



WOODLAND PROJECT

This week we held our second working group meeting to plan the regeneration of our woodland area. On Friday 13th March 2020 we will be welcoming a team of Landscape Architects from the company Arup to work with some of our children to draw up some plans for our woodland area. The children in School Council and Eco-committee in Years 2-5 will be involved, as well as some other children throughout the day. Following this we will be sharing the plans with our community and will be looking to gain some quotes from contractors to get the project underway.



STAFFING NEWS

As you know, Mr Jordan has begun his secondment at Pound Hill Infant Academy in Crawley from this week. He will be with us on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings until Easter and will then be working full-time at Pound Hill until the end of the academic year. Mr King and Mrs Neller are both now Assistant Principals. We have also appointed a permanent new Inclusion Leader who will be joining us after the Easter Holidays. We will share more information when their current school's community have been informed that they are leaving to join us.



Congratulations to the following children, who have been to see me for a Head Teacher's Award and had their names recorded in the Gold Book: Bella (Warriors), Maisie (Warriors), William N (Warriors), Lance (Explorers) and James (Explorers).

What's Great?

Thinkers Class have been making some wonderful progress with their phonics learning and have now been learning to read and write words with five sounds, such as 'swift'!

Inventors Class are really enjoying their work on Mrs Armitage and had a lovely time acting the story out in the playground.

Explorers Class have really impressed Mrs Cheeseman with the huge effort they put into their take-away tasks. They also enjoyed a wonderful visit from Chris Lee who told them all about Fairtrade.

Warriors Class absolutely loved their golf lesson this week and can't wait for the next one!

Ground-breakers Class are really enjoying their Chocolate topic. They completed some very impressive take-away tasks linked to this.

Globetrotters Class have begun to think about the Christian festival of Easter. They have been asking some excellent questions and enjoyed a role-play activity linked to this.

Trailblazers Class have been writing some excellent Shackleton diary entries, as well as some great healthy living booklets.

PARKING

Please can parents and carers ensure that they drive and park with consideration to others, ensuring that driveways are not blocked and that road markings such as double yellow lines and zigzag markings are left clear. This is to ensure the safety of everybody using the roads and pavements around the school. We recently purchased some new cones to place on the road to ensure that our children can safely board coaches for swimming and school trips. Not only are these cones ignored by some, but several drivers have simply driven over and flattened them in order to park. Please understand that these are used for your children's safety.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS (STEM) WEEK—9TH-13TH MARCH 2020

Plans are already underway for our annual STEM Week next month and I am confident that this will be a wonderful week of engaging and exciting learning linked to the STEM subjects. We would be very keen to welcome any experts in STEM areas to visit us during the week and talk to the children about their expertise. We are very keen for the children to understand more about the value of STEM learning and how this may impact on their future careers. Please let us know via the academy office if you are able to offer any support during this week.



DON'T FORGET THAT THURSDAY 5TH MARCH IS WORLD BOOK DAY—A PARENTMAIL HAS BEEN SENT WITH DETAILS.

MOTHER TONGUE DAY

This week we again celebrated the wonderful range of different cultures and languages represented within our academy community. A huge thank you to the many parents who visited our classes to share a book, phrases or even some food from their home countries. The children were very excited and interested to hear and learn so much. These events would not be possible without such a supportive parental community. Thank you also to Mrs Robinson for her excellent work in organising this excellent event.



KEY DATES

2nd Mar: Parents' Consultation Meetings (except Explorers Class)
3rd Mar: Parents' Consultation Meetings (Explorers Class)
4th Mar: Parents' Consultation Meetings (all classes)
5th Mar: World Book Day (please see recent ParentMail for arrangements)
6th Mar: FOBs discos
9th-13th Mar: STEM Week

12th Mar: Year 6 SATs information meeting (6pm)
13th Mar: Woodland design project
13th Mar: Sport Relief (information to follow)
20th Mar: FOBs Quiz Night
3rd Apr: Easter Service at All Saints Church
3rd Apr: Break up for Easter Holidays
20th Apr: Summer Term begins