

ACADEMY NEWS

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Prayer Space: A week full of Hope!

Last week, we held our annual prayer space at school, which was based around the theme of 'hope'.

Jenny, Priscilla and their team of local clergy and volunteers transformed our music room into a wonderful oasis of calm contemplation and tranquillity. They gave up their valuable time throughout the week to help our pupils develop skills of personal reflection and to explore prayer, faith and spirituality in an open, inclusive and safe environment.

As always, the feedback I received from the children was very positive and for many it is a real highlight of their year! You can see what I mean by reading the report below.

A massive thanks to all involved, but particularly to Jenny for leading and co-ordinating the whole thing so well!

Prayer Space report

Last week the school classes went to prayer space to learn about others who are as not as lucky as us. Here are three quotes from children.

"I liked the bubble tube the best because the bubbles looked like prayers going up to God."

Ben N

"I liked the map of the world because where you stuck pictures of unfortunate events around the world."

By Billy H

"I liked it when you weaved the different pieces of fabric through the cross."

By Sam G-H

We learned that others are not as fortunate as us and what we can do to help them have better lives. We also learned that we could pray anytime anywhere. It was an enjoyable time going

into each activity and learning something new for children and adults and how important it is to care about others around you.

We learned about the refugees and how they ran away from their homes to stay away from war and fighting.

After you had been in all four activities you went back into a big group and had a discussion about what you had learned and enjoyed.

Thanks to all the people that arranged this task including local vicars Jenny and Priscilla and all the other kind people who also helped.

By Naomi F and Jacob K, Yr 5.

Science Mornings

As part of our annual Science Week we are planning two Science Mornings this year. Year 5 will be hosting the KS2 morning on Tuesday 28th June, and Year R (assisted by Year 6) will be hosting for KS1 on

Wednesday 29th June.

Parents are warmly invited to attend to participate in the science investigations, and timings will be confirmed at a later date.

**"Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is a mystery,
today is a gift of God, which
is why we call it the
present."
— Bill Keane**

Notices

KS1 athletics—Report from Miss Sharkey

Yesterday Mr Gore and I had the pleasure of taking 6 Yr 2 pupils to the KS1 Waddesdon Athletics Tournament. Here is Joe G's recount of the event:

When we got there we put our stuff in a corner. First we played a game where you got a ball and pushed it forwards. Next we threw some bean bags as far as we could. Then we had chalk put on our fingers, and we had to jump as high as we could to make a mark on the wall. Harry was really good at shot put. Ella was very good at the bean bag throwing one. Ivy was great at hop scotch. I was really good at the running one. Lucy did very well in the hurdles and James was really good at the javelin. We all were excellent at the hoop one. We came 4th out of 9 schools and we had an amazing time.



SATS

KS1 and KS2 SATS will be taking place in school all next week, so to minimise any noise or distractions for the children sitting exams, can we please ask parents to clear the playground once the children have come in to school. For those parents waiting for preschool to open we ask that you move down and wait in front of the preschool building, and not to congregate on the school playground.

School Vacancy

We have a vacancy to join our busy admin team in the school office starting from September 2016. For more details, please see the vacancies section of the website.

We are racing for life!

This year we will be supporting Cancer Research UK by holding a schools version of the popular 'Race for Life' where all children can take part (not just a pink army of ++girls!). The idea was presented to Mr Leach by Bella M in Yr 6 who will be co-ordinating and running the event with Mr Gore on Friday 27th May. Each year group will be given a time slot to see how many laps of the track they can complete. We would very much appreciate your support by donating via our Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/brillrfl and would ask that you donate a set amount for your child taking part, rather than sponsor them per lap. We will also be holding a mufti day on the same day, where children can come to school dressed in any of the Cancer Research UK colours (pink, blue and grey) in exchange for a small donation.



Sunshine

With the weather finally improving we'd like to remind parents that children should come to school prepared for the warmer weather, with sun cream applied, hats and water bottles. We discourage the wearing of sunglasses unless for medical reasons (i.e. hayfever) as these are items that frequently seem to get damaged or lost. May we also remind you that we cannot administer any 'over the counter' hayfever medication. If your child requires this during the school day, it must be on prescription from your doctor accompanied by a completed school health care form.

Two week diary

w/c 9th May

SATS all week

Monday

3.00-3.30 Class Drop In Sessions (not Yr 2 or 6)
3.00-4.15 High 5 Club

Tuesday

3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr1,2,3)

Wednesday

Yr 3&4 Trip to Reading Museum
3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr4,5,6)

Thursday

3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr1&2
3.00-4.00 pm Dance Club Yr5&6

Friday

3.00-4.45 pm Friday Club

w/c 16th May

Monday

3.00-4.15 High 5 Club

Tuesday

3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr1,2,3)

Wednesday

Yr 5&6 Swimming Gala (TBC)
3.15–4.15 Computer Xplorers (Yr4,5,6)

Thursday

Yr 6 Science Morning at LWS
3.00-4.15pm Rugby Tots Yr1&2
3.00-4.00 PM Dance Club Yr5&6
3.45-5.30 Yr 5&6 Waddesdon Rounders Tournament

Friday

3.00-4.45 pm Friday Club
3.00pm Big Brill Camp

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The window for collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers has now closed, so please gather up all the vouchers cluttering up your handbag / wallet / notice board at home, and send them in to school with your child by 20th May.

Kwik Cricket in Brill

Kwik Cricket sessions will be running at the Brill Sports and Social Club cricket ground starting on Friday 6th May at 6pm. These sessions will be run by Lee Mason and Andy Wynd, children must be aged 6 and above and each session will cost £3 per child.

A new Breakfast Club...coming from 6th June.

After the half term break the Breakfast Club provision will be transferring to us from its current home at Windmill Pre-School.

Mrs Green will be leading and managing the sessions which will take place from 7.30am in the music room at be charged at a flat fee of £5 per child, further details will follow very soon.