I had a lovely conversation with Iris in Reception who was very excited about her pancake and the sweet sugar and how sour the lemon was!

Today we have had a lovely day today with children and staff coming to school dressed as characters from books. The children shared their costumes with their class and then with the school in assembly. The adults all came dressed as a magical character. Stars of the week were awarded for the most creative costume in each class.

- Rec: Grace – Matilda
- Yr 1: Zuzanna – The Ugly Duckling turned into a Swan
- Yr 2: Stanley – James with his Giant Peach
- Yr 3: Erica – The Pied Piper
- Yr 4: Samgyang – Ravenpaw from Warrior Cats
- Yr 5: Ruby – Vocabulary
- Yr 6: Poppy – An Atlas



Today we have also had a story swop with classes pairing up to share books and stories children have written with another class.

## **Reception Class Outdoor Area**

Contractors were due to return on Monday to complete the refurbishment of the Reception outdoor area. This has been postponed until Wednesday. Please note there will be no access through the outdoor area while this work takes place. Parents of Reception children will be given information about how/where to drop off and collect children next week before the work starts. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **School Dinners – New Menu**

The dinner menu will not be changing until after Easter. New menus will be sent out nearer the time.

## **Year 6 – SATs Meeting**

There is a meeting for parents/carers on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Year 6 classroom. This is to give important information about the SATs in May, and discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

**Achievements** - Week ending Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Stars of the Week:** Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as stars of the week by their teachers last week: Year 1 – Zuzanna; Year 2 – Oscar; Year 3 – Riley-Mae; Year 4 – Lexi; Year 5 – Ellie; Yr 6 – Samirah.

**Writer of the Week:** Charlie (Yr 6) was chosen as writer of the week for his writing of an additional chapter for the novel Pig Heart Boy. Charlie's writing combined action, description and dialogue. He was able to incorporate the information he knew about characters into his plot. Charlie was also able to meet the challenge he had been given to combine the use of informal and formal language in his writing.

**Out of School Achievements:**

Congratulations to Ella (Yr 3) who was awarded her orange belt at Karate this week and to Julia (Yr 5) who was awarded her yellow belt.

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice  
Headteacher

**PTA News**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

29th March Mother's day/cake sale  
4th April Easter Egg Hunt/non uniform day  
23rd May Hawaiian style disco  
14th June Father's Day/cake sale  
12th July Summer Fete

**Next PTA meeting Monday 11th March in the small hall. All Parents/Carers are welcome. Please come to the school reception at 3.15pm.**