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Newsletter 18th March 2022



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an extremely challenging week at Speenhamland, with staff absence from Covid hitting us particularly hard. Please accept our apologies for the cancellation of sporting fixtures and clubs this week – we simply had no capacity to run them.

On a happier note, this week saw the launch of Science Week. The children were full of awe and wonder in assembly on Monday where teachers from Trinity demonstrated magical changing liquids, helium balloons and even fired rockets across the length of the hall. It was a brilliant way to get the children excited and curious about science.

Over the course of the week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own investigations linked to biscuit dunking. I learnt from pupils in Maple class that custard creams are the best biscuit for withstanding multiple dunks! Welcoming parents this afternoon, was a brilliant way to celebrate all of the children's fantastic work. The posters will be carefully judged and the winning pupils will receive an exciting trip to the Trinity science labs later in the term! A special thank you needs to go to Miss Holdway who organised the event and then was unfortunately ill with Covid.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend – enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

Homework

Teachers have been incredibly impressed with the topic challenges they have received so far.

Just to clarify that the half way point for the term is **Friday 25th March** and at this point, children should have completed **1-2 tasks**.

We appreciate that the homework grids were sent out mid-term so the expectation has been reduced to a minimum of 2 tasks for Spring 2.

FoSS

Next week, Mother's Day gifts will be available for children to purchase every lunchtime. The children can choose from a 50p or £1 gift. All gifts will be in sealed bags to maintain the element of surprise!
All money raised will help support FoSS.

On **Friday 1st April**, there will be a non-uniform day for bringing in Easter chocolate or craft activities. These will then be used for our Class Easter Raffle.

Details to follow



Road Safety

We have contacted the council about the fallen tree that is still blocking the path close to the school.

Please can everyone take extra care when crossing the roads in this area as we know walking to the zebra crossing is currently difficult.

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our parent survey.

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do this via the hyperlink below by the deadline of Monday 21st March 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d0tda3Jgm0G67B11CtbuiBBPlxwB2I5MlnDYrWfqUkhUQUhCWFBIMUVGRIRWSkvVWRkMzN0ozMjc4Ny4u>

Thank you.

Your views are very much valued.



This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT
Wisteria	Toby Goddard
Cherry	Alessia Calin
Oak	Rafee Rahman
Ash	Isabella Stingone
Hawthorn	Michal Jankowski
Juniper	Danny Black
Maple	Isla Bickerton
Acer	Morgan Cook
Redwood	Tommy Saunders
Cedar	Nandhini Potti Naveen Kumar

PSHE
Oliver Lee Brennan
Mehreen Rahman
Isla Hooper
Leyla Radbourne
Emilia Stosak
Evelyn Garnish
Harry Fairclough
Ayden Moisa
Layla Skye Taylor
Lewis Wiggins

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HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 177
2nd Azul 164
3rd Zolty 163
4th Verde 135

*Congratulations to Laal!
Congratulations also to Isabelle Fisher,
who is the new Verde House Captain.*

SAVE THE DATE Laal House Charity Day

Laal House Charity Day
will take place on
Monday 4th April.

The theme for Laal's Charity Day is
"Express Yourself".

*Watch this space for
more details!*

Attendance

This week's attendance is 87.64%.
which is slightly down on last week
which was 92.28%.

**Unfortunately, a significant drop mainly
due to Covid.**

On Monday, our Upper Junior girls took part in
another football tournament.

This time they played three fixtures and showed
great determination to keep a clean sheet in their
last two fixtures of the afternoon.

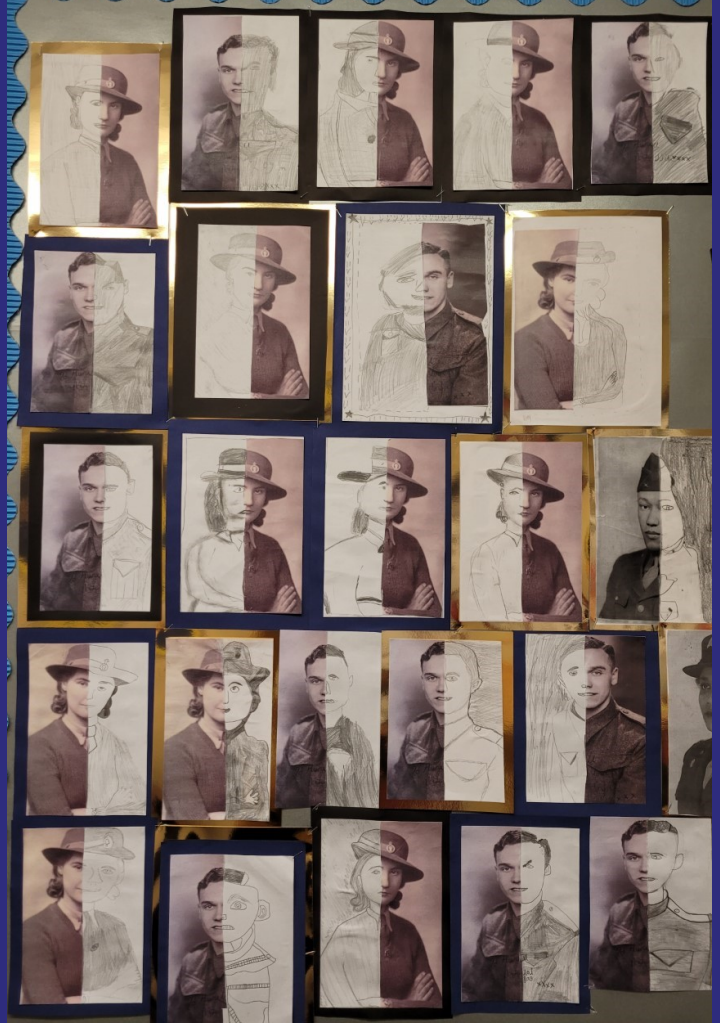
The girls have worked hard and showed so much
improvement over their recent games - it is great to
see. Well done girls and a special thank you to
Mrs Neale who coached the team on
Monday evening.



CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK



Florence from Redwood made WWII rock cakes and said they were delicious. She used the recipe from the website below and talked about why these were good cakes for rationing because they did not use much sugar, eggs or margarine.
<https://the1940sexperiment.com/2009/09/21/rock-buns/>



Upper Juniors' WW2 portraits of service people.



EYFS Book club read the book Pugicorn and then created magical horns and became unicorns.



Upper Juniors enjoyed dance last week .



SCIENCEWEEK

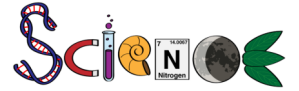


Science Week started with an amazing assembly where there were lots of experiments! They put a tennis ball on top of a basketball and then it bounced really high. They also had water they could shake and it then turned blue. They also launched rockets. In class, we have been experimenting with biscuits.

We investigated which drink would be best to dunk a biscuit in. Then we worked in teams to make posters to present our findings. Science Week has been exciting and really fun and we can't wait to share our posters and to see who wins.



Written by Alanna Heller and Ayansh Ranjan, Cherry Class.



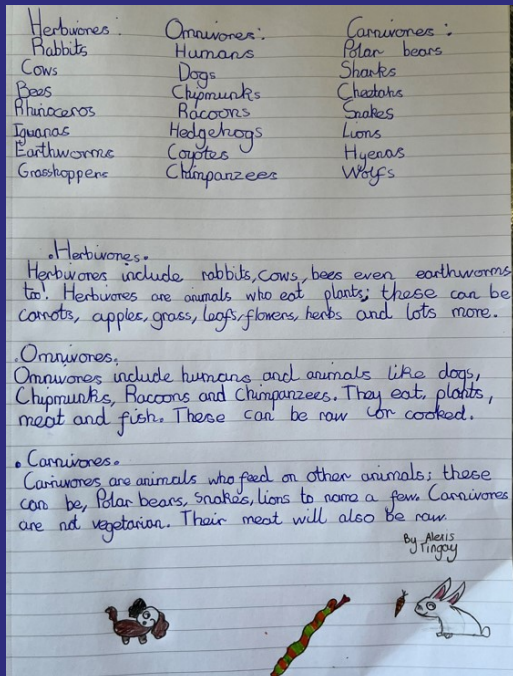
Quotations about Science Week from Oak Class:

My favourite thing about science week was dunking the biscuits in the different types of water as I liked watching them break. **Jack**

I enjoyed dunking our biscuits in the water. **Clementine**

I have enjoyed making my poster in my group and adding the photos of us dunking our biscuits.

I loved dunking the biscuits into the water and watching them breaking off in the water. **Tululah**



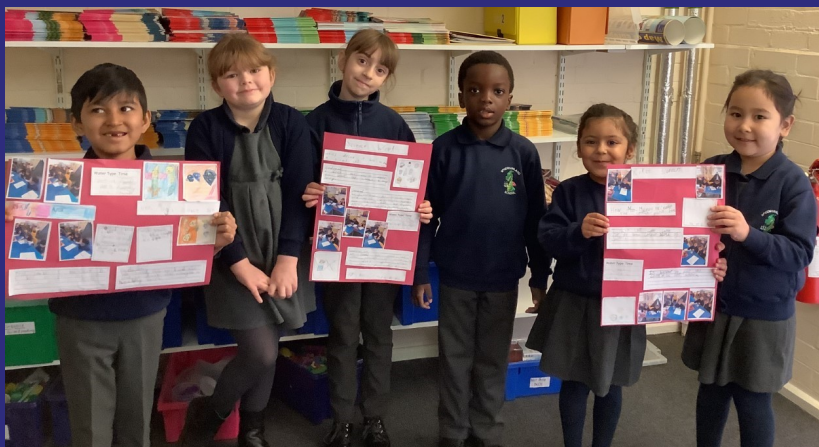
As part of her homework, Alexis from Hawthorn Class, created a science poster about different consumers.



This week the children in Wisteria Class enjoyed exploring different biscuits to dunk in cold milk! At first, we thought Digestive biscuits would be the best but after undertaking our investigation, we were wrong! Our Blue Ribbon Wafer didn't break.



Lower Juniors and Infants enjoyed exploring the dunkability of various biscuits!



Cherry Class produced fantastic posters of their experiments.

