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Library Fundraiser Underway!

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/speenhamlandlibrary?utm_term=6qg42rrpg

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We are all very much looking forward to Monday 8th March when our school opens fully to all the children. I know from talking to many parents, the children are looking forward to returning, seeing their teachers and friends again, and getting back to learning. Thank you for your support and understanding during the last 8 weeks of lockdown. As a community, we have worked brilliantly as a team to ensure our pupils received the very best from remote learning and remain connected with the whole school.

This week we have celebrated World Book Day, I have been so impressed with everyone's enthusiasm for all the events we have hosted. It was great to see so many children dressed up both in school and at home, and staff too. I look forward to seeing the photograph in the Newbury Weekly News next week. You can see some of the costumes later on in this newsletter. Have you had a go at guessing the Masked Readers yet on DB Primary or had a go at the Challenges?

The Quiz is tonight (Friday 4th March). Please email Miss Hipgrave nhipgrave@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org if you would like to enter. It starts at 5 pm and entry is £5, which can be paid to our JustGiving page, which can be found on Page 1 of this newsletter.

We are going to continue our World Book Day events until 31st March, in order to keep raising money for our library. Thank you so much for all your generous donations. At the time of writing we have already raised £700 and we still have our book quiz, the challenge results and our sponsored event to go. It would be great if we could raise even more!

When we return next week, we will be focusing much of our work on the book What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers. As part of this work we would like to invite all the children to take part in a tea party after school next Thursday 11th March with their class. We will be sending out invitations on Monday, which will have more details. This is a really lovely opportunity for the children to reconnect again with their classes and their teachers, discuss the story, make some memories and have some cake!

We are keen to know more about how your child feels about returning to school and how they have found lockdown, so we can ensure we have the correct support and challenge in place for the forthcoming months. Please complete the survey by clicking on the link below if you want to share anything with us about your child which you think would help with their return. The survey will close on Wednesday 10th March at 4pm.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d0tda3Jgm0G67Bl1CtbuiCtHze07VaZHht7olMxnlCZUQ1hMSEQxMTUyTDNDWk5CQjg4NDAzWEpHTS4u

Normally, at this time of year we would have had Parents' Evenings already this term. However, as we have been working remotely since January and we are only just returning back to face to face teaching, these will be postponed until the summer term. In the next four weeks we will work with your children, settle them back into school routines, make some assessments of their work and then identify next steps for them to make progress.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Dr C Wilson
Executive Headteacher

International Day of Mathematics

On Friday 12th March we will be celebrating International Day of Mathematics and this year the theme is Mathematics for a better world.

With this in mind, the children will be using and applying their mathematical knowledge and understanding to see what we can do to make our community a better place.

This will include looking at the rubbish we produce as a school and how we could recycle this better; how we could arrange the recycling or rubbish collection areas based on how much space is needed and investigating how children get to school and what, if anything, we could do differently.

Throughout the morning, the children will have the opportunity to investigate and explore maths in a purposeful real-life context, share their findings and suggest changes we could make based on what they have discovered.

This Week's Teacher Awards

Class 1	Ruby Jupp
Class 2	Emily Opanowicz
Class 3	Dhairya Upreti
Class 4	Jude Waters
Class 5	Samuel Carvalho
Class 6	Joseph Breslin
Class 7	Jess Lambourne
Class 8	Maisie Almond
Class 9	Flora Tanacs
Class 10	Humayra Hussain
Class 11	Charlie Annett
PE Award	Libby McCugh

EYFS Sports Club

Mr Page will be running a Sports Club for EYFS
on Fridays at 1 pm
If you would like your child to attend,
please email Mr Page.
Children will need their PE kit and can be collected at
2 pm fom the side gate.
The club will focus on multisports.

100 Lap Challenge (Newbury Weekly News)

Please take a look in this week's
Newbury Weekly News.
You will find an article and photo
about our successful 100 Lap Challenge.

PE Challenge Update

We have continued our virtual journey from
Land's End to John O Groats.
We have now covered a total of 474 miles,
which means if we started our journey in Land's End, we
would have now be on the outskirts of Penrith.
Remember if you go for a walk, bike ride, scoot or any
other type of exercise, then please remember
to send me the distance.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL CHALLENGE

St David's Day Challenge

Below are two amazing drawings representing
St David's Day
by Hrudhay from Class 3

We also received a wonderful video from
Isabelle (Class 7) and Jasmine (Cass 5).

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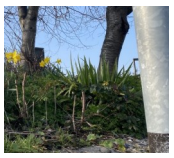


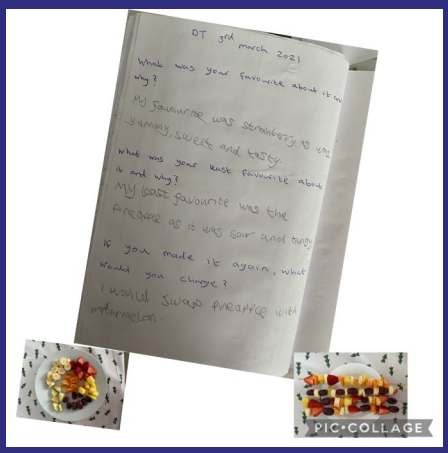
For St David's day, I made some
welsh cakes, spotted daffodils on a
walk and also found out the welsh
word for welsh cakes!
Pice ar y maen!

Active Travel Consultation

West Berkshire Council would like
to get your views on travel and the
environment in our local area.

Scan the QR code opposite to find
out about the
consultations.

PUPILS' AMAZING WORK

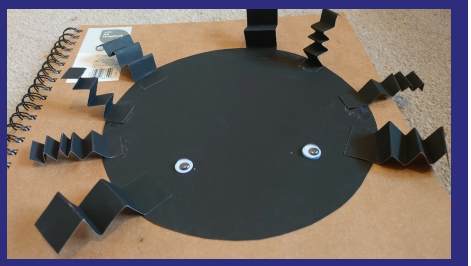


Leah's excellent healthy picnic skewer along with a great evaluation of her final product. Class 4

Evie from Class 5 with her fruit kebab.

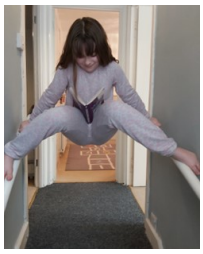
Charlie, Class 11, dressed as Ratburge for World Book Day.

Alanna in Class 2 has made a free-standing paper plate ladybird.



Morgan's spider, Class 1

For World Book Day, Ffion from Class 10 dressed up as Lyra from the His Dark Materials trilogy by Philip Pullman. In the photo, Lyra, Pan and Iorek Byrnison are using the alethiometer to find truthful answers to their questions.

Riley from Class 1 dressed up for World Book Day.

Extreme Reading!