



Newsletter

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World Book Day

Thank you everyone for going to so much trouble for costumes for World Book Day – everyone looked fantastic! Mr Martin organised a number of activities during the day, including a World Book Day Assembly and Story-Time session where children could choose the story they heard.



Welcome

This week we welcomed Logan (Class 3) and Jenson (Class 2). We hope that they have a very happy and successful time at Fowlmere Primary School.

Science Week

We are very excited about our very own Science Week which is taking place across the whole of next week. Thank you in advance to all the wonderful parent volunteers who have offered us a terrific range of content to include:

- DNA structure
- Useful microorganisms
- The human ear and how we hear also causes of deafness
- The human body clock
- Penicillin

There will be others too...

Cambridge University get us off to a flying start with a whole school assembly on Monday. Ion Science is visiting each class during the week with a range of demonstrations. We welcome Sawston Village College who are sharing their microscopes with us while Year 4 will be visiting Melbourn Village College for some hands on exploration. Towards the end of the week Quantum Theatre are going to teach us about living things at the bottom of our garden through drama and song. Finally, we will have some dramatic demonstrations in our Sharing Assembly on Friday.

Miss Love

Science Teacher

Cambridge Science Festival



Our Science Week also coincides with the fantastic Cambridge

Science Festival which runs from 12th – 25th March. There are hundreds of events – most of which are free to attend – with plenty of “turn up and walk in” events on each weekend of the festival.

For more information about what is on, please visit their website at www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk.

Congratulations to...

- William (Class 3) for his first ski award which he shared with us in assembly last week.
- Connie (Class 1) for her gymnastics medal.
- Toby Y (Class 4) who has qualified for the Schools National Judo Championships in Sheffield.
- The football team, although they lost 3-2 at Barrington, they played well as a team!

Reminders

- The Cross Country Competition, which was postponed due to the weather last week, will take place on Tuesday 24th April instead.
- The last day of term will be Thursday 29th March. School will be closed on Friday that week as it is Good Friday.

Mr Philip Atkin
Headteacher

PTFA News

The next PTFA meeting will be on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm. As ever, all parents are welcome to attend.

Don't forget the Quiz Night on **Friday 23rd March**; tickets can be bought by following the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowlmereptfa>

We are on the lookout for artists to exhibit at the Art Exhibition, so if you know of anyone please point them on our direction:

ptfa@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk.

This week saw the arrival of our new phonics-based reading books for Early Years and KS1 which have been funded through the generous support of the PTFA – thank you!

Cash Payments

We will no longer be accepting cash payments at the school office for any value above £10. You may still make cash payments for amounts of £10 or less, say for the occasional school meal or low cost activity but from now on, all payments over £10 must either be made by cheque, or using our online payments service SIMS Agora. If you would like help to register for SIMS Agora, please ask at the school office.

This decision has been taken to protect staff from allegations of any misconduct.

Head Lice

Please can you take the opportunity to check for head lice this weekend. Information about checking for and treating head lice can be found on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits.

Swimming Club

This year's Swimming Club will run from Monday 4th May to Friday 3rd August with after-school session available during term-time weeks, and daytime sessions during weekends and holidays.

For those people new to the school, or new to the club, Swimming Club gives families whose children attend the school access to our pool after-school, at the weekends and in the holidays. For a small membership fee, you can bring your family to any of the daily sessions at no additional cost so it is a great way to start a warm summer evening, or a hassle-free way to pass some time in the holidays or at weekends. Parents who are members need to complete some straightforward safety and first aid training (useful in any case!) but other than that, it really is easy. For your diaries, we are running two training sessions:

- 6pm, Wednesday 25th April
- 9am, Friday 27th April

There are also opportunities to join training at other school if you cannot make either of ours. Please put the dates in your diary now, and we will send further details and a membership form nearer the time.

Britten Sinfonia Concert & Workshop



We enjoyed a fantastic concert on Monday when five players from Britten Sinfonia came to school to perform *Alice through the Looking Glass* as part of Cambridgeshire Music Live Week. The performance was followed by a workshop with Class 2 where children composed rhythms which the players then improvised around to develop a

unique composition which everyone took part in!

Dates for Your Diary

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| Monday 12th – Friday 16th March | Science Week |
| Monday 12th March | Rec. and Year 6 Measuring Programme |
| Tuesday 13th March | Tag Rugby Competition |
| Tuesday 13th March | PTFA Meeting, 7.30pm |
| Thursday 15th March | Home Football Match against Melbourn |
| Friday 23rd March | Bags2School Collection |
| Friday 23rd March | PTFA Quiz Night |
| Thursday 29th March | Last day of Spring Term |
| Tuesday 17th April | First day of Summer Term |

Visitors from France

This week we welcomed Mrs Sophie Malonga, headteacher of Ecole Victor Hugo, who was on holiday herself in the UK. She visited classes, watched an assembly (these don't happen in France) and spoke to Class 4 about her school. She has also donated a number of French books for our library – thank you!