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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, saw the launch of our hugely anticipated Science Week! To ignite the children's curiosity on Monday, staff from Trinity School came down to lead a fun-packed assembly full of science experiments, which created awe and wonder with our pupils.

The theme for this year's Science Week has been famous scientists, with each class selecting a scientist to study for the week. There was a lovely range of scientists from inspirational black scientists like Katherine Johnson, to leading female scientists like Marie Curie and more modern-day scientists like Stephen Hawkins. Over the course of the week, the children have investigated their chosen scientist and conducted different experiments linked to their work.

The children have been immersed in their science learning this week and were keen to share their highlights.

Isaac: I liked having a science team and knowing they could work together all week.

Francis: I loved learning about magnets and compasses. I enjoyed the experiments and learning how the force could go through an object.

Avnish: I enjoyed making the poster about William Gilbert and decorating it.

Isla: I enjoyed making the poster about William Gilbert who invented the electroscope.

Skyla: I liked learning about the magnets repelling and attracting.

We hope that our parents will enjoy walking around the school this afternoon and sharing all the fabulous work that the children have produced collaboratively. A huge thank you should go to Miss Holdway who organised the Science Week together with the Trinity Scientists!

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

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UKRAINIAN TEA PARTY

Last Friday, our Ukrainian community came together for a lovely tea party to mark the 1 year anniversary of them joining our school.

We also planted a tree to mark the occasion.



It's Book Fair Time!

Our exciting book fair will be happening on the following dates:

Wednesday 22nd March

Thursday 23rd March

Friday 24th March

Monday 27th March

The book fair will take place after school in the dining hall until 3.45 pm.

Payment can be made via a QR code or cash please.

HEADLICE

It's not always possible to prevent lice, but below are some tips for spotting them early!



- Once a week take a peek. Check your child's head regularly with a fine-toothed detection comb.
- If you spot lice, check the rest of the family and treat all infected heads at the same time.
- Avoid head-to-head contact and sharing brushes/combs with infected people.

CHILDREN'S CYCLE SKILLS COACHING

EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME

18:00 - 19:30 @ HENWICK WORTHY PLAYING FIELDS
Henwick Worthy Sports Ground, Thatcham, Berkshire RG18 3BU

£2 per session for Newbury Velo junior members/£3 for non-members

Newbury Velo are offering skills coaching for 5-12 year old children in the West Berkshire area. Children will learn the skills needed to ride a bicycle with confidence through a set of sessions delivered by British Cycling qualified coaches from the Newbury Velo Cycling Club.

NEWBURY VELO

to register your interest,
please email coaching@newburyvelo.cc

A Little Quiet Time

Quiet Time in Festival Place

Every Saturday from
9:30am - 10:30am

Every Wednesday from
4pm - 7pm

During the above time, Festival Place will turn off their centre music. Participating retailers will also be turning off music in stores.

To find out more, follow link below:

<https://bit.ly/371Hqi8>

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Achievement and PSHE Awards

	SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Alex Martyniak	Anshumaan Dixit
Cherry	Mehreen Rahman	Emily Opanowicz
Oak	Karnik Udasi	Elliot Grace
Ash	Hassan Ali	Oscar Terry-Stanswood
Willow	Finley Fisk	Jack Knight
Hawthorn	Elizabeth Sproule	Isaac Silva Robinson
Juniper	Alexis Tingay	Ibrahima Diallo
Maple	Remi Robinson	Sham Alharbat
Acer	Riley Hayes-West	Evie Garnish
Redwood	Daisy Pollard	Maximus Jince
Cedar	Milana Rahoza	Atharv Subhas



The Winner is!



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Azul 284
- 2nd Laal 226
- 3rd Verde 218
- 4th Zolty 201

Congratulations to Azul!

Below are the results for the class that had the most children read 3 times or more from Monday 6th March to Sunday 12th March:

- Cedar 25 children
- Ace4 20 children
- Redwood 17 children
- Hawthorn 13 children
- Juniper 11 children
- Wisteria 9 children
- Cherry 8 children
- Maple 8 children
- Oak 7 children
- Ash 5 children
- Willow 3 children

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



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 91.15 %
Last week's attendance was 91.05%
Unfortunately, 1159 learning minutes were lost this week through late arrivals.

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

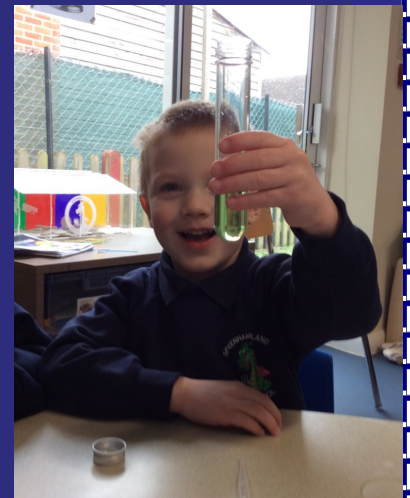
EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!

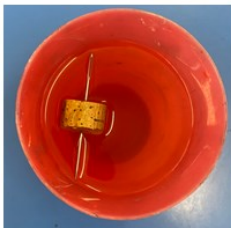


Every Student, Every School, Every Day

PUPILS INCREDIBLE WORK



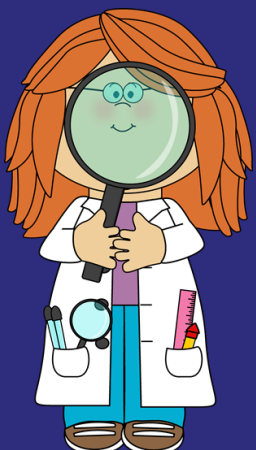
This week, Wisteria Class enjoyed learning about Marie Curie for science week. On Wednesday, they made their own elements, adding different liquids and materials! The children then named their new element!



Cedar class investigating Archimedes theory of displacement



Lower Juniors spent science week learning all about magnetism and William Gilbert. They created compasses, researched William Gilbert and investigated the strength of magnets. They ended the week by creating a magnetic game.



Year 1 have been learning about Rachel Carson and the work that she did to protect wildlife and animals. They went on a bug hunt using magnifying glasses and torches, then recorded their data in a table. The children followed instructions to make a worm farm, so they could use the food scraps and made posters about how to look after their planet.



Forest School

This week at Forest School, the pupils have been practising their shelter building skills for inclement weather as well as using a bow saw and sawing cradle for the first time. Their team work was amazing!

