



Purple Press

Bedgrove Infant School Newsletter

W/C 11th March– Lunch Menu– Week 1

Friday 8th March 2024

Staff Update

Miss Carter will be leaving us at Easter, to return to Ashmead Primary School where she completed her teacher training. We are very sad to see her go but wish her all the best in this move. There are a few changes to staffing across the school for the Summer term in light of this.



Miss Jackson will be Giraffe Class teacher for Summer 1, until Miss Rosewell returns from maternity leave after the half term.



Miss Harrison will be in Hippo Class Thursday and Friday, remaining in F1 for the beginning of the week.



Mrs Purnell will be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays to support in Giraffe Class. She will continue to lead Jaguar Class Wednesday to Friday.



We have appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Denham to work in Shark Class for the Summer term and are in the process of recruiting an HLTA to replace Mrs Shaw who starts her maternity leave after Easter.

In the kitchen, we have Mrs Sepamalai joining the team following Mrs Zlotnicka's decision to return to Poland.

We are also delighted to have Mrs Albrighton joining the admin team. Mrs Albrighton, currently our Chair of Governors, has a wealth of knowledge of HR as well as recent school office experience so she is going to be an amazing asset to our school. School Governors will be nominating a new Chair to take over from Mrs Albrighton at the end of this term.

Diary Dates

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd March
Sustrans Walk to School

Wednesday 13th March
Height and Weight – F2

Friday 15th March
PoW Day– Science Focus– School Uniform

Tuesday 19th March
New to F1 Tour 4 p.m. (September intake)

Wednesday 20th March
Y1 Phonics Screening Presentation 2:15 p.m.

Thursday 21st March
Whole Class Photographs
F1- Farms4Ewe– more information to follow

Friday 22nd March
F2- Farms4Ewe- more information to follow

Thursday 28th March
School Closes 1:30 p.m.

Monday 15th April
INSET Day

Tuesday 16th April
Return to School

Tuesday 30th April
Rhino/Elephant Waddesdon Manor

Thursday 2nd May
Hippo/Giraffe Waddesdon Manor

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday

Thursday 23rd May
SPORTS Day

Friday 24th May
Half Term– School Closes 3:10 p.m.

Monday 3rd June
INSET Day

Tuesday 4th June
Return to School

Monday 24th June
FoBIS Ice-Lolly Day and Brightest Clothes Mufti Day

Thursday 27th June
Vision Screening– F2

Tuesday 2nd-Wednesday 3rd July
Transition days

Tuesday 23rd July
Last Day of School for Summer Holiday– 1:30 p.m.

New Drop Off/Collection for Grover

When dropping off or collecting your children, we kindly request that you use the doorbell located on the Year 1 gate, rather than approaching via the office. A new safety door has been installed off the hall for the ease and security of both Grover staff and the children in their care. Thank you for your continued support.



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Competition

Next week our school will be taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. The competition inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. We will be logging any active journeys the children make to school, so we encourage children to come to school by walking, cycling, scooting or even parking further from the school and walking some of the way.



World Book Day

The year groups have had a blast celebrating World Book Day, please see below what the year groups have been up to!

F1- To celebrate world book day, there have been lots of different story themed activities set up for the children to explore within the provision. We enjoyed a little catwalk to show off our cosy comfy clothes, or costumes. We all went to Y1 to share stories, and both the morning and all-day children enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with a story before they go home.

As part of our Epic, the children walked to the outdoor learning area to listen to our current focus story 'Come On, Daisy!..', we all enjoyed looking at the pond area and discussed the environment that Daisy the duckling might live in.

To finish off our communication week activities, F1 and F2 went to the hall together, to swap stories and books and will also sing our early years anthem 'Power in Me'.



F2- In F2 we have enriched our provision, celebrating different authors, genres and traditional tales. We have also planned a 'Book Surprise' for the children; the children had the opportunity to chose a book to be read to by a surprise teacher! We are extending our library session, to allow children to explore both fiction and non-fiction books. We linked with Y2 to buddy up and read to one another, sharing our story books that we brought in from home or one that we loved to read in school. F2 have shown some wonderful dancing skills as they learned a World Book Day dance routine with Dance Dayz drama workshop, we were so impressed with their moves and their listening skills! Well done, F2! You made us so proud!



World Book Day Continued ...

Y1- Y1 enjoyed buddying up with F1 and F2 to read stories with them. The children loved dancing with Dance Dayz drama workshop! Well done Year 1!



Y2- Year 2 loved dancing with Dance Dayz drama workshop to learn a routine from the popular book and film adaption 'Matilda'. Their routines were amazing and all children took on the role of Matilda perfectly.

We discussed different book genres and explored the world of comic books in a little more detail. Children had the opportunity to look through classic comic strip magazines and then create their own comic strip based on a character and setting of their choice.

We designed and created our own book marks to use when reading our school library and home reading books.

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We then ventured on an outdoor book hunt to link with our outdoor learning. Children were given clues they needed to crack and follow the trail to find the hidden books. When they found the book, they discussed what genre of book they found and what they already knew about this book.

Children had the opportunity to share what they came dressed up in or what book they brought into school. The enjoyment on all the children's faces when they spoke passionately about the books they loved to read, was a real pleasure to see!



WORLD BOOK DAY YEAR 2

