

Weekly Newsletter—No. 23

It was really lovely to see so many mums at our Mother's Day Assembly today. The children and staff have worked very hard at putting together their thoughts and wishes for their mums.

We were very lucky yesterday to have 2 ewes and their lambs visit our school. The children were very excited and very well behaved and the lambs were gorgeous. Thank you very much Mr and Mrs Heckford (senior) for allowing the children to have this experience. It makes you realise that spring is finally around the corner, despite all the snow.

Please remember the school is closed on Friday for teacher training day. The staff are going to Bedworth for training with all the schools from the MAT. We will be looking at various parts of the curriculum and look forward to working with our MAT colleagues.

Year 1 – Message from Mrs Barnes

As you are aware, we are looking at continents of the world in geography this half term. Could you discuss the continent your child has chosen, thinking about landscape, climate, animals etc. We will then use this information to help us with our geography project.

Rugby Town Girls Football club

We are looking at putting a team together for girls in Years 1 and 2 to play in a 5-a-side tournament on Saturday 28th April. Further information is being sent out with the Newsletter and if your child would be interested in taking part, please could you complete and return the form by Monday 26th March.

Mother's Day Lunch - £2.40

If you came for lunch today and have not yet paid, please could you send in £2.40 on Monday. Thank you.



Scholastic Catalogues

As part of World Book day, World Book day tokens were sent home last week. The latest Scholastic Book Club catalogues are coming home today as we were closed last Friday and you can use the token against any purchases you make from the catalogue.

Please can you send any completed forms (and tokens) back to school by Tuesday 20th March. Alternatively, you can order online at www.scholastic.co.uk/clubs and our ID number is 1055.

Nursery

It may have been another short week but we are always so busy learning and enjoying our friendships. We started the week off by thinking about Mother's day. Mrs Abbott and the children have enjoyed cooking beautiful flower biscuits for all the nursery children's mummies. Hope you enjoy them with a nice cup of tea! The children have completed their paintings and quotes plus made a sparkly flower using card and straws. We have also done drawings and colouring in our Mother's day sheets.

It was so wonderful to have the farm animals on our school playground! All the children listened well and asked Mr Heckford some sensible questions. The lambs and ewes were so cute but a little noisy! The children were intrigued by the life of the sheep and we are looking forward to next week when we visit Home farm.

It has also been World Maths day this week! We found the time to enjoy a book called 'Each Orange had 8 slices' a counting book by Paul Giganti Jr. The children did lots of counting of different objects and problem solving. We did an activity which included counting ducks and we had the props to explain the concept. Over the next couple of weeks we are going to continue using this book which is lots of fun! They have also had a go at separating three and four objects in different ways without taking one away. This time we used dinosaurs and animals. This activity will be continuing throughout the term. Lots of hard work ahead for us all but the children will enjoy taking up the challenge!

Class 1

What an exciting week we've had in class one. This week we had a visit from some sheep courtesy of Mr Heckford. The children (and staff) were extremely excited and enjoyed being able to pet the sheep and lambs and have all their questions answered. A huge thank you to Mr Heckford for bringing the ewes and lamb in, it was a great experience for us all and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

After our visit from the lambs we learned more about all of the animals that live on a farm. The children chose their favourite animal that lives on a farm and wrote all about it.

In English we have been doing lots of writing for our mother's day assembly. We wrote about why our mummies are special, our mother's day cards and why we love our mummies. The children have been hard at work last week and this week creating all the wonderful gifts for their mummies, we hope you love them as much as we do!

This week Gerald the Giraffe has asked if we can create a dance for him to learn for his world tour. The children have learnt a song all about the animals in the jungle and created a dance to it which they performed in the mother's day assembly.

In maths this week we have continued to learn about fractions. We have been using different objects to make halves including sweets, fruit and counters. We have continued with the maths carousel which the children are becoming experts in. The concrete, abstract and pictorial methods we use are really helping the children to secure the methods.

In phonics this week we have been revising 'ng' and 'th' digraphs. The children seem very confident with these sounds now.

Class 1 continued....

Today, we had our mother's day assembly. The children and staff put lots of time and effort into the assembly which helped it be so wonderful. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and join us, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.
Have a lovely day off tomorrow and a great weekend!

Class 2

A super busy week after all the fun of the snow. We have had fun preparing for Mother's Day and are looking forward to sharing our efforts with you on Thursday.
It's been 2 short weeks in a row so it has been a tight squeeze fitting everything in. We apologise that there has been no time for spellings but normal service will resume next week. We enjoyed a visit by some sheep today which was exciting, the lambs were only one day old. So cute!

Wednesday was World Maths Day so we had a maths focus using a counting book *Each Orange Had Eight Slices*, which was used by each class in different way, with different objectives.

Thursday 8th March is International Women's Day which is timely in view of our upcoming topic on influential women.

Our learning this week:

Phonics- ay, ai, a-e, a, eigh, ey (away, stray, play, frail, rail, trail, whale, stale, spade, apron, baby, grey, prey)

English

- Mother's Day poetry
- text structure, repeated phrases in counting book

Maths

- time o clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past, 5 minutes intervals
- day, week, month, year, hour, minute, second, day, night, morning, afternoon, next week, last week, today, yesterday, tomorrow
- reasoning and problem solving using repeated addition, multiplication, division, halves and quarters

Topic

- PHSE safe places
- Art portraits
- Craft card making, chocolate making
- Science how animals adapt to different climates

Homework

- Y1- phonics word sort and spelling of words
- Y2- from last week, research on an influential woman

Head Teacher's Awards

Class 2 - Wold Maths Day reasoning – Jimmy, Owen & Isaac
Reading 5 times – Niki, Adrija, Anna, Jenny, Florence, Robbie, Molly, Owen, Samuel, Isaac, Amelie, Tyler, Sophie & Alice.
PE Stars: Niki & Alice.

Class 1 – All of Class 1 for their hard work and effort for the Mother's Day Assembly.
Reading 3 times – Elsie, Henry, Emme, Annabelle, Holly, Phoebe, Nevaeh, Barnie, Charlotte, Tom & Felix.
Rainbow – Holly, Niamh, Charlotte & Annabelle.
PE Stars: Henry & Elsie.

Nursery – All of Nursery for working hard with their Mother's Day activities and assembly.

Attendance Award

Barn Owls, Long Eared Owls and Snowy Owls –
100% attendance and no lates.

Prince/Princess of Presentation

Florence S – Mother's Day poem.

Felix for his writing.

Aniyah for a lovely picture of her Mummy.

Out of School Achievement

Emme Astley – Swimming award.

NB – Celebration Assembly will take place on Monday instead of today.

Dates for your Diaries – new dates in bold

Mon 12/03/18	PM – PE (please make sure PE kits are in school) 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club
Wed 14/03/18	3.15 – 4.15 Streetdance Club
Thurs 15/03/18	Nursery to Visit Home Farm, Broadwell – (Please return consent forms, if not already done so) 12.10 – French Club
Fri 16/03/18	PM – PE (please make sure PE kits are in school) 3.15 – 4.15 Sports Club 3.15 – 4.15 Gardening Club
Thurs 29/03/18	2.30pm End of Term Service, Leamington Hastings
Mon 16/04/18	Back to school

