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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week! We started our week by holding our first 'Tooth Awareness Day' whereby we are aiming to raise the profile of dental health and the importance of taking care of teeth. All our children had a lesson about teeth and have undertaken experiments in class around how teeth can be ruined by certain types of food, eg fizzy pop. Zara Khan in year 5 Willow kindly brought in a milk tooth which she has recently lost. She set up an experiment by immersing the tooth in Pepsi. Within 24 hours, the tooth started to develop brown patches where the acid had started to eat the enamel away.



We also held our science week this week. Parents came into class to help children undertake a variety of science experiments. We certainly have many future scientists in our school!

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson
Head of School

Thought for the week



In Collective Worship this week we have continued to explore the core Christian value- Koinonia.

We used the story of Jesus healing the Leper, to explore how Jesus reached out to all in his community.

If your child wants to write down any of their thoughts or ideas, we will display them in our reflection book.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

We will be learning the nursery rhymes 'One elephant went out to play' and 'Alice the camel had 1 hump'. We will be counting up to five with our fingers and counting objects 1 by 1. Our Literacy focus will be finding out about elephants and camels using non-fiction books and the internet, and reading stories about Elmer the Elephant. In Understanding the World our focus will be to investigate heavy and light objects.

What we are learning in Reception

In literacy we are focusing the story 'Room on the Broom.' We have been sequencing and retelling the story in our own words using the story language. We have been reading story sentences and matching it to the correct picture as well as constructing sentences.

In maths we are learning about doubling and sharing.

In science we have been mixing paints to create new combinations. Children have been investigating the ice hand and observing changes over the day.

What we are learning in Year 1

In English we are continuing to learn about the story of Handa's Fruity Surprise. We are beginning to map out and plan our own story and really concentrating on making sure our handwriting is neat.

In Maths we are working with numbers up to 50 and practising counting in groups of 2, 5 and 10. We will soon be beginning to learn about measuring length, height, weight and volume.

In our topic work we are going to be focussing on art and music, thinking about African art and creating rhythms with African drums.

What we are learning in Year 2

This week in Year 2 we are going to begin to plan writing a recount which follows on from our science investigation afternoon – Wednesday 14th March 2018. This supported the 'British Science Week'. Children will continue to reinforce their skills to use past tense consistently in their sentences, adverbial phrases and commas.

In reading, we will share and discuss the texts together as a whole class to develop our skills to answer a range of questions about what we have read. This will help us with our exam techniques such as answering good SATs questions, which are due around May or June of this year. In maths, we are moving onto multiplication and division facts and to use and apply these skills to solve questions in reasoning. We will continue to practise our times tables and the related division facts – please ensure you practise these at home with your child.

What we are learning in Year 3

In Maths, we have been learning about measuring length. We have estimated and measured lengths in mm, cm and m and we are beginning to convert between these measurements. We have focused on questions about 'finding the difference' between two lengths. In English, we have started planning and drafting our 'hot writes.' These will be robot stories based on the Iron Man and all of the skills we have been learning in English. In topic, we enjoyed our healthy teeth day and learnt about our teeth and how to look after them. We have also had a science afternoon where we made bird's nests! We are still rehearsing really hard for our Easter Service at the end of term.

What we are learning in Year 4

In Maths we will be working at improper fractions and how to add and subtract fractions. In English we will be working towards completing our hot writes. We are paying special attention to our handwriting and presentation. We will also be looking at developing our editing and improving skills. In Science we will continue to look at teeth in different animals, discussing why all animals don't have the same types of teeth.

What we are learning in Year 5

In Maths, we have started our new topic which is about decimals linked to fractions and percentages. We have seen the links that decimals have with fractions and how to write decimals as fractions. In English, we have started our reading phase and made a prediction of what our new topic in English is going to be about. Also we have been answering questions using PEE and learnt an effective way of doing this. In topic, we enjoyed our healthy teeth day and learnt about our teeth and how to look after them. We also had a Science afternoon where we did an amazing experiment on how to move tomatoes across the class without being dropped on the floor or squashed.

What we are learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard this week on their mock SATs tests.

Eden Suite



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION: Hasna Satti (Oak) / Maryam Butt (Ash)

**YEAR 1: Aadam Zaman (Birch) for using exclamation marks and question marks in his writing.
Hadiya Usmani (Pine) for reading with fantastic expression**

**YEAR 2: Inaya Megson-Yousaf (Maple) for a massive improvement in her handwriting.
Eliot Lounsbach (Redwood) for engaging in maths and showing enthusiasm for learning.**

**YEAR 3: Annalee Ferreira Kallo (3 Beech) for always giving 100% in absolutely everything.
Mwalihasha Fumbele (3 Sycamore) for being a well-behaved, hard-working superstar every week!**

**YEAR 4: Azka Tariq (4 Olive) for her conclusion to our science experiment.
Waris Dhaliwal for his enthusiasm during our science experiment.**

YEAR 5:

YEAR 6:



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE 12th March

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY	Lamb & Mint Grill Halal Chicken Biryani Quorn Frankfurter	Marble Sponge Cocoa Buns
TUESDAY	Cornish Pie Halal Keema Roll Cheese & Onion Quiche	Mixed Fruit Crumble Frozen Smoothie
WEDNESDAY	Chilli Con Carne Halal Keema & Peas Quorn Meatballs	Rice Pudding, Peaches & Jam Chocolate & Vanilla Mousse
THURSDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Eve's Pudding Fresh Fruit Salad
Friday	Gluten Free Fish Fingers Quorn Sausage	Chocolate Apple Sponge Oat Cookie