



Newsletter

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BAS visit Class 1

On Monday this week, Class 1 had a visit from Dr Katrin Linse and Mariella Giancola from British Antarctic Survey to support the children's work on the Polar Regions. The class found out about how the BAS team stationed in Antarctica live in such a cold environment, tried on some of the clothing and equipment needed and saw photographs of the different creatures which live in this most inhospitable place.

The class had great questions for the visitors and had the chance to look at some specimens of creatures from the Antarctic. The sea spiders were amazing! They watched some videos of the work done by Dr Linse to learn about the sea creatures which inhabit the waters around Antarctica.



Values Week

Our Values Week will run from **Monday 29th January to Friday 2nd February**. Over the course of this week we will explore our school values of *care, ambition, determination, teamwork and confidence* in a little more detail.

We have arranged for four special activities to take place across the week, each one designed to focus the children's thoughts on one or more of the school values.

Activities will be a surprise to the children each day – I'm reminded of Rule 8: **Volunteer and give things a go!** But please reassure your children that there is nothing scary(!), especially if they don't like changes to their timetable.

Assemblies will also be linked to our values as will some lessons; English and maths lessons will continue as usual on most days though might be at a different time and might have a values focus.

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to join us on a few occasions through the week if you are able. I appreciate that many of you work and if you can't attend your child won't be disadvantaged in any way.

- **Class 4** will share the outcome of their work from 2.45pm on **Wednesday 31st January**
- **Class 2** will share the outcome of their work from 2.45pm on **Monday 29th January**

- **Class 3 Parents** are able to join their children for the activity on **Thursday 1st February from 2pm to 3pm**
- **Class 4 Parents** are able to join their children for the activity on **Thursday 1st February from 8.50am to 9.50am**
- **Class 1** will share the outcome of their work from **2.45pm on Friday 2nd February**.

All children will need their PE kit in school on **Friday 2nd February**.

Children in Class 2 will need to bring a teddy to school on **Monday 29th January** for their activity (one of average size will be perfect – around 30-40cm tall – but you really don't need to get a ruler out! Just so long as it isn't tiny, or the size of a hippo.)

Congratulations to...

- Carla (Class 2) for passing her Piano Prep Test
- Holly (Class 4) for passing her Grade 1 Clarinet – with distinction!
- Joshua (Class 3) for his selection as a member of the U12s Squad in the Cambridgeshire Area Golf Union.

Reminders

- Please can any outstanding trip letters for Class 1 and 3 be returned to school via children's classes.

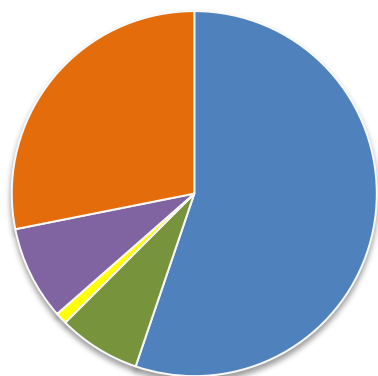
Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

Reminder: PTFA Disco

There will be a PTFA Disco on Friday 26th January. 5.45pm – 6.45pm for children in Class 1 and Class 2, and 7pm – 8pm for children Class 3 and Class 4.

Travel to School

The road outside school seems a little busy before and after school at the moment, so I carried out a small survey of children's travel to school this week.



■ Walk ■ Scoot ■ Bike
■ Bus ■ Car

Most of our children walked to school and, naturally there is less cycling and scooting in winter.

Nevertheless, more than a quarter of our children arrived by car. Although this is necessary for some families, for example, those arriving from other villages, and can be convenient for those parents going straight on to work, it would be good if we could reduce this a little.

Parking safely elsewhere in the village and walking the last part would also alleviate some of the congestion on the road around school which, of course, was never designed to have such a high volume of traffic. Please also consider our neighbours when parking. They may need to go about their daily business too...

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 23rd January	Year 4 Day at Melbourn Village College
Tuesday 23rd January	PTFA Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 23rd January	Away Football match against William Westley School NEW
Thursday 25th January	Class 1 Visit to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Thursday 25th January	Class 3 Visit to the Museum of Classical Archaeology and the Fitzwilliam Museum NEW
Friday 26th January	PTFA Disco: KS1/EYFS 5,45pm; KS2 7pm
Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February	Values Week
Tuesday 30th January	Home Football Match against Haslingfield School NEW
Friday 9th February	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 19th February – Wednesday 21 February	Class 4 Residential Visit to Burwell House
Tuesday 20th February	Class 2 Visit to Sedgewick Museum
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day
Monday 5th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 6th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 8th March	Away Football Match against Barrington School NEW
Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March	Science Week
Monday 12th March	Reception and Year 6 Measuring Programme
Thursday 15th March	Home Football Match against Melbourn Primary NEW
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday 17th April	First day of Summer Term

Reminder: World Book Day

This year's World Book Day will be on Thursday 1st March. We would like children to dress up on this day as a character from one of their books. The choice of character is entirely yours, so you can keep it as simple, or make it as ambitious, as you like – everyone will be treated the same, regardless!

The library will be open after school on this day too.