



# Newsletter 3rd March 2023



# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The excitement has been building all week for the much-anticipated World Book Day today. Across the school, children have been busy transforming potatoes into their favourite book characters. The end results have been amazing and everyone has got a lot of pleasure from looking at all of the different characters. Look out for the lovely photos in next week's newsletter!

Today, children have enjoyed an enrichment day all linked to different picture books. As well as sharing the wonderful stories, every class has produced a variety of work, from writing to art. We hope the parents enjoyed the opportunity to wander round and celebrate the quality work from today.

Our lower juniors have also enjoyed the additional treat of a free Matilda workshop from Razzamataz, Newbury. The children participated in a one hour musical theatre workshop, learning a short section from the hit book and musical, which they were able to share with their parents.

To top off a rich-reading experience, staff are providing a range of reading-related activities after school, from making a BFG Dream Jar to creating their own mini book. During these activities, we invite parents to join us in the Community Library for refreshments and an opportunity to borrow books from our adult library.

This fun-packed day could not have happened without the enthusiasm and drive of Miss Harrison, who was responsible for creating our World Book Day events – thank you. A special thanks should also go to Kerry Anne Rolls from Cupcakes by Daisy who donated a spectacular reading-themed cake which we were able to raffle off. We would also like to thank all the parents and children who donated cakes for the event. All money raised from the event will go to the purchase of more reading materials for our library.

Finally, this is a perfect opportunity to promote our in-school reading competition for Boom Reader. Every week, I will be monitoring the classes to see how many children have logged 3 or more reads on Boom Reader. These results will be shared on our school display as well as in the newsletter. At the moment, upper juniors are dominating the competition so we really need our youngest readers logging more reads!

Have a restful weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry**  
Headteacher



## Y6 SATs

Don't forget to carry out the survey regarding Y6 Easter SATs School by Friday 10th March 3 pm

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d0tda3Jgm0G67BI1CtbuiCtHze07VaZHht7oIMxnICZURVpISkc0NUZNWjRKMDY5N0dJTkpWNIRZMC4u>



### DRAGON CLUB

Easter booking forms are now available from the Dragon Club.

We will be open as follows:

Thursday 30th March half day open from 1 pm to 6 pm

Friday 31st March INSET day

Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April

***Lots of exciting activities planned.***

***Watch this space for a programme of events!***

**Hurry and book your child's place now!**



### YEAR 6 LEAVERS' FUNDRAISING

We are excited to announce the beginning of the Year 6 fundraising programme with a weekly after school snack shop **starting next Friday** with a selection of small sweets and treats.

This will run every Friday to help raise funds for their leaving party and hoodies.

***Please remember to bring your change.***

## Achievement and PSHE Awards

	SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Kartikey Tyagi	Alexander Keogh
Cherry	Nishika Nuni	Alanna Heller
Oak	Clementine Raven	Filip Stosak
Ash	Isaac Still	Toby Goddard
Willow	Noah Callow	Marilou Athanasiadou
Hawthorn	Chloe Flitton	Reyansh Mehta
Juniper	Mia Compton	Adriana Duca
Maple	Adyan Hussain	Daisie-Louise Campbell
Acer	Matei Olteanu	Mercedes Ridd
Redwood	Isabelle Rocha	Libby McCugh
Cedar	Jack Collins	Milana Rahozina



**The Winner is!**



### HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Laal 344
- 2nd Azul 307
- 3rd Zolty 253
- 4th Verde 181

***Congratulations to Laal!***

### ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 92.25%  
Last week's attendance was 95.76%  
Unfortunately, 313 learning minutes were lost this week through late arrivals, which sadly is an increase on last week.

***Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am. Thank you.***

**Attendance Matters!**



**Every Student, Every School, Every Day**

**Don't forget to carry out our Boom Reader Questionnaire by Friday 10th March at 3 pm. Link:**  
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d0tda3Jgm0G67Bl1CtbuiCtHze07VaZHht7olMxnICZUM1dRRUpBT0g0N0dLT09IRVhPV1FWODAwMy4u>

Below are the results for the most children that have read 3 times or more this week:

- Cedar 23 children
- Acer 21 children
- Redwood 16 children
- Juniper 12 children
- Hawthorn 11 children
- Oak 10 children
- Maple 9 children
- Wisteria 8 children
- Cherry 7 children
- Ash 5 children
- Willow 4 children

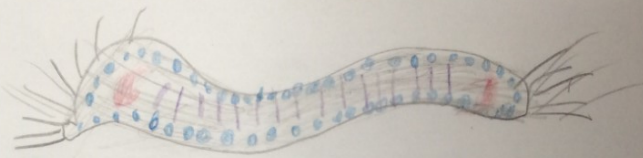
**This week's winning class is Cedar. Congratulations!**



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

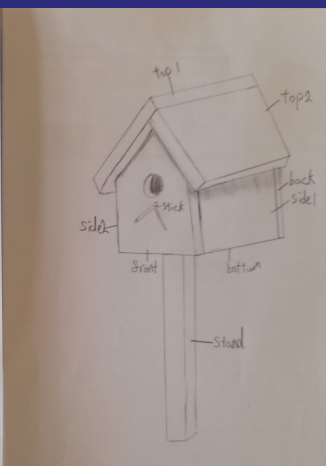
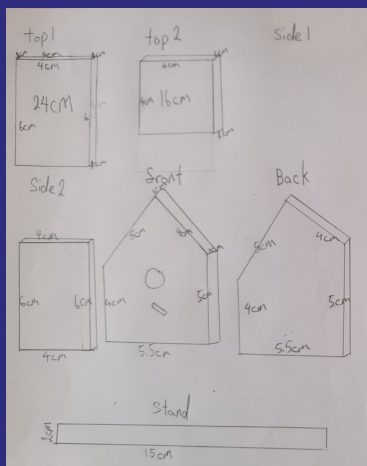
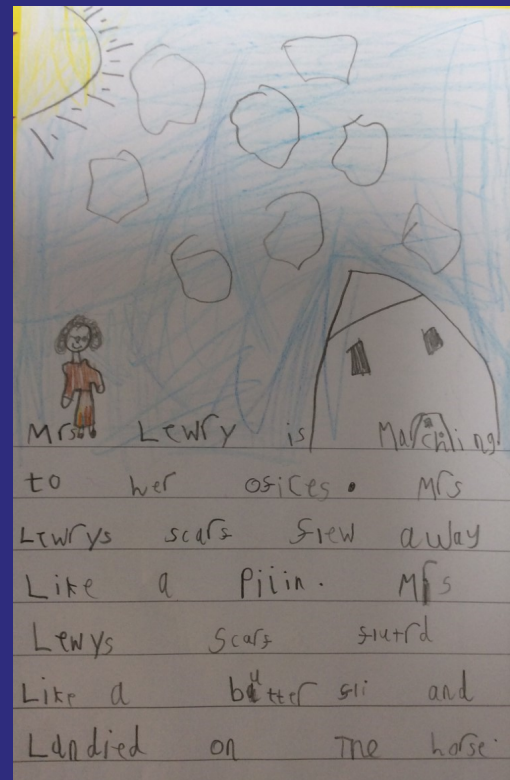


This week, the children in Wisteria Class have loved learning more about the country we live in. During their Geography lessons, they created maps of their journey to school!



The scarf flew on to the school  
top. The scarf landed on a  
boosh. Down down down  
the scarf landed on  
Mr Webster.

Year 1 children have been super busy writing up their own stories this week. Based on the story *The Queen's Hat* by Steve Antony, the children rewrote their own versions about Mrs Lewry's scarf. Some wonderful work has been created including these from Esme in Willow class.



This week, Acer Class have been designing bird houses during Design and Technology.

Picture by Madi and technical drawing by Angie.



Lower Juniors had a visitor from West Berkshire who came to speak to them about healthy eating and the importance of having a balanced diet. We learnt lots of interesting facts and did some fun activities. This will really help them with the PSHE unit this term, which is *Healthy Me*.