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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We launched the week with a special assembly from Hannah Saunders who is the Operations Manager for Newbury Soup Kitchen. She spoke to the children about the work of the charity and how children could get involved and help. Please see poster on front page and opposite for more information. We will be keeping a box in our school Reception for any donations next week. Thank you in advance for your support.

This week also saw the unveiling of our extracurricular spring clubs programme. There is an exciting range of clubs to choose from which hopefully will appeal to the sporty, creative and even the linguistic interests of our pupils! The deadline for sign up is 4.00pm today and after this time, we unfortunately cannot accept any late requests.

Our Keevill Unit enjoyed a very successful Support and Review Meeting with the local authority this week. It was lovely to celebrate the many achievements of our Keevill pupils and the work of our Keevill staff who go above and beyond every day. Mrs Green has already started planning in preparation for the Keevill's 50th Anniversary this year! We will be celebrating as a whole school and will share more details with you closer to the event.

Finally, I am happy to announce that our dining hall ceiling has now been repaired after the awful weather over the Christmas period. This means that our Community Library will be open again after school from Monday. Please do pop in and borrow a book – children and adults alike!

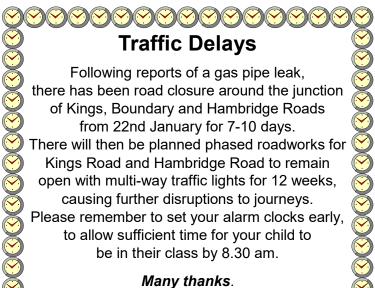
Hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry Headteacher











TERM DATES

Spring Term

Term 3 04-01-23 to **09-02-23 Half Term** 13-02-23 to 17-02-23

Term 4 20-02-23 to 30-03-23 12 noon

Summer Term

Term 5 17-04-23 to 26-05-23 **Half Term** 29-05-22 to 02-06-23

Term 6 05-06-23 to 21-07-23 12 noon

Staff Training:

05-12-22, 03-01-23, 10-02-23, 31-03-23

and 23-06-23



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Laura Farris, MP is launching another short story competition this week for World Book Day.

She has teamed up with Hungerford Bookshop to launch the competition for all primary school children in Newbury.

This year the theme is: "The day the King came to visit."

There are two categories: one for Years 1, 2 & 3
(maximum word limit of 250 words) and one for
Years 4, 5 & 6 (maximum word limit of 500 words).

Any length below the word limit is absolutely fine and I
wouldn't expect little ones to produce anything close.

Hungerford Bookshop will be putting together
prizes for the winners.

Entries should be emailed to laura.farris.mp@parliament.uk by the end of the day on Monday 20th February and should include the following information:

Child's name and address.

Parent/Guardian's name and email address.

Child's age and class.

Their short story.



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 93.03% Last week's attendance was 92.95%

Unfortunately, 190 learning minutes were lost this week through late arrivals. Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am

Attendance Matters!





HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 290 2nd Zolty 270

3rd Verde 252 4th Azul 246

Congratulations to Laal!

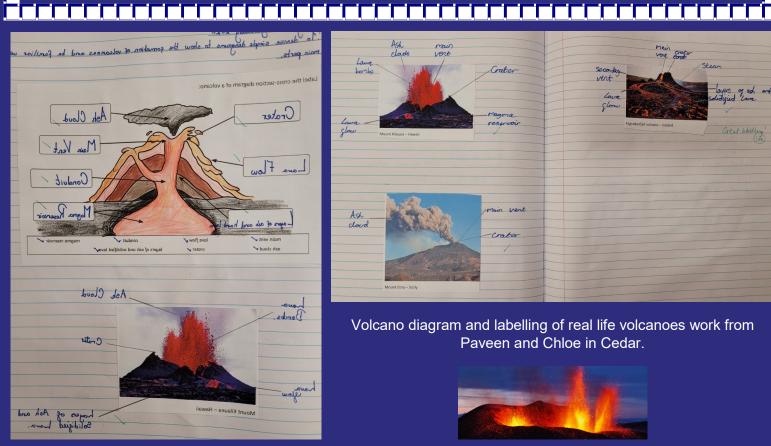
CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

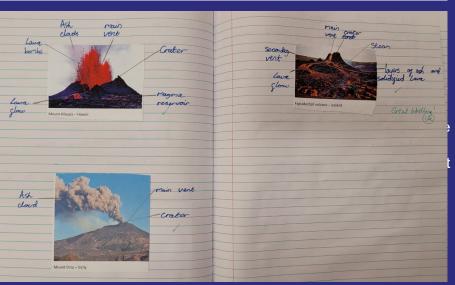






This week, the children in Wisteria class have enjoyed the PE lessons with Mrs Neale. They have been working on their gymnastic skills and developing their balance.





Volcano diagram and labelling of real life volcanoes work from Paveen and Chloe in Cedar.









The Infant children have been very creative in their design and technology lesson by following instructions and making teddy bear biscuits They used different ingredients to decorate them.

FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



News from Forest School

This week in Forest School, Acer and Cedar have been practising using a claw hammer to hit and extract nails.













