

8th March 2024

Weekly Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we celebrated World Book Day and whilst it was a wonderful opportunity to have fun dressing up as a favourite book character or come to school in Pyjamas ready for a bedtime story we also took the opportunity to spend more time than usual enjoying reading and sharing books together.

Some of my favourite books as a child were the Beatrix Potter Collection of stories about the tales of Peter Rabbit, Benjamin Bunny, Jemma Puddle-Duck and friends. One particular quote is very special "Even the smallest one can change the world". At Silsoe Lower School we absolutely believe this. Every child in our school has the capacity to make a huge difference and have a positive impact in our world.

We hope that you will support us in helping our children to believe in themselves and grow in confidence as they learn new skills and gain knowledge to equip them with the capacity to change the world!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend and I hope that you are able to snatch a few precious moments sharing a book with your child.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S. Boyle'.

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher



Reception Classes – Acorn and Chestnut

Reception classes have continued their topic about spring and have started to think about the animals that are born in spring like lambs, chicks, calves.

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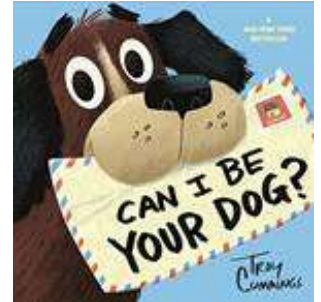
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They had lots of fun during World book day sharing their book characters and stories with each other.

The children have been very excited to make a special surprise for their Mummies for Sunday. **Mummies please check evidence me on Sunday for a special message.**

Year 1 – Hawthorn and Willow

In English we have begun to learn about 'Letters'. We have read a lovely book called 'Can I be your dog?' and talked about what the features of letters are.



In Maths we have been thinking about measure and how to compare using words like longer than and shorter than. In PSHE, we have been learning about personal hygiene and how we can do lots of things to try and keep well, including washing our hands and changing our clothes regularly. We have also been making special cards for our Mums.

Year 2 – Maple and Sycamore

In RE this week Year 2 have been reading about 3 miracles that Jesus performed. They have taken part in different activities to represent these miracles, they first listened to the story about Jesus feeding the 5000 and the children all ate some toast. The next story was about Jesus making a blind man see again and the children created clay faces to represent this. The final story was when a man was born deaf and Jesus helped him to hear and speak again, the children listened to music.

They also learned about following instructions and wrote instructions on how to make a cup of coffee and to make toast.

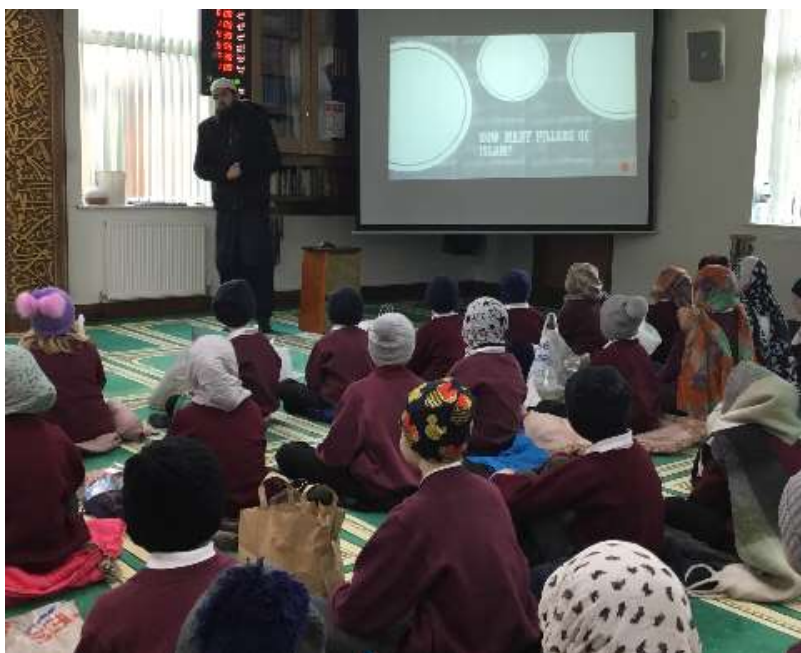
The children also enjoyed having a visit from Oak class on World book day where they read to our class.





Year 3 –Palm and Pine

Year 3 were extremely lucky to spend an immersive day visiting 3 different places of worship on the Queens Park Faith Tour. In the morning we were welcomed by the Imam of the Queens Park Mosque where we found out more about the beliefs and values of Muslims. The children had some brilliant questions to ask to deepen their understanding of Islam. Their next stop was All Saints Parish Church where we were allowed to wander and explore the building and look for items that are important to Christians, the Vicar spoke to us about important symbols in Christianity and even let us wear items of the vicar's uniform. Our last stop was the Gurdwara where we were greeted by Satty, a follower of Sikhism she explained some of the key principles of Sikhism and welcomed us into the meditation hall where we were lucky enough to view the very precious Guru Granth Sahib (the Sikh holy book). The children had a great time learning more about people with different values and beliefs.





Year 4 – Elm and Oak

In Year 4 this week, we have been reading Princess and the Pea. We have studied all the characters and thought about their own individual points of view of the story. In the next couple of weeks, we will be writing our own version of the story so we can use the words to put into our moving books in our DT lessons.

In Science, we have begun learning about teeth. We have discovered canines, incisors and molars and how they help us to eat.

Please see an updated TT Rockstars focus table.

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Multiplication Table Focus – Year 4.

Spring 2

Each week in our times table lesson we will start by reviewing the previous weeks focus before moving on to the new weekly focus.

Week Beginning	26.02.24	04.03.24	11.03.24	18.03.24
Review	12x	6x	3x	4x
New Focus	6x	3x	4x	8x

For children who are confident with these – it is also really important to explore the division facts too!

We also work on these during our review and new focus sessions.

e.g. $4 \times 6 = 24$ and $6 \times 4 = 24$

$24 \div 6 = 4$ and $24 \div 4 = 6$

The 'JAMMING' game on TT Rockstars gives you questions for both multiplication and division facts so is a great place to practise!



Conifer class

The children have continued to access their personalised curriculum in English and Maths whilst building and strengthening relationships with their peers and adults. Some of the children continue to access some mainstream lessons in the afternoons.

We have continued to create our volcanoes out of papier mache which the children are really enjoying.

It was World book day this week and we had some great dress up!



Attendance for this week

Acorn	94.7%	Chestnut	90.3%
Hawthorn	96.9%	Willow	96.2%
Maple	94.2%	Sycamore	96.3%
Palm	95.0%	Pine	96.5%
Elm	995.8%	Oak	93.1%
Conifer	93.8%		

Please find the link to the NHS website regarding 'Is my child well enough to be in school'
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child has a temperature for more than 2 days please take them to the doctor to get them checked for an infection.

Being late for school can affect your child's attendance, anyone arriving after 8.55 and entering through the front doors will be marked as late and anyone arriving after 9.15 will be marked as an unauthorised absence which will affect their attendance (unless there is an acceptable explanation).

Star and Leaves awards

We are proud of the hard work the children make with their academic work, their resilience and positive attitude to learning in addition to the efforts they make to follow our school values. Each week in our celebration assembly we congratulate children who have gone above and beyond and have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning and thus achieved the Behaviour for Learning Star. We are also very proud of the children who demonstrate our school values to a high standard and are awarded the Values Leaf. All children who are recognised for their hard work in our celebration assembly will enjoy a hot chocolate with Mrs Boyle, our Headteacher.

This week we are celebrating:

Class	Stars	Leaves
Acorn	Charlie S	Elsie
Chestnut	George	Charlotte
Hawthorn	Maizie	Evie
Willow	Nate	Elsie
Maple	Ché	Skye
Sycamore	Rachael	Fox
Palm	Mollie	Shea
Pine	Kyde	Edison
Elm	Aoife	Freddie
Oak	Zachary	Archie
Conifer	Poppy	



General Information

Mothering Sunday Service at Flitton, Pulloxhill and Silsoe Churches.



Rev Simon and Rev Louise would like to invite all of our families to celebrate Mothering Sunday together at one of their family orientated services this Sunday. All ladies will be given flowers and chocolates-

9.30am Silsoe

10.30 Flitton

11am Pulloxhill

Kickboxing Grading

We would like to congratulate Robyn in achieving her Red belt in her grading for Kickboxing last weekend. We are really proud of all your hard work and dedication to complete your grading.



Languages week Reminder

On Friday 22nd March, we would like the children to come into school dressed in the colours of the flag that represents their family heritage. Children are welcome to come into school simply in their flag colours (no football kits) or they can go that extra mile and enter our competition for the most creative flag outfit and winners will receive a prize.

During the day, children will be invited to share words, phrases and facts about cultural events that they celebrate at home related to the country that is linked to their family.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents the school Car Park is for staff and visitors only, parents should not park in there unless they have spoken to the office and have permission to park. We have an increasing number of parents who are using the staff car park and also parents and children are walking across the car park which is not safe at this busy time. Please walk on the perimeter paths.

There are parking spaces at the sports centre and the local area if you need to park close to the school. Thank you for your understanding.

Total funds raised from sponsored circuits

Thank you to everyone that completed the sponsored circuits when Steve Frew visited our school.

In total we raised a massive **£4877.50**. This is amazing!

World Book Day



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Diary Dates

Please find below dates for the rest of this school year. Please note dates which have changed or added have been highlighted.

11/03/2024	All Week	National Science Week
22/03/2024	All Day	Home Languages Day
26/03/2024	3pm	Y4 Grafham parents meeting
27/03/2024	9.30am	Easter Service at the Church – parents invited – Y1, Y3 & Oak Class
27/03/2024	2pm	Easter Service at the Church – parents invited Reception, Year 2 & Elm
18/04/2024	TBC	Y4 Transfer Festival at Arnold Academy
25/04/2024	All Day	Y4 Bikeability – children to bring in bikes & cycle helmets
13/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
14/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
15/05/2024	All Day	Y4 Grafham Water Trip
16/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scolastic Book Fair YR, Y1 and Y2
17/05/2024	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Scolastic Book Fair Y3 and Y4
07/06/2024	All Day	Y2 Herrings Green trip
12/06/2024	Morning	School Photographer – Class Portraits
24/06/2024	9.15am	Y4 Moving up assembly/workshop
26/06/2024	3.45pm to 5.45pm	Book look & meet your new Teacher for 2024 to 2025
27/06/2024	All Day	Transition Day
28/06/2023	All Day	Y1 Mount Fitchett Trip
01/07/2024	All Week	Sports Week – details to follow nearer the time
05/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Leaf Walk in Silsoe
08/07/2024	All Week	Back up Sports Week (for events cancelled during w/c 01/07/2024 due to adverse weather conditions)
10/07/2024	TBC	Y4 Visit to Silsoe Parks
19/07/2024	9.30am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

OUR CURRENT VALUE IS:

Patience

‘But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.’

Romans 8:25



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