



Dear parents,

Kon'nichiwa. The school is full of fun and busyness at the moment. We are preparing for our Japanese visitors next week—we have been learning greetings and Class 5 are preparing to share some music. Class 4 and Class 5 have mastered greetings already—clearly we have some budding linguists in our midst! (Guitar lessons will be cancelled on Monday due to our visitors but Mr Watson will ensure all pupils receive their allotted lessons over the term.)

World Book Day

The children really enjoyed World Book Day at school. Each class had a fantastic story session led by Ms Levan. Class 1 engaged in a treasure hunt left by the fairies. They explored rhyming and the story, 'How to find flower fairies'. Class 2 looked at 'Tiddler, the story telling fish' and moved into imaginative story telling. Class 3 focused on extracts from myths and legends and moved into potion making and making willow crowns. Class 4 explored characterisation using props and costumes. Class 5 developed their understanding of character with a focus on narrative voice. All classes had time to read with friends and share books too. Thank you to Ms Levan for leading the sessions and to Mrs Burns for organising a great World Book Day for the children.

Music for Youth Festival 2019

On Monday the 4th of March Class 5 travelled to Cheltenham Town Hall for the Music for Youth festival. The children had lots of fun finding out about other instruments and hearing them being played. The children enjoyed themselves on stage as they performed samba in a huge ensemble too. Here are the thoughts of the children:

- It was fun. The other group players were amazing. My favourite was the trumpet group.—Ramarni
- It was a great opportunity to share music and to hear other people play what they have been learning. Jasmine
- Overall it was a brilliant day and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.—Max
- After we played, I felt relieved! Imi
- I really loved it. We all worked together and made a lovely Samba piece of music. Isabella

Thanks go to wonderful Mrs Birch for organising the visit.

Red Nose Day

The children looked great with their crazy headgear, hair and noses on Friday. Several children shared jokes in assembly which drew smiles too. The children learned that £1 could pay for a hot meal for a person in our country and £8 could buy school books and stationary for a refugee child in Serbia to enable them to learn. The children raised over £115 to add to the Comic Relief fund. Well done to everyone.

Tag Rugby Match Report

Monday 11th March saw Eastington Primary School Year 5/6s take part in a friendly match against Foxmoor Primary School. The game was kicked off by Eastington, who straight away showed what they were capable of. Their urgency on the ball, followed by quick decision making, allowed them to slide over making it 1-0 to the hosts. Foxmoor re-grouped and attacked straight back. After some superb spells of defence from Edward and Piers, the away team managed to sneak through to equalise 1-1. The second quarter Eastington's defence shone through and this resulted in a turnover of possession after the 6 tags. Live wires Ava and Florence were straight to the ball and cranked up the intensity for Eastington. After crossing the line twice Eastington were up 3-1. Foxmoor replied shortly after with some brilliant plays of their own finishing the second quarter 3-3. The third quarter saw Eastington come into their own. After some excellent displays of handling, Thomas managed to set up Piers to score an awesome try in the corner finishing the third quarter 7-5. Eastington's trio of hero defenders Adam, Joseph and Poppy refused to allow Foxmoor through, finishing the game 10 tries to 5. Mr Meloscia, Mr Bonham and Mrs Yorke were thrilled with the way the game was played. Everyone played in a positive spirit and held up Rugby's core values of: teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. Well done to all the children who represented our school and Mr Meloscia for working with the squad.



End Polio Now

The local rotary came last week and took photographs of the wonderful purple display on the green. Since 1985, the Rotary's key humanitarian priority has been to rid the world of polio. They started the campaign at a time when there were over 1,000 polio cases a day in 125 countries, paralysing and hurting children. Today, the number of cases is down by 99.9%. Pretty amazing! As you know the children planted the crocus corms last season. How wonderful they have played a small part in the campaign to eradicate this debilitating illness.



Dates for your diary

I have listed below some of the key dates for your diary:

February 2019

- Mon 25th - **Start of Term 4 for children**
 - Assembly theme: Unity
 - 1pm Y5/6 Cross Country Qualifiers at Painswick RFC
- Wed 27th - Visit from Welsh Birds of Prey

March 2019

- Mon 11th - Assembly theme: Friendship
- Thurs 7th - World Book Day
- Fri 15th - Comic Relief Day—Children are invited to wear crazy headgear.
- Tues 19th - African Drumming workshops: 2.45pm parents welcome to join us
- Fri 22nd - Class 1 Assembly
- Mon 25th - Assembly theme: Care
 - Visit from Japanese students
- Tues 26th - Parent Evening
- Weds 27th - C5 Percussion performance: 2:50 Parents welcome to join us
- Thurs 28th - Y5/6 Swimming sessions commence
 - Parent Evening
- Fri 29th - Class 2 Assembly

April 2019

- Wed 3rd - KS1 Dance Club performance 3pm in the hall
- Thurs 4th - Grand Easter Egg Draw
 - **Last day of Term 4 for children**
- Fri 5th - INSET for staff
- Sat 6th - Easter Egg Hunt

- Tues 23rd - **Start of Term 5 for children**
- Thurs 25th - Bag 2 School—more information to follow

May 2019

- Mon 13th - Y6 SATS week
- Fri 17th - Whole Class photographs
- Mon 20th - Corinium museum & workshops Class 5
- Tues 21st - Corinium museum & workshops Class 3 & 4
- Thurs 23rd - KS2 Dance Club Performance: 3.45pm
- Fri 24th - May Queen 3.20pm

June 2019

- Mon 17th - PGL for Y6 pupils

Thank you for your continued support,

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