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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy final week at Speenhamland School. Monday's assembly explored Valentine's Day – who Saint Valentine was and the traditions we follow. The children were challenged to complete the statement, "Love is..." Wisteria class had a lovely discussion and came up with the following ideas:

- It means that you can love anyone you want. (Coco)
- It means that you can love everybody. (Erick)
- It means that someone loves you. (Matthew)

It was lovely to welcome so many parents into school this week for our February Parents' Evenings. There was a great buzz around school and parents seemed happy with the information they received on their child's progress and attainment.

The end to the week was quite unexpected with a sudden school closure and red weather warning! I know Juniper class will have found this particularly difficult as this was their last day with Miss Penman. Thank you for everyone's support.

I hope everyone has a restful and happy half term break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 28th February.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

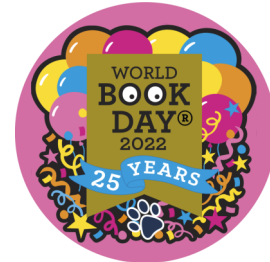
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World Book Day Friday 4th March

On Friday 4th March, staff and pupils can dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day.
See last page for more details!



SCHOOL MEALS

Notification of Price Increase

From 1st April 2022, the price of a school meal will increase to £2.35. We have worked closely with Aspens to ensure that the cost for parents remains as low as possible and we have managed not to increase lunch prices for a significant period, however rising external costs mean that this small increase has now become necessary.

The cost of a school meal is still excellent value for money, with the children being provided with a hot meal of their choosing or a picnic style lunch in addition to a dessert option each day, with special diets and allergies being catered for.

World Book Day Special Menu

3rd March 2022

*Lady & The Tramp Spaghetti & Meatballs
with Garlic Slice and Green Salad
Harry Potter Wizarding Squash Pasty VEG
with New Potatoes and Green Salad
Packed Lunch or Jacket Potato with Filling*

*Gruffalo Rocky Road Bars
Fresh Fruit Pots
Homemade Yoghurt Pots*

New Exciting Menu

11th March 2022 at 2.30 pm

Pop along to the Dining Hall to sample Cook's new exciting menu that starts after Half Term.

This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

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	ACHIEVEMENT	PSHE
Wisteria	Oscar Terry Stanswood	Noah Callow
Cherry	Nozima Sapiahunova	Maria Zamfir
Oak	Clara-Rose Brown	Ibrahima Diallo
Ash	Thomas King	Isabella Stingone
Hawthorn	Charlie Alston	Isla Silva Robinson
Juniper	Aleisha-Mae Terry	Jude Waters
Maple	Harry Leeke	Jaqueline Elliott
Acer	Emma Leeming	Chloe Bowles
Redwood	Laila Mai Hynes	Rania Kovacs
Cedar	Jakub Nowak	Paveen Jeyaseelan
Sport	Berivan Findik and Javeria Sajid	

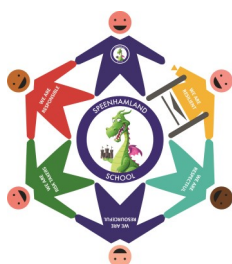
CLUBS REMINDER

We hope you have all enjoyed the exciting clubs that took place this term. Just a reminder that the same clubs continue again straight after Half Term.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 92.99% which is slightly down on last week's attendance of 93.76%.

Keep up the good work!



Cleaners Required for Trinity School

Monday to Friday
3:30pm to 6:30pm
Rate of Pay - £9.65 p/h

General School Cleaning Floors, Toilets, Classrooms, Stairs, Changing Rooms etc.
Full Training Given, Uniform Provided

If interested, please call Rob on 07908 747834 or email vania.andrade@cleantecservices.co.uk

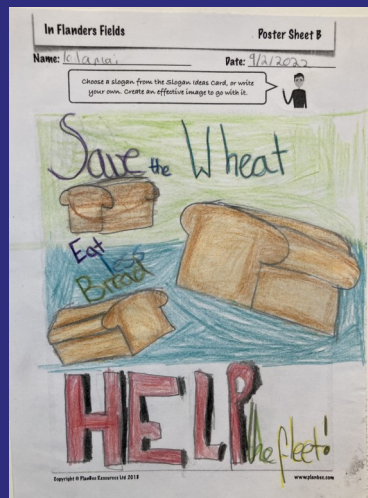
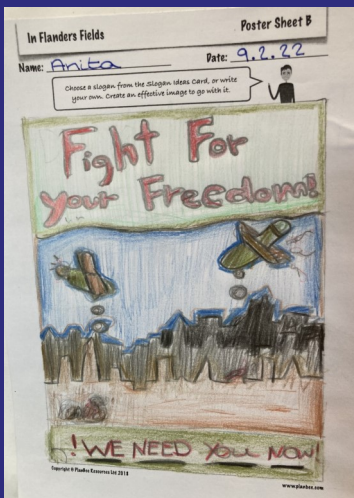


CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS

LKS2 took part in a reading workshop with author Michael Catchpool last Friday. They were shown a variety of new picture books such as Superjoe does NOT like cuddles. They discussed different and exciting ways of story writing, such as using important aspects of their own lives and unusual events or ideas. The children came up with great story ideas such as a shark who was afraid of fish and the cloud that could not rain. The session ended with a Q&A session about story writing.



Cherry Class built houses in Design and Technology. They created houses for the three little pigs, making sure the house had a roof, a living room and a chimney. Some children added windows, doors and different levels.

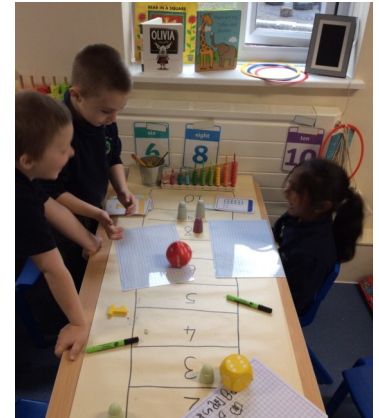
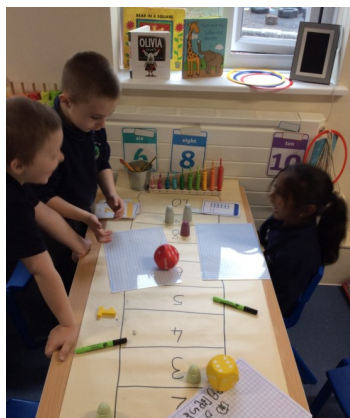


Redwood Class has been looking at propaganda posters and how they were used as part of the war effort in both the first and second world wars. They then chose an important wartime message and created their own posters.

Posters designed by Anita and Laila Mai



During maths this week, Wisteria pupils have been exploring how they can add 2 groups together. In their lesson on Wednesday, they looked at a number track and how they can use this in a game! Each house team went against each other to see who could get to 10 first! In their choosing, they continued this game and kept scores themselves.



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AMAZING ATTENBOROUGH NATURE'S GUARDIAN

Sir David Attenborough has been producing documentaries since 1952, capturing the world's eco attention and bringing new species of plant and animal life to the eye of the globe. He has also become a climate protester throughout his career, attending such events as COP26 with Alexander Boris Johnson and her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the II, ruler and icon of Britain.

Childhood:

Whilst growing up, David lived with his father, his brothers and his sisters, whom were evacuated in WW2. He; although born in Isleworth; grew and lived in Leicester, on the campus of Leicester University College due to his father being the headmaster of the school. His birth date reads the 8th of May, 1926 and he is now an age of 96.

Education:

Fascinated, by Mother Nature's oddities, David was eager to pursue his scholarship at the University of Cambridge studying natural sciences and biology, awarded to him in 1945. As his ideas and curiosity sprouted through the soil of his mind, he gradually became more rooted to nature and life of the world. In 1947, David finally flowered and eventually obtained a degree of natural sciences in the University of Cambridge. Even though David had studied animals and plants for years, he was missing a piece of the puzzle of his curiosity. He craved to meet the specimens he had observed in the eco system they were rooted in.

Later in the journey:

Through his early career, David ventured into continents, discovering their wondrous natural phenomena and species - an odd expedition that no other had seen or successfully documented before. Astonishingly, not only did David record the first sightings of animals but he also documented plants as well. Due to his extensive research, David is thought to be one of the best travelled men in history. Impressively, as Sir David Attenborough has discovered so much he now has over 30 species of animal and plant life named after himself (including the *Nepenthes Attenboroughii*; a carnivorous plant that devours rats and other small fauna.) Unearthing nature's secrets was an experience that rewarded however an honour that surpassed all of his achievements was a knighthood from the Queen herself in 1985 making him Sir David Fredrick Attenborough.

Achievements and world recognition:

Over several years, David has inspired, informed and captivated a multitude of audiences; thrilling communities with tropical triumphs. Aside from his stunning degrees and his knighthood, David has won an array of Emmy television awards and BAFTA's.

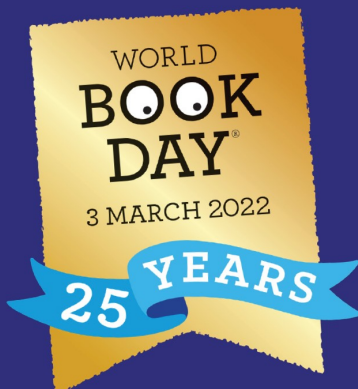
*A biography about
David Attenborough
by Jessie in Cedar Class*





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IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



- OUR FOCUS BOOK 'CROC AND BIRD' BY ALEXIS DEACON
- DRESS AS A CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK
- THE MASKED READER - GUESS THE MYSTERY READER
- SPONSORED READING ACTIVITIES TO RAISE MONEY TO EXTEND OUR LIBRARY
- SPEND YOUR WORLD BOOK DAY TOKEN AT OUR BOOK FAIR BETWEEN 30TH MARCH AND 4TH APRIL