

Science Week: This week we have been celebrating National Science Week. We launched the week with a whole school assembly to look at some famous scientists, to discover how we use science in our everyday lives and to find out the skills we need to use to be scientists. We then had a visit from Science Bugs club leader who inspired the children with exciting science activities. Today each Year Group set up an activity in the Hall which required children to use science, technology, engineering or maths skills. The children then had the opportunity to access these activities as well as the various activities and experiments their teachers had set up in class during the week. We have made plastic out of milk, created erupting volcanoes, supersized marshmallows and made bread as well as looked at seeds and growing conditions and observed frogspawn changing to tadpoles.

Our Years 2,3 and 4 have also had a presentation from a parent who is a chemist who shared what inspired her to become a chemist, what she enjoyed learning at school, what she had to study at university to do her job and then carried out some simple chemical reactions using everyday household chemicals.

We are grateful to other parents who have also offered to come in and talk to our children about their jobs using science, technology, engineering or maths. Tomorrow we will be finishing our week with a special celebration assembly to share our learning.

Rescheduled World Book Day: We hope you enjoyed taking part in our Family Learning Events yesterday. We had an encouraging turn out of family members, both at the beginning and end of the school day, to help create fantastic hats to celebrate favourite books as well as sharing favourite stories not only read in English but in a number of languages represented by families in the school. The children had a chance to join a parade to share their hats with each other. It was quite a spectacle! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the VSA cake and book stall either by donating books or cakes or by running the stall or buying the books!

PARENTS FORUM: We had a small but enthusiastic group of parents who came to our workshops to give feedback and suggestions on the various areas we had hoped to collect parents' views. During our parents meetings next week we will put the sheets up along the corridor leading to the Hall for parents to read and add further suggestions and feedback. You can also complete the back of this Thursday Note with your suggestions and return it to the School Office. The areas are: curriculum content and delivery, trips and visitors, fundraising for extra activities and resources, building and grounds, rewards and sanctions, family learning at home and school, preparing children for adult hood and class structures. We also asked parents to write down what they might be able to offer to enhance the education or provision for the children in terms of skills, knowledge and access to resources.

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNORS: - We are currently looking to appoint two new parent Governors to our Governing Body. Please arrange to talk to Mrs Pauley about this if you are interested in this important role in our school.

VSA News - Cake Sales: Neptune Class raised a whopping £73, well done Neptune Class. It is the turn of Apollo Class tomorrow, any baked or bought cakes would be gratefully received.

World Book Day Take 2: We had a really successful book/cake sale yesterday and raised £153.30. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the sale, either by donating books/cakes or buying items.

We would also like to congratulate **Francesca Jones** from Sun Class, **Amelie Edward** from Apollo Class and **Charlie North** from Milky Way Class, our three winners of the fundraising quizzes. They will receive their £5 book tokens in tomorrow's Celebration Assembly. Thank you to all the families who submitted entries, every child should now have received a certificate for taking part. We would also like to thank Miss Plumridge and the other teachers who pulled the quizzes together and marked them!

Summer Term events: The Committee is now starting to think about our Summer Term events, including possibly holding a disco for children in May and our annual Summer Fair which will take place on Saturday 16th June. If you have any ideas for stalls/activities at the Fair or donations for raffle prizes we would love to hear from you - please leave a note with the School Office. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and future Thursday Notes for updates.

Dates for your Diary 2018

Friday 16th March - Apollo Class Cake Sale

Y2 Parents' meetings - 20th March 9am - 6.30pm and 23rd March 9am - 4.45pm

EVFS Parents' meetings - 21st March 9am to 4pm and 22nd March 9am to 6.30pm

Y1, 3 & 4 Parents' meetings - 21st March 3.20 - 5.00pm and 22nd March 3.20 - 7pm

Friday 23rd March - Jupiter Class Cake Sale

Friday 23rd March - Last day of term. Normal school closure time.