

Parents Newsletter

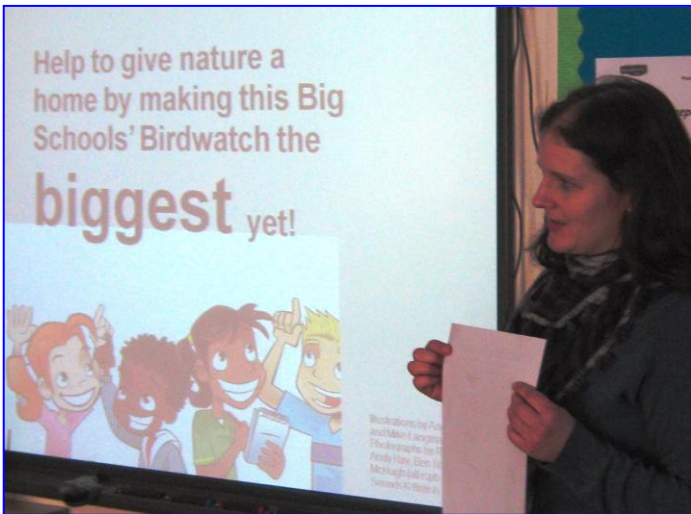
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Big Garden Birdwatch

Well done to the families who completed their survey in January and thank you to Mrs Uhart. She came in to talk to the children to explain how to complete their sheets. We are so blessed by the wildlife in the school grounds. The feeder by the pond is used almost continuously, except when the playground is in use. Mrs Hayman's class are replacing their feeding station, perhaps the squirrels won't find this one so easy to raid.

10th February was a busy day

Safer Internet Day

Both classes had lessons on keeping safe and then Alison Watts, project officer BCC youth service, gave a special assembly to the whole school about how to behave on-line. Each child was given information for parents. Further support can be found

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Parents are invited to a workshop with Alison on e-safety-Tuesday 24th March 3:00-4:00pm in school. Children will be supervised elsewhere in school during this meeting.

Also, Tom Way, wildlife photographer, showed some of his amazing photographs taken around the world of the biggest and fastest creatures. Mrs Lidington arranged this presentation to support KS1 computing unit this term, 'We are photographers'. Look for their display in the classroom.

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Snow days

The children really enjoyed the snow this year and were very creative with their sculptures (snowmen): we have probably seen the last of the disruption. Children may bring sledges to use but we ask that they do not have snowball fights. Parents were really good at sending in extra clothing, but not all of it was named. Please name your children's clothes as matching unnamed clothes can take up a lot of teaching time.



Thank you to Mrs Woodward for clearing the paths

Unfortunately the Speen Cross country festival had to be postponed because of the weather. It is expected to be re-scheduled for April.

Miss Cleaver is continuing her work placement in Thursday and Fridays to the end of term in foundation stage.

We have 2 trainee teachers in KS1 until the end of term. Miss Lamb and Mrs Hagues are studying at Oxford Brookes University.

We are collecting Active Kids Sainsbury vouchers this term. The box is in YR Cloakroom.

Physical Education School Sport

This terms programme:

Karate lessons

Multi-sport after school club

Gymnastics coaching in Wednesday PE lessons

Speed stacking Wednesday 25th February

Agape Alive in India

James Entwisle from Speen Baptist Church called into school to join our Friday Act of Worship on his way to the airport. The school council presented him with £56.80 from their toy sale. He used it to buy books for the school library in Hyderabad.



The sale coincided with the refurbishment of our own school library with grateful thanks to the PTA. The School Library Service audited our stock and procured up to date fiction and non-fiction for all areas of the school curriculum. Look out for the increased opportunities for parents to use the library with their children.

KS1 have elected their new school council for this term with Reuben O'Brien voted in as chair.

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Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 3rd March Parents' Evening
Usborne Book Fair
- Thursday 5th March World Book Day
- Saturday 7th March PTA Safari Supper

- Tuesday 10th March
- Whole school trip to Whipsnade Zoo

- Friday 13th March Comic Relief, Red Nose Day
2:30pm Mothers assembly in school, all welcome.

- Tuesday 17th March KS1 basketball festival- teams to be announced

- Thursday 19th March 9:15 Final Karate session of the year. All parents are invited.

- Tuesday 24th March 3:00pm Parents e-safety workshop

- Thursday 26th March YR and siblings will attend Speen Pre-school Easter Service

- Friday 27th March 9:15am End of Term Service St. John's Church, Lacey Green. Last day of term, school finishes at 2:00pm however teachers will be available to supervise until 3:00pm.

- Monday 13th April School closed, teacher training

- Tuesday 14th April first day of Summer term

After-school Clubs

Monday - Let's Get Cooking Club 3:15-4:15

Tuesday - French 3:15-3:45

Wednesday - Film 3:15-4:15

Thursday - Sports 3:15-4:15

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