



Englefield CE Primary School | Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term and have relished the rare glimpses of sunshine and Spring we have had this week. It has been a busy first week back but it has been lovely to see so many of your faces in school for Parents Evening. Thank you to everyone who made time to meet with the teachers and to those of you who provided feedback on the Parent Survey. Your voice and opinion really does matter and so I hope I get to see many more of you at the Parent Forum meeting next week. All are welcome!

Miss Galvin



As we headed into the Easter period, **FS2** started our celebration of Shrove Tuesday early last term, by making pancakes. We had a great time and enjoyed choosing our topics and eating them even more! We were really brave and stood up in assembly to explain what we did to make them.

We are also back out and enjoying Spring through our Woodland Learning. If you would like to volunteer to help with Woodland Learning, please sign up on School Gateway.



To inspire their learning about Antarctica, **Year 1 and 2** were very fortunate to welcome Mr Dennis Wilkins to the classroom. The children were fascinated to find out all about his Antarctic Explorations. He shared boxes of the resources that he used for his adventures and the children were able to ask him lots of interesting questions. Rufus also tried on his gloves and said "I learned that his mittens were really huge and you have to wear them around your neck".

'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' **Matthew 13: 31-32**



Dates for the Diary...

March

5th March: Poetry Finals (9am)

5th March: SEND Chat (3pm)

6th March: Book Week Dress-up Day

6th March: Celebration Assembly (9am)

6th March: Parent Form (9.30am)

7th March: Pangbourne Art Exhibition

10th March: Small Schools Cross Country (1-3pm)

11th March: Year 2 Class Assembly (9am)

11th March: FS2 Star and Play (2.30pm)

14th March: TLC morning (9am-12pm)

16th March: Small Schools Football Tournament (1-3pm)

19th March: iRock Concert

20th March: Red Nose Day

20th March: Celebration Assembly (3pm)

24th March: Year 3/4 Production Rehearsal

25th March: Year 3/4 Performance to Parents (6pm)

26th March: School Concert (9am)

27th March: Easter Service

27th March: End of term (2.30pm finish)

Year 3 and 4 have been learning all about the different ways we use water. The children designed mind maps, showing how water is used in agriculture, wildlife, recreation and commercial industry.

In Art, the children produced wonderful reflection landscape pieces. First the practiced sketching and shading techniques with various H and B pencils, before then creating their final masterpieces.

Well done to Year 3 and 4 for their fantastic class assembly last term and we look forward to seeing your talents in The Bee Musical in a few weeks' time!

In the week before half term, **Year 5 and 6** pupils put their science knowledge of irreversible changes to the test, completing some fun and practical activities. We reinforced our understanding by also making delicious pancakes – a huge thanks to Mrs Fenwick for her generosity by not only providing the ingredients but also her time to help make them. We were also amazed to make ice cream in a bag: using ice to super-cool milk, adding only sugar and vanilla essence for flavour. Finally, we worked in teams to create volcanoes and then used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create an eruption. We demonstrated these in Celebration Assembly to a captivated audience!

Alfie S said: "These activities were a fun and interesting way of drawing our science and geography topics to a close."

In Other News...

The Second-Hand Uniform sale is back on Friday 6th March from 8.30 - 9.15am from the PTA shed. Donations welcome - please leave at the office.

Pebbles is back!!! He has returned from his hibernation and is very much full of life – whoever said tortoises were slow?! If you would like to be responsible for him for the weekend, please sign up via School Gateway.

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



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