

Parents Newsletter



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Welcome to the March newsletter.

The second half of the spring term has been as busy as the first. Thank you to Jeni Fairey and the Eco club for their assembly about packaging and pollution which rounded off our theme week on materials. See the highlights below.

Mothers Assembly

It was good to see friends and family at the Mother's Assembly on March 9th. I hope that Mothers were similarly spoilt on Mothering Sunday.

Cross Country

The following week Speen CE School hosted the Key Stage One Cross Country tournament on the village playing fields. Hats off to all the children who managed to run once or twice around the field. It really is quite a long way for Year One and Year Two. There were four races and special congratulations to the girls who came first in their races, Alexandra and Katie and to Jack who came third in the Year One boys race. Thank you to the Playing Fields committee for the use of the facilities and the PTA for providing refreshments for the spectators.

Energize

Year Two topped the week with a rousing performance at the Wycombe Swan Theatre when they sang many and varied songs in the Button Box production and performed a dance drama depicting the sadness of World War One. Not an easy subject but they were outstanding.



Sport Relief

Sport Relief week coincided with our theme week but we still managed to fit in special activities. Miss Thompson from Club Sport organised circuits during Positive Play and gymnastic routines in the afternoon. Children and staff came dressed as a sports person on Thursday and raised £70.85 for this very worthwhile charity.

Usborne Book Fair

We are grateful to parents who bought books on parents evening. You enabled us to add books to the value of £90 to the library. Thank you.

Copies of this newsletter are sent by email to parents and governors and posted on the school website. Hard copies are available on request and also posted on the school notice boards.

Materials Week

We began the week with workshops from Science Oxford. The first was on the properties of materials and in the second the children each mixed powders and liquids to produce a solid, well nearly solid, it was slime!



Later in the week the children observed more tasty changes of state when they made jelly and scones. They learned about the properties of the materials used to make houses, including the choices made by the Three Little Pigs.



Smokey Fun at Forest school

More tasty treats were enjoyed during Forest school when the children prepared sticks on which to roast their marshmallows.



The week progressed with further scientific study of the origins and properties of some materials. This included Charles Macintosh and waterproofing. Later in the week they used candles for wax resist painting.

In design and technology, in addition to food, the children continued with their weaving, made moving pictures of the story of the Three Little Pigs and produced tie dyed fabrics. Even the robot Beebot was programmed to visit different materials on a specially constructed mat.



The first theme week of next term is Habitats, which will be launched by workshops during a whole school trip to Kew Gardens on Monday 30th April.

PE and sport

Karate

All the children took part in a demonstration to parents to mark the end of this year's Karate course. I am always impressed by how the children develop their body awareness, ability to sequence moves and to count in Japanese. Thank you to Mr Wilson and the children for their hard work.

Next term KS1 will begin to learn the country dance programme for the village fete. We will continue to have the support of assistant coaches from the Risborough Sport partnership on Fridays. Wednesday's lesson will be athletic skills.

Relax Kids has finished for this year.

Absence

Absences are unauthorised until an acceptable reason is given in a written note to the school. If your child has been absent through illness this term please send one in. It is acceptable for this note to be written in the home-school book.

Next term

After school clubs

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| Monday | --- |
| Tuesday | French |
| Wednesday | Club Sport– Summer Sports YR+KS1 |
| Thursday | Premier Sport – Cheerleading YR+KS1 |
| Friday | Eco Club |

Dates for the diary

April 16th 8:40am School opens for the Summer term.

May 1st Open morning for prospective parents

2nd PTA meeting

3rd Year Two tennis tournament Princes
Risborough School,

Friday 25th May School closed for in-service
Training.

Monday 4th June School reopens after half term
holiday

Happy Easter

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