

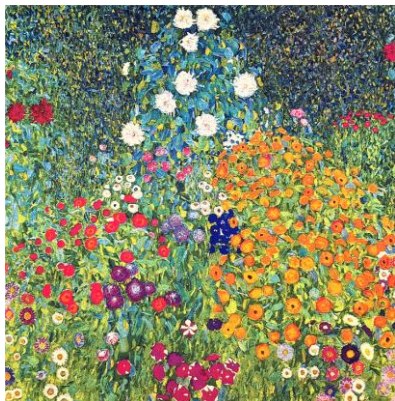
Newsletter



Newsletter 11

7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



At the point of writing this newsletter, we are all immersed in Art day. This year, we have chosen the painting 'Flower Garden' by Gustav Klimt. Led by Miss Grainger, we have been finding out more about the artist as well as re-creating his work ourselves, using different media. Pictures to follow, as we complete the activities!

Next week, we have Parent Teacher Consultations – I am available both evenings, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me. For details about events which have happened over the past fortnight, and for those to come, please read on!



Cross Country Running

Our fantastic team of runners – Sebby, Sonny, George RO, Chiara, Sephora, Elsa, Ruaridh, Albert and Lily – represented the school beautifully at the Hertfordshire Schools Cross Country Running competition last Saturday. Miss Doran, Mrs Mason and I were delighted to see the effort the children put into this very tough event – it is open to all private and state schools in Herts! Everyone made it round the course and finished the course – Sebby was injured by another runner's spikes but still made it round in great time! We are still awaiting the final results, but are delighted with the team. Thank you to Mrs Mason and Miss Doran for training the team and giving up a chunk of their Saturday to make this event possible.



Year 5 Badminton

Huge congratulations to the Year 5 Badminton team – Will, Phoebe, Amber, Imogen, Matthew, Oliver, Finley & Evie – who won the Stevenage Sporting Futures Badminton Tournament last week. All of the children did really well, and enjoyed the event. We were very proud of the all! Thank you very much to Mrs Broad for taking the team, and Mrs Eames for joining them for the morning.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we will be marking Safer Internet Day with assemblies on the theme of *Scam Smashers!*, recognising when things online are not what they may seem. Alongside the regular e-safety topics we cover throughout the year, we will also be holding an Internet Safety Focus Day on Thursday 22nd May. We will have workshops provided by Childnet, including an after school information session for parents, which will

run straight after school. More information will be sent out nearer the time, but please do note it in your diary - parents and carers have always found the previous sessions run really useful.



The next PTFA meeting takes place on Tuesday 25th February, at 7.00 p.m. in the Staff room. All parents and friends of the school welcome!

Upcoming PTFA Events



Pyjama Day – Friday 14th February

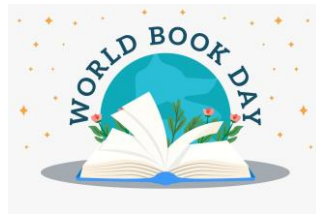
As chosen by the School Council, Friday 14th February is Pyjama Day! Children are invited to come into school in PJs/comfortable leisure wear. If parents would like to send in a small donation toward the running of the school mini bus, this would be gratefully received. The school mini bus was purchased by the PTFA for use for school trips and to take children to offsite activities. This saves a considerable amount of money, particularly now that coaches are so expensive, and also helps to reduce the need to ask parents for lifts to events.



Codicote School Masked Singer – Saturday 8th March

We have had a number of performers sign up to *The Masked Singer*, an evening of entertainment for all the family on Saturday 8th March. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for children and will be available via Arbor and the School Office from Friday 14th February.

Further details will be circulated to the performers next week. In the meantime, we hope they are practising their songs – obviously with the windows closed, so no clues are given away!



World Book Day Celebration

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March. Children may come to school dressed as a book character – these outfits can be as simple, or as elaborate as you wish!

As this will be the last newsletter before the half term holiday, I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing week off.

Please remember that I am always happy to discuss any issues with you. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Yours sincerely,
Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER