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Date: 24th March 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

Next week is the last week of term 4 and we have a busy week ahead. Ash and Oak tree classes are visiting Roves Farm on Tuesday. The Roving Bookshop will be in school all day next Wednesday; children will visit with their class to spend their book day vouchers and money from home should you wish to provide any. The book shop will also be open before and after school for parents/carers/staff to shop. On Thursday, Y1 and Y2 will be performing their Dear Earth show to parents and there will also be an "Open House" session from 2.30pm for everyone to come in to the classroom for children to share their books and display work (11.30am and 3pm for Nursery).

Progress reports will be sent out by email at the end of next week. These will follow the same format as those sent in December and will include an attainment grade, progress score, attendance percentage and next steps.

<u>Project Gambia:</u> Together with all schools in the Blue Kite Trust, we are very proud to be supporting Neil Griffiths, founder of the Project Gambia charity, to help raise money for his project in the Gambia to provide preschool education. A letter with more details about a sponsored walk is being sent out with the newsletter this week. You can also support the charity by attending a table top sale after Easter (see page 4).



To find out more about the charity, please click on this link: https://www.projectgambia200.com/



Monday 5th June will be an additional teacher training day (no school for children) to replace the closure day that had been previously planned for the polling day in May

Have a good weekend

Mrs Dance

Nursery:



Apple Tree have enjoyed being scientists this week, exploring sinking and floating in the outdoor area. We have been using lots of language to explain our ideas to others.

Inside we have been creating with junk modelling, using our own ideas and techniques to make shakers and art.



We have also visited the hall to act out the 'Hungry Caterpillar' story, turning from wriggly crawling caterpillars into beautiful butterflies!





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Reception

Ash Tree and Oak Tree class have been fantastic mathematicians this week! We have been working on finding one more and one less than a number, doubling up to 10, counting objects and even creating our own scales outside to find out what things are heavier

or lighter. We have been focussing on the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' ahead of our trip to Roves Farm next week.

> Well done for a super week everyone!







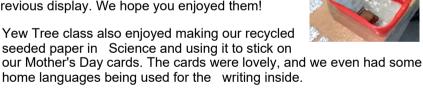
Y1 took their maths outside this week and have been revisiting their

learning by representing numbers using tens and ones, ordering numbers and writing them in words. We have also been busy weaving baskets for our latest DT project. A group of children also enjoyed working as a team at playtime to make a bug hotel.



Beech class loved attending the PTA shop at school. We were very proud to use our coins to buy gifts for people we love. We also made cards for the important women in our lives using the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle mantra. We recycled paper which we cut into hearts and reused leaves from a previous display. We hope you enjoyed them!

We have had lots of fun with measuring in maths looking at different lengths and heights, measuring and comparing them and drawing our own lines of different lengths.



Year 3: The floor is lava! In Maple Tree Class, we have been embracing and utilising our wonderful immersive room to learn about the key features of an explosive volcano and what an eruption looks like. This was an opportunity for the children to recap and revise the learning from our current topic. Furthermore, the children have been showcasing their creative skills by designing and creating 3D volcanoes labelling the different parts of a volcano. In Science, children have linked their topic learning, where we have investigated different rocks and ways to categorise them. In Geography, we compared the physical features of Mount Vesuvius and Kīlauea by researching their location, elevation and composition. In English, the children are writing their very own version of the story Fantastic Mr Fox and for Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number















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Notices and reminders

- School finishes on Friday 31st March at 3pm/3.15pm for the Easter break and children return to school on Monday 17th April
- Over the Easter break, please would you check all uniform is named (some names have faded). Please wash, check and name PE kits too. PE will take place outside in term 5 and 6 so please ensure children have trainers or daps in school every day.
- Communication: our email service was disrupted at the beginning of March and we apologise if some parents did not see the newsletter that was sent out on 10th March. Just a reminder that the latest newsletter can always be found on our website if it doesn't go straight into your inbox and you should also be able to access it via the My Child at School app. We understand that "communication is key"; we send bi weekly newsletters and a bi-weekly email update, there are class pages on our website with time tables and key information. We also share little celebrations on social media and send texts and emails for messages where plans change at the last moment. Teachers are available at the start and end of the day and meetings can be booked via the office for longer conversations. Please do let us know if there are any other ways we could improve our communications.
- 4 Lice are not nice: At this time of year head lice are a nuisance, and we need your help to combat the bugs! To reduce and eradicate head lice in our school, we ask that parents are extra vigilant and treat children at the first sign. This means a nightly check of your children's hair and if you spot lice or eggs, use of appropriate shampoos, conditioners, lotions and a nit comb. You can find our more information on the NHS website: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice-and-nits/
- **Items from home:** children continue to bring items from home (toys, jewellery, lip balm, etc.) into school. Please do not allow your child to bring personal items to school—toys can be disruptive to the learning environment, cause jealousy among other children or get lost.



Opening of Coate Water play area

Mrs Dance, Mr Hanks and a group of children were privileged to be invited to the opening of the new play area in Coate Water park on Thursday. The new play park includes flat paths as well as an inclusive wheelchair roundabout and multi-play seesaw, a larger multi-play unit as well as swings, in-ground trampolines, and slides; the site is fully accessible for

users with disabilities. Pupils of Badbury Park were among the first to try out the equipment and declared it a resounding success!



Mel's Alzheimer's Marathon

Miss Perkins, who supports children in Oak Tree class, will be running the London marathon on 23rd April to raise money for Alzheimer's Society. This is a charity close to Miss Perkin's heart as she lost her grandmother to the disease and is supporting her father going through another form of dementia.

If you would like to support Miss Perkins and help her reach her target of £4000, the link below will take you to her JustGiving page. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/melsmarathon2023? utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=melsmarathon2023&utm_campaign=pfpshare&utm_term=88d9c2bc0c0e4b6fa75eb4eaf9a847b3



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March 2023

1st—Beech tree class to Oxford Castle 2nd—World Book day. Dress up as a favourite character from a book or favourite word 17th—Comic Relief. Non uniform for a donation

28th—Ash & Oak tree classes to Roves Farm

29th—Roving Bookshop in school *change of date*

30th—KS1 Spring Show 9.10 and 2pm 30th—Open house from 2.30pm

31st—last day of term 4.

Easter holidays—no school for children from 3rd to 14th April

April 2023

17th—Children return to school for first day of term 5

24th—Parents curriculum meetings for all year groups at 5pm

27th: Sponsored walk to Coate Water from 3.20pm

28th: Table Top sale 3.30-5.30pm fundraising for the Gambia project

May 2023

1st—Bank Holiday (no school)

2nd—Parent Workshop 3pm "Parenting in the digital world"

4th—Reading at Home workshop 2.15pm

8th—Additional bank holiday for King's coronation (no school)

29th May to 2nd June—half term holiday

June 2023

w/c 12/6: Phonics screening check (Y1/Y2) 14/6: Meeting for new to Reception parents 6.30pm

Teacher Training Days 2022/2023

- Monday 5th June 2023
- Friday 7th July 2023

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Monday 30th October 2023
- Monday 3rd June 2024
- Monday 8th July 2024

Blue Kite School closure day 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024