



IVY LANE SCHOOL

Newsletter #11

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IVY LIFE

We are half way through another school term and hopefully heading towards brighter and sunnier days, so that the children will be able to take full advantage of our wonderful school grounds, taking part in lots of outdoor learning.

Since our last newsletter, the children have been working extremely hard as always, especially during assessments last week.

We were pleased to welcome Year 2 and Year 6 parents/carers recently to SATS workshops, which we hope gave them some hints and tips to help their children prepare for these tests.

There has been lots of excitement in school over the past few days, as we had a giant Science Dome inflated in the old hall – see more information below.

It was great to see the children dressed up in their sports kits today in support of Sport Relief – thank you to everyone for their donations.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Regular letters are being sent out to update parents/carers regarding Coronavirus. Pickwick Academy Trust and the schools within the academy are taking the Coronavirus situation seriously. We receive regular updates from Public Health England, Wiltshire Local Authority and the Department for Education and will take action as advised by these bodies as appropriate. It is important that parents take a few minutes to read the letters sent out – you can also find copies of these letters on our school website.

WORLD BOOK DAY

There was a real buzz around school last Thursday as the children enjoyed a chance to celebrate books and reading in lots of different ways on World Book Day. A whole school assembly in the morning gave everyone a chance to show off their book character costumes and we interviewed a range of the characters who had arrived in school for the day. Luckily Mrs Pepperpot did not shrink during the day, no one got on the wrong side of Miss Trunchbull, Mr Bump avoided a serious accident, Gangsta Granny managed to behave as grannies should and Sophie had no further trouble from tigers! Maybe it was because Mary Poppins was keeping a close eye on proceedings and maintaining a sense of order!

Later in the day, Year 2 enjoyed a story time session at Chippenham Library and all pupils in KS2 had an unforgettable story workshop with our visiting author and reading advocate, Neil Griffiths.

It was lovely to see our older pupils sharing books with younger pupils throughout the day and so many pupils genuinely engaging in high quality story-telling and 'book talk'.

We were delighted to welcome back our Year 1 pupils with their parents in the evening for a very special bedtime story from Neil Griffiths. Whilst the children had more stories and enjoyed hot chocolate with our KS1 team, Neil gave an entertaining, informative and very memorable talk to parents about just what a crucial role you all play in fostering an early love of stories and reading.

All children will have brought home their World Book Day book token which can be exchanged for one of this year's World Book Day books. These are available in all book shops. Tokens are valid until 29th March. Happy reading everyone!

The After School Book Club had the opportunity on Thursday afternoon to visit Waterstones in Chippenham with Mr Johns. They were given a behind the scenes tour of the shop and swapped their tokens for a World Book Day book. As a special surprise, the staff at Waterstones let the children choose another book of their choice. Tom at Waterstones was so helpful and knowledgeable and wanted to pass on that all children are welcome to visit at any time!



School Diary

Term 4

- 13/03/20 – Sports Relief
- 13/03/20 – Tag Rugby Festival
- 19/03/20 – YR Mother's Day Celebration
- 20/03/20 – FOILS Quiz Night
- 23/03/20 – Deadline to book Parent Evening appointments
- 24/03/20 – Y1 Donaldson Parents Evening
- 25/03/20 – Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
- 26/03/20 – Parents Evening (not Y1 Donaldson) 3.15-5pm
- 27/03/20 – Y3 FOILS Cake Sale
- 31/03/20 – Year 3 Town Walk
- 03/04/20 – Whole School Skipping Workshops
- 03/04/20 – Multi Skills Event
- 03/04/20 – Last day of term

Term 5

- 20/04/20 – First day of term
- 23/04/20 – Y5 Hardenhuish Primary Liaison Day
- 06/05/20 – Y5 Sheldon Taster Day
- w/b 11/05/20 – Y6 SATS week
- 13/05/20 – Y5 Sheldon Taster Day
- 15/05/20 – Y6 end of SATS BBQ
- 21/05/20 – School Census – Lucky Plate Day
- 22/05/20 – Last day of Term 5

Term 6

- 01/06/20 – First day of term
- 15-18/06/20 – Y6 PGL Residential
- 19/06/20 – TD Day School Closed
- 24/06/20 – Y6 Chippenham Games
- 25/06/20 – Music Concert 6pm
- 01/07/20 – Sports Day (weather permitting)
- 08/07/20 – Reserve Sports Day
- 11/07/20 – FOILS Summer Fayre
- 14/07/20 – Y6 End of year production
- 16/07/20 – FOILS end of year discos for YR-Y5
- 16/07/20 – Y6 end of year disco (parents organising)
- 22/07/20 – Last day of term – FINISHING AT 2PM

PICKWICK ACADEMY TRUST - Who Leads and Governs our Trust?

Please find attached information on Staff, Governors and Trust members of Pickwick Academy Trust.

YEAR 2 VISIT TO CHIPPENHAM LIBRARY



On Thursday 5th March, as part of our World Book Day celebrations, Year 2 visited Chippenham Library. After a slightly soggy walk through the centre of Chippenham in our amazing costumes, we enjoyed sharing our book characters with Charlotte, one of the librarians, before listening to some funny stories. We especially enjoyed the book about Pants by Nick Sharratt! It was a great way to spend World Book Day and we're looking forward to another visit to the library again soon. Many thanks to the adults who came along with us to help.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This week has been British Science Week and in celebration of this, we have been extremely lucky to be visited by the Science Dome over the past two days. It has been an exciting opportunity for every child in the school to experience science in a fun and interactive way. Each class chose a different show, linked with their class learning, and we look forward to having discussions that will be sparked by the children's experiences. The children and staff would like to thank Chippenham Borough Lands Charity for funding this amazing project. A huge thank you also to Neil for sharing so many fascinating facts about science and we hope to welcome him back to Ivy Lane again in the future.

Some of the quotes we received from children were:

"Absolutely amazing – we went to Mars!" Year 1

"We are so small in the universe, when we zoomed out from Earth, you couldn't even see us any more!" Year 4

"Did you know that a meteor hit the dinosaurs" Year 1

"We were the first people to land on Mars!" Year 3

Some of our teachers also quoted:

"Covered what our current learning is in class and so much more!"

"The children were captivated".

"Mesmerising – the children were wowed and so beautifully behaved".

If you would like to know more about the Science Dome visit www.sciencedome.org.uk



COMMONWEALTH DAY



On Monday 9th March, eight children from Y5/Y6 went to Chippenham's Neeld hall to celebrate Commonwealth Day. There were more than six schools participating. We started with the Flag ceremony which took us some time and had messages from the Mayor of Chippenham, The Queen, Judge of Chippenham, soldiers from the British army and Jack from Wiltshire Council. We went into the Neeld Hall for some entertainment, which included singing and watching dancers with knives. It was a very entertaining show. We took part in an activity to match up the flags to with the country which we

found quite difficult, but we managed to score 6/10 which was pretty impressive for us! We learnt about other countries that also participated in the Commonwealth day and these included: Bangladesh, United Kingdom, South Africa, Nigeria and many more. Thanks to Mr Faulkner for taking us and giving us the opportunity to take part in Commonwealth day. We had lots of fun.

Written By Saket T and Gurjot L

For more information about Commonwealth Day please right click on this link:

<https://thecommonwealth.org/commonwealth-day>

KIDS TUSK FORCE UK UPDATE



Back in March 2018, our Year 3 children, held a fundraising event in Ivy Hall in aid of 'KidsTuskForce UK' and following this fundraising event Ivy Lane School adopted a couple of elephants. We receive regular updates from Kids Tusk Force UK – please see below:

Dear Ivy Lane Primary,

Since our inception, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust has helped usher over [160 miracle orphaned elephants](#) into a wild life, supporting them on their journey from rescue to reintegration. Recently, eight more orphans from our Voi Reintegration Unit joined their ranks when they successfully transitioned to a more independent wild life alongside their best friends, while a further four babies at Umani are beginning to hear the call of the wild too. That these orphans survived the



trauma that befell them as babies is a miracle in itself, and it is a telling reminder of how, when given a second chance, made possible through adoptions and donations, the natural world can recover, heal and flourish against great odds. For more information on this charity please click on the following link: <https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/news>.

RECYCLING SCHEME

Just to remind everyone that recyclable items such as crisp packets, baby food pouches, pet food packaging, biscuits wrappers etc. are still being collected by one of our parents. She has, however, requested that all packaging placed in the box in the reception foyer is flattened – as shown in the photo here. Since collecting recycled packets, Ivy Lane has stopped waste from going to the landfill and helping a charity at the same time, which is amazing!



ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance for the last two weeks is **Griffiths Class with 98.89%** Well done. The class with the highest % every fortnight will be announced in our Friday Celebration Assembly. A certificate will be placed on their classroom door and they will receive an extra 10 minutes of playtime over the course of the week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Rosen	95.73%	Dahl	97.89%	Hughes	96.48%
Carle	97.44%	Griffiths	98.89%	Byars	92.74%
Hargreaves	93.10%	Walliams	98.52%	Lewis	96.30%
Donaldson	93.87%	Morpurgo	98.47%	Rowling	98.72%
Milligan	92.59%	Pullman	97.22%	Overall %	96.28%

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to all the amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies; Mitchell B, Thomas H, Brody E, Megan C, Connon R, Megan L, Blake S and Rosie M.

BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners; Clara (Donaldson), Lottie-Rose (Griffiths), Megan (Griffiths), Amelie (Donaldson), Ed (Donaldson), Mrs Bottomley and Miss Neill.

STAR AWARDS

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Coheed E, Joel D, Lewis C & Carnie M (Carle) George S, Lily-Mae P, Sylvie C & Charlie G (Rosen) Lilly T & Luke M (Donaldson) Pippa C & Grace M (Hargreaves)	Alfie H & Finley H (Dahl) Sam W (Milligan) Mitchell M & Annabelle B (Griffiths) Ava S & Elijah M (Walliams) Lucy H & Megan R (Hughes)	Finn C & Amber K (Morpurgo) Ollie H & Jack S (Byars) Fenton M & Layla B (Pullman) Hollie J & Alannah W (Lewis) Josh G (Rowling)
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GDPR – Use of Photos and Videos during school events

Please be aware that you may take photographs and videos during School events such as Sports Day and Seasonal Productions, however they must be for your own personal use and not shared on social media.

FOILS

Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who donated cakes for our last cake sale, and to everyone that bought one. We raised £110.75. We were very impressed with the organisation of several parents who came to buy armed with their own Tupperware tubs! Our next sale will take place on Friday 27th March, and we're asking Year 3 parents to donate this time please.

Our annual Quiz Night is next Friday, 20th March and today was the deadline to submit your entry forms. If you have not been able to get your form in, but would like to participate, please do email us at foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk.

This week Year 3 had a Circus Skills workshop put on by Clare's Circus. We're told that it was enjoyed by staff and pupils alike. Thank you for your continued support of FOILS, as we could not put on these events without it.

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