

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a very busy and productive couple of weeks. Year 1 have been to the RAF Museum in Hendon as part of their topic on Flight, and Year 3 visited Hertford museum for their Egyptians topic. Thank you very much for your support for the school trips we organise for the children, as well as to everyone who comes along to help.

The children looked amazing in their book week costumes – we had a fantastic variety – and it was funny to spot the different characters around the school! Again – thank you – we could see how much effort everyone had gone to. We now have a busy run up to the end of term – I am sure the children will be ready for the holiday when it arrives!



Maths Success

Congratulations to our Year 5 Maths Challenge Team who have won a place in the finals which will take place on Thursday 27th March! We were very excited to hear that we had made it through – please keep everything crossed for the team!



Online Gaming

It is often hard to keep up to speed with the different apps and games children use. There is a very useful website, giving all the details of the most popular ones in current use. It includes ways in which you can make them safer, alongside details on some which should definitely not be used by children. This is the link: [Parent guides | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#)



Hindu Day

We enjoyed a very interesting day with the visitors from the Hindu Temple last week. The children took part in a range of activities, including: dressing up, story-telling, dance, cooking, and an immersive presentation. The children came up with some really thoughtful questions and answers, and were as polite and welcoming as we would expect.



Outdoors

Mr Martin and Mrs Martin (senior) have been very busy planting up the various tubs and beds around school – they are looking amazing. A huge thanks to the family of Sofia in Year 1, who very kindly donated a large blue glazed pot, for us to plant a tree in. If any families have glazed blue outdoor pots, which they no longer

need, we would love to have them. We are gradually replacing the wooden troughs which have rotted over time, and have found that the pots last considerably longer.

Next term we will be having a School Grounds Day, and would love to have some helpers – green fingers not required – look out for the date!



Tiredness

We have been analysing the annual survey we undertake with the children, and for the first time ever, a number of children from across the school have mentioned tiredness and how hard they find it to get up in the morning. If your child is struggling with sleep, whether it is around the bedtime routine, going to sleep in the first place, or staying asleep, there is advice available. The following websites may be helpful:

[Sleep Disorders in Children | Sleep Foundation](#)

[How Much Sleep Does My Child Need? - The Sleep Charity](#)

[Childhood Insomnia and Sleep Problems - HelpGuide.org](#)

This website has a helpful checklist which is relevant to all children, irrespective of whether they have adhd or not: [ADHD pages - sleep information learning grid.pdf \(enherts-tr.nhs.uk\)](#)

In addition, workshops are available via Herts NHS: [Search | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](#)



Nursery and Pre-School Partnership

Just a reminder to let Pre-School or the School Office know if you are interested in accessing the 30 hours Nursery provision, offered in partnership between our Nursery and Pre-School. Pre-School will soon be confirming places for September, for all year groups soon, and we would not want anyone to miss out on a place.



Sporting Success

We have had great success in the recent sporting events we have taken part in. Our Junior Girls, Senior Girls, Junior Boys and Senior Boys have all won their recent matches, and the Netball team set a personal best in the number of goals scored.

The Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket Team enjoyed a great tournament – improving throughout the morning, to finish in 5th place. We were very proud of them for being awarded a special certificate for the best team work – meaning they have also been given the Team Work Bear to look after.

Thank you to all of the staff who have trained the teams and made it possible for the children to take part, and to our families for their support in transporting children and being their champions!



Mothering Sunday Shopping

A huge thanks to everyone who came to help with Mothering Sunday Shopping. We hope everyone liked their plants. The morning went really smoothly, and due to our lovely helpers, we served the classes in record time! Thank you too, to Vanstone Park Nursery, who gave us a generous discount on the cost of the plants, so that we could keep the prices down. Thank you to Charlie for leading this event.



PTFA School Disco

Back by popular demand is the PTFA School Disco, on Wednesday 27th March, from 5.30 – 7.00 p.m. Entry is £3, and children may bring a small amount of money to buy the refreshments on sale. Any helpers for the event will be welcomed!



Talent Show

We always look forward to the Children's Talent Show on 27th March – it is an absolute highlight of the year and the children come up with some amazing acts! If the children need music for their performance, please can it be brought into school on a named memory stick or emailed to the School Office? Thank you in advance.



End of Term

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday 28th March, which is the last day of the Spring term.

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

Yours sincerely,

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