



School newsletter 13th March



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Headteacher's insight

This week has been full of exciting events here at school. We started the week by celebrating International Women's Day with a special assembly focused on the importance of gender equality. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on how we can all contribute to a fairer world. It was very encouraging to hear how the children viewed gender equality but there is also ways we can all support and challenge barriers put in the way of any person joining in with something they choose to.

In addition, Science Week has kicked off and will continue into next week, providing a fantastic opportunity for our children to engage in hands-on learning and explore the wonders of science. They have benefited from live workshops and an engaging whole school assembly so far. We can't wait to share all the exciting discoveries with you and hope many of you can join us at the after school workshops next week on Tuesday 18th.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support for Red Nose Day. Tomorrow Friday 14th March, we are supporting this charity a week early, and your generous donations through our JustGiving page will help raise funds for this important cause. Your kindness is truly appreciated! Please see the reminders section on the last page of this newsletter for the QR code to reach our JustGiving page to make your donation.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the exciting activities and events coming up in the next few weeks.

Staffing Update

It is with sadness that we inform you that Miss Cole has decided to resign from her post as Dolphins class teacher and will be leaving our staff team at Easter. This is a decision that she has carefully considered and we support her decision as being the right outcome for her at this time.

I know you will join us in wishing her well and feeling gratitude for her hard work and contributions made during her time here at Fen Ditton Primary School. Miss Cole will not return to work ahead of leaving.

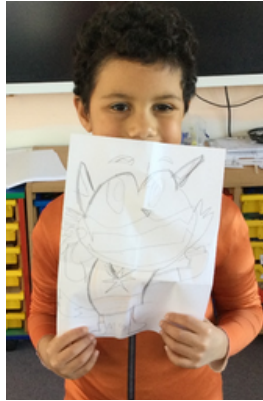




News from our classrooms

Jellyfish Class

Jellyfish have enjoyed writing this half term, especially when the author Keith Hatton led a workshop and for World Book Day. We wrote descriptions of settings and invented our own characters.



Turtle Class

Turtle class have been lucky enough to enjoy two trips out this week. On Tuesday, they participated in a matball tournament where they represented the school fabulously and some earned medals for respect and resilience. On Thursday, everyone thoroughly enjoyed going to the cinema to watch the film adaptation of Kensuke's Kingdom, which is the book they have been studying in English.



Dolphins Class

This week, the Dolphins have been consolidating their learning and exploring new concepts in maths, focusing on odd and even numbers, as well as doubling. In phonics, they've been strengthening their understanding of the letters 'j' and 'v' seeing if they can identify the sounds in the middle of words! The class also enjoyed reading Lunch on a Pirate Ship, which sparked their imagination and led to creating their own pirate ships. Next week, they'll continue this exciting adventure!





House Point Totals

- 4th - Blackburn 113 points
- 3rd - Franklin 118 points
- 2nd - Darwin 119 points
- 1st - Hawking 127 points

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

- Conor and Charles (Dolphins)
- Cymone (Starfish)
- Rocco (Stingrays)



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

Upcoming events

March

- 13th - Turtle Class Trip to The Light Cinema
- 14th - Red Nose Day - See below
- 21st - Starfish Class Assembly
- 21st - Easter Egg raffle donations - **non uniform can be worn and Easter egg donations encouraged**
- 24th - Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale until end of term
- 24th - Stingrays & Turtles Class Chemistry Trip

April

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

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



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