



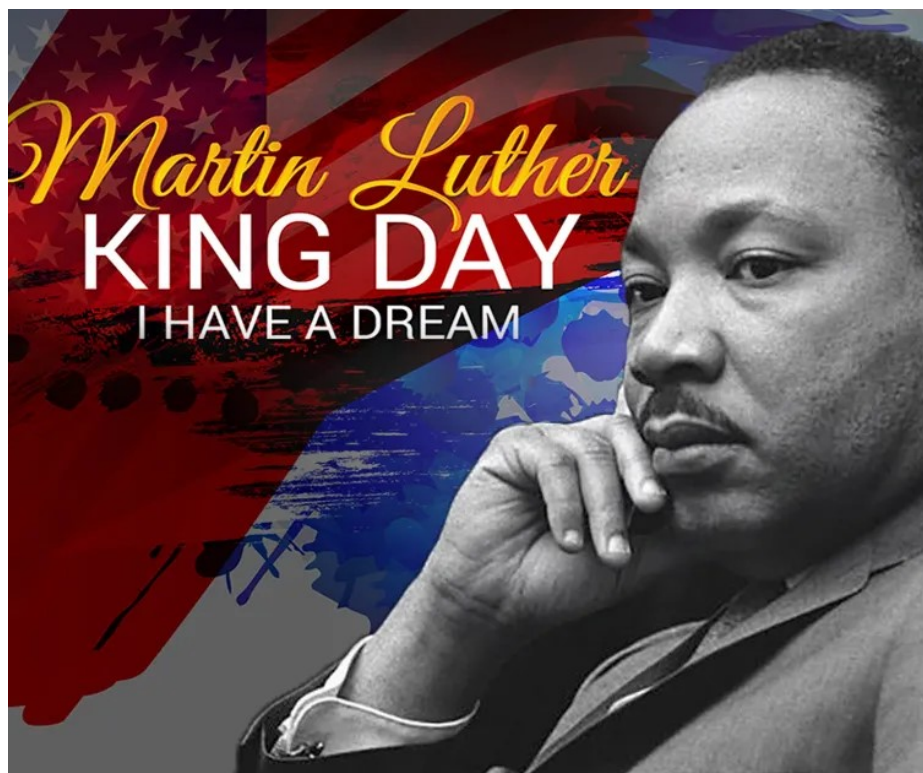
# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 21st January 2022



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, at Speenhamland, we celebrated Martin Luther King Day with a special assembly on Monday. We looked at his life and achievements including his famous "I have a dream..." speech. We celebrated the fact that in our school, all races learn together and there is a strong culture of respect and acceptance – something that makes us feel very proud.

Our programme of extra-curriculum clubs started in full force this week and it was lovely to see children trying new experiences and socialising with different people. I was lucky enough to be entertained by the recorder club who demonstrated their new skills – I was very impressed with their musical talents!

A huge thank you should go to Mrs Earl and Mr Page who spent many hours organising clubs as well as all the adults who kindly donate their time to enrich the experiences of our pupils. Once again, we have tried to provide a range of clubs to ensure we cater for all interests. If your child has a particular interest and a suggestion for a future club, we would encourage them to speak to either Mrs Earl or Mr Page – we'd love to hear their ideas!

Wishing you a restful weekend

**Mrs J Lewry**  
Headteacher

## FoSS Chocolate Tombola

Thank you to everyone  
who attended our FoSS Chocolate Raffle.  
We raised £141.

## HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 205  
2nd Laal 203  
3rd Zolty 201  
4th Verde 171

***Congratulations Azul!***

## Dress Up to Show Up!

On **Friday 11th February**,  
we will be holding our first House  
charity event for Azul.

**"Dress Up to Show Up!"**  
will be the theme with children  
donating £1.00 cash to wear neon or  
bright clothes to school.

All money raised will be donated to  
Brake – the road safety charity.  
Throughout the day, the children will  
take part in a range of exciting  
activities linked to road  
safety and transport.

Azul House Captains  
will capture the day by  
creating their own scrapbook  
of the event.

## Covid Plan B

Please note that Speenhamland will continue  
with mask wearing around communal areas  
and with parents and visitors  
until 27th January following  
the Government guidance.

We will then stop, however, people can  
continue to wear masks if they wish.

Numbers will be monitored and masks  
could be reintroduced as a measure  
if numbers go higher.

***Thank you for your continued support.***

## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT
<b>Wisteria</b>	Jack Knight
<b>Cherry</b>	Justin Broadhurst
<b>Oak</b>	Narayani Kashikar
<b>Ash</b>	Remi Robinson
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Sebastian Rudd
<b>Juniper</b>	Christina Athanasiadou
<b>Maple</b>	Francis Moisa
<b>Acer</b>	Stella De Souza Rolim
<b>Redwood</b>	Praveen Sivabalan
<b>Cedar</b>	Brooke Bodin House
<b>Sport</b>	Daisie-Louise Campbell and Joshua Benn

PSHE
Asher Love-Clements
Lola Waite
Isla Hooper
Riley Aitken
Akshayan Pedhu Gurushankar
Lauren Tipler
Jack Collins
Levi Begley
Layla-Anne Stanswood
Grace Neale



### Y6 Cycle Training

As part of the Council's commitments to provide cycle training support for all children in Year 6, they will be running training sessions from Kennet Leisure Centre, Thatcham and Shaw House, Newbury over the February half term.

The subsidised cost will be £20 per rider (full cost £45 each)  
Contact [activetravel@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:activetravel@westberks.gov.uk) for more information.



### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please click on the link below to quickly and easily find out if you are entitled to free school meals.  
There are other benefits, other than free school meals eg reduction in school trips.

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>

### Spring Term Dates

**Spring Term 3:**  
5th January to 18th February 2022  
**Half Term:**  
21st February to 25th February 2022  
**Spring Term 4:**  
28th February to 7th April 2022

**Inset Day**  
8th April 2022

### Attendance

This week's attendance is 91.39%.  
which is down on last week  
attendance of 96.06%.

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# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## Wisteria

In Wisteria Class, we have enjoyed exploring our outdoor area!

We made sure we were wrapped up warm, before going out and creating dens, developing our gross motor skills and looking at different ways to transport balls using tubes and pipes.

Don't forget to make sure your child brings in a thick coat during the winter months!



Cameron Smith has earned his  
Keevill Ambassador Badge:

Mature and Cooperative Attitude to school  
work, and therapy.

Good Manners, and use of words to  
explain worries and difficulties  
A great role model for other children.

when I'm by my self  
And I close my eyes  
I'm a jumping frog  
I'm a sniffing hog  
I'm a flying Rocket  
I'm whatever I want to be  
An anything I care to be  
And when I open my eyes  
What I care to be  
Is me.

✓ Fantastic poem!

Dhairya did a fantastic job of using structure and rhyme to create his own poem based on the poem "When I'm by Myself".

The heart is a muscle the heart is protected by the ribs the heart acts like a pump pushing blood around the body. Blood travels away from the heart in blood vessels called arteries these have thick walls because the blood is under pressure as it leaves the heart. As the blood travels round the body oxygen is taken out and replaced with carbon dioxide the blood travels through veins to return to the heart blood collects oxygen from the lungs then returns to the heart from where it is pumped all around the body.



Tyler from Acer Class wrote about aspects of the circulatory system. Acer also used this model to show how the valves of the heart helps push blood around the body.



LKS2 have been using their Maths skills to scale a recipe and then use it to make Roman honey cookies.

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