

# March 2022 Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic Spring term so far and Easter is just round the corner. Amongst all the creative learning planned by our teachers it has been wonderful to be able to gradually welcome visitors back into school. Last month we had the local 'Wombles' in school who inspired our year 2 'Waste Warriors' to develop environmentally friendly products and to spread the word across our school community with regard to energy saving and being more environmentally aware. Our Year 1 and 5 children had a visit from Leicestershire Fire Service and enjoyed learning about keeping themselves safe. Year 1 learned how to 'stop, drop and roll' and year 5 talked about making a fire exit plan.

Year 4 will be putting on a show for us before we break up 'A Trip to Pre-History' we are excited to see them in action! Mrs Percy and I took our year 4 girls football team to Wreake Valley last week for their first football tournament, they did extremely well and won 2 matches, drew a match and lost only one! Dodgeball is proving to be a popular and successful club and we are looking forward to an upcoming tournament next week.

We were delighted to have achieved the UNICEF Bronze accreditation. This means that we have introduced the RRSA Three Strands into our school community. In essence this means that the senior leadership team understands what is involved in the award and is committed to embarking on the UNICEF UK Rights Respecting journey. The right foundations (and action plan) are in place for our school's journey to the second stage of the Award, [Silver: Rights Aware](#). If you are interested to read more about this please look on the UNICEF website as it is packed with easy to digest information. Over the next year more work will go into our association with UNICEF as a whole school community.

As the conflict in Ukraine continues, you may find your child is asking questions. The link below will take you to a government recommended site aimed to help teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

We look forward to welcoming you into school on the week beginning 28th March for parents evenings. Your children's books will be displayed in the hall for you to have a look at before or after your appointment. Please note, EYFS and Year 1 books will be out in the EYFS Breakout area.

Please have a look at the following pages for a snap shot into school life this month.

Mr Lee

## Comic Relief

There was even more 'red' than usual across school today and the children raised £944.26p for Comic Relief. Our 'Joke— a—thon' proved a huge success, amongst the highlights were:

Why did two 4's skip dinner?

*Because they already ate!*

Why do bees have sticky hair?

*Because they use honeycombs*

What kind of dog does a magician have?

*A Labracadabara*



## Readathon

We raised £3423.60 which means we can spend £5477.76 on books for school. Many thanks to Mr Munro for organising this event.

Teachers are busy browsing the Usborne Book recommendations and sharing with children in their classes so they can supplement class reading areas with books of specific interest to each year group.



Many thanks for supporting our drive to smarten up for PE. Most children are now dressed as expected and this is having a positive impact on behaviour and equity across school. Earrings should be studs and removed or covered on PE days please.

### Reminder: PE Kit

White T-shirt - Black shorts - Black jogging bottoms - Black/Navy Sweat top -Trainers  
(please note bare feet are worn indoors for gymnastics and dance sessions)

### Swimming Kit ( Y3/4)

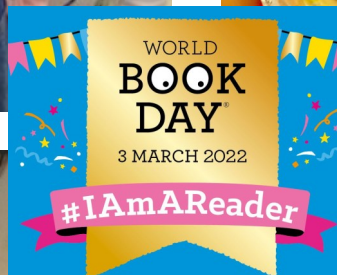
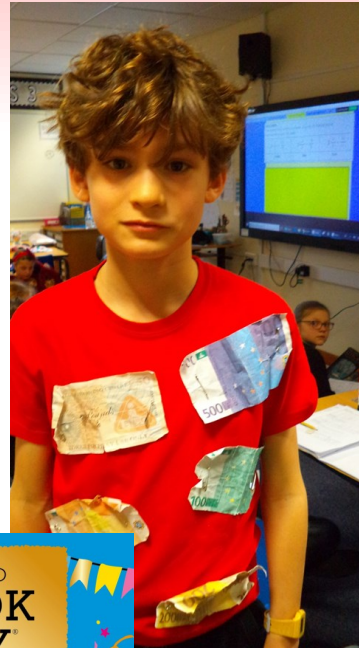
Girls need to wear one piece swimming costumes suitable for swimming lessons please.





World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of books and exciting vocabulary was being used across school.

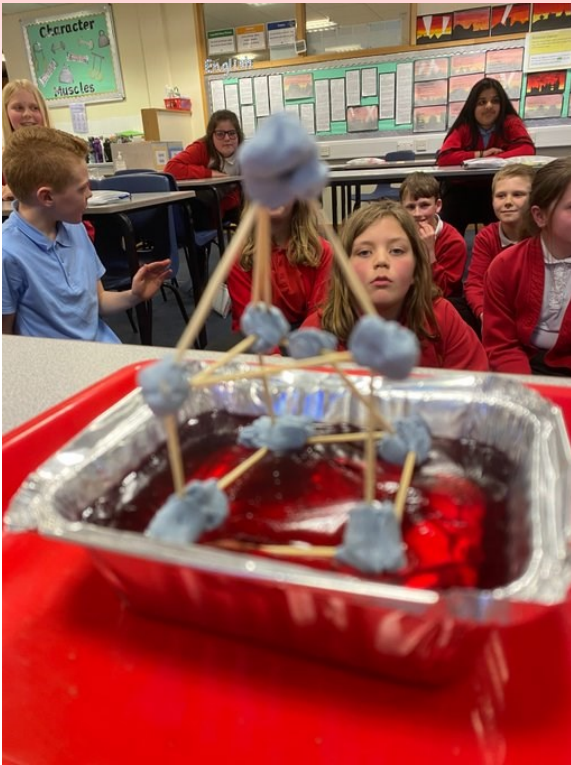
Can you spot: *Sparkly, Mythical, Caring, Puzzled, Sweet, Fancy, Wealthy, and Artistic?*







We have fully embraced British Science week across the school. Many classes took on the theme of growth as their inspiration while others linked it to their class theme.



Year 6 used their STEM skills to create earthquake resistant structures while year 2 were finding out which was the best material to protect Humpty Dumpty from a fall!

