



School newsletter 6th March

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Headteacher's insight

It's been a busy and exciting time for Year 6, as they prepare for the next steps in their educational journey. I'd like to share some of the highlights for this year group recently.

Firstly, Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to attend a Careers Fair, where they were able to explore a wide range of professions and gain insights into future career possibilities. This event provided them with invaluable knowledge about different industries and sparked some exciting conversations about their ambitions for the future.

In another significant milestone, Year 6 students have now found out their allocated secondary schools. This moment has been met with excitement and anticipation, as they begin to look forward to the next chapter in their academic lives. We're incredibly proud of how they've handled the transition process, and I know they'll thrive in their new environments.

Additionally, the results of the Year 6 mock SATs were extremely encouraging. The students demonstrated hard work and resilience, and it was wonderful to see how much they have progressed. We are confident they will continue to excel as they head towards the real tests later in the year.

Finally, Year 6 is busy preparing for their upcoming residential trip, which promises to be an exciting and enriching experience in the Summer term. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to build teamwork, independence, and create lasting memories as they embark on this adventure together.

It's inspiring to see how well Year 6 is managing all these exciting changes and opportunities. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for them!

We really enjoyed welcoming you to parents evening this week. We tried a new format from previous parents evening and the feedback received was positive about the change. Any more feedback on this would be welcomed so please do share this with me if you have not already done so.





News from our classrooms

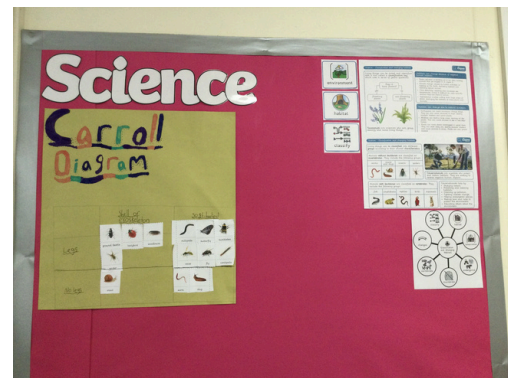
Starfish Class

Starfish started their Design Technology unit last week. We investigated what makes a plant a fruit and tasted a variety of produce. We drew and labelled a selection of the plants we investigated.



Narwhal Class

This week in Science, Narwhal Class have begun a new topic about classification and changing habitats. We worked in groups to create Venn Diagrams and Carroll Diagrams to sort vertebrates and invertebrates based on their characteristics.



Stingray Class

P.E. Lessons this term have focused on hockey skills. Here, the pupils are learning to control the ball, both in sending it (a push pass) and receiving it (a block).





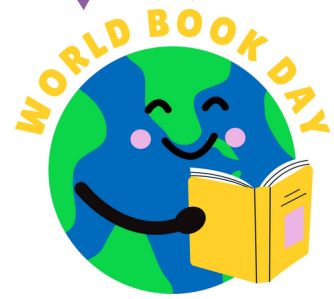
Celebration Corner

Spotted by staff:

Lyla (Dolphins) for her infectious enthusiasm in her classroom. Lyla has been spotted being really positive about her learning opportunities and enjoying engaging with her classmates. It has been lovely to see her smile, (and her sometimes messy uniform) reflecting how hooked by her learning she is.

Benjamin (Starfish) for his focused efforts to complete the tasks he has been set to the best of his ability. Even Molly, the dog, was impressed with his work on one day this week and she gave it the seal of approval.





World Book Day at Fen Ditton Primary

What a wonderful celebration of reading for World Book Day this year! A day full of exciting activities that brought our school community together to share the joy of books and bedtime stories.

We kicked off the celebrations with our Parent/Carer Reading Breakfast, where parents and carers were invited to join their children in school for a relaxing start to the day. It was heartwarming to see families enjoying a good book together, creating a cozy atmosphere to begin our World Book Day festivities.

Our themed assembly was a highlight of the day, with staff and students coming together to celebrate the magic of stories. The assembly was filled with lively discussions about our favourite books and characters, and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity shared by everyone.

Throughout the day, our English lessons were inspired by a range of exciting books and authors. Children will be engaging in activities that allow them to explore the stories they love in new and creative ways, sparking their imaginations and further developing their love of reading.

This afternoon, we are hosting a movie session, where children will be able to relax and enjoy a film based on a popular children's book. It should be the perfect way to unwind after a busy day of book-themed activities!

To top it all off, everyone is spending the day dressed in their nightwear or loungewear to celebrate the joy of bedtime stories. There is something truly special about seeing the whole school in their comfiest clothes! The theme is a wonderful reminder of how stories can bring comfort and joy at any time of day.

World Book Day, a huge success, and it is fantastic to see so many of our children and staff embracing the spirit of reading. We hope the day has inspired everyone to pick up a book, whether it's for bedtime or for an adventure during the day. Thank you to everyone who took part and made it such a memorable occasion!

Happy reading!





Exciting Events for British Science Week!

We are very excited to celebrate British Science Week, with this year's theme: Change and Adaptation. Our exciting events will begin on Thursday, 13th March, and we have a fantastic line-up of activities planned!

 Science Workshop Day - Friday 14th March.

All children will take part in an engaging science workshop, exploring the wonders of change and adaptation through hands-on experiments and investigations. We will be investigating material properties, light and forces like friction and gravity.


 Science Competition Launch

We will also be launching an exciting science competition, encouraging children to think creatively and apply their scientific knowledge. More details will be shared with the children in assembly on Monday 17th March.

 Parent & Child Science Investigation Event – Tuesday, 18th March

We warmly invite parents to join us for an interactive science session with their child(ren). Together, you will explore four exciting science investigations designed to spark curiosity and discovery all based on the science week theme.

 Date: Tuesday, 18th March

 Time: 3:35 – 4:15 PM

Please collect your child as usual and sign in through the main entrance to join the event.

We are looking forward to an exciting week of asking questions, investigating and learning about the world all around us.



House Point Totals

- 4th - Blackburn 94 points
- 3rd - Hawking 95 points
- 2nd - Darwin 109 points
- 1st - Franklin 167 points

This week we wish these members of our school family a very happy birthday:

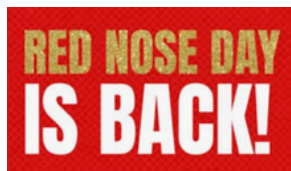
- Kevin (Jellyfish)
- Charlie (Stingrays)



Upcoming events and reminders

Red Nose Day

We are supporting Comic Relief one week early this year! On **Friday 14th March** all children are welcome to come to school in their **own clothes**. They may like to wear red but they do not have to. To contribute to our collective donation to Comic Relief please do so through our JustGiving page using this link or the QR code: https://www.justgiving.com/page/fen-ditton-primary-and-marleigh-primary-academy-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



March

- 6th - World Book Day
- 13th - Turtle Class Trip to The Light Cinema
- 14th - Red Nose Day
- 21st - Starfish Class Assembly
- 21st - Easter Egg raffle donations welcomed
- 24th - Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale
- 24th - Stingrays & Turtles Class Chemistry Trip



April

- 4th - Easter Raffle Drawn
- 4th - Last Day of Term
- 23rd - Summer Term Begins

Term Dates 2024-2025

SPRING TERM 2025

- Inset Day – Thursday 6 January
- Spring Term Starts – Tuesday 7 January
- School Ends – Friday 14 February
- Half Term - 17 February - 21 February
- School Starts – Monday 24 February
- Spring Term Ends – Friday 4 April

SUMMER TERM 2025

- Inset Day – Tuesday 22 April
- Summer Term Starts – Wednesday 23 April
- May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May
- School Ends – Friday 23 May
- Half Term - 26 May – 30 May
- Inset day – Monday 2 June
- School Starts – Tuesday 3 June
- Summer Term Ends – Wednesday 23 July

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