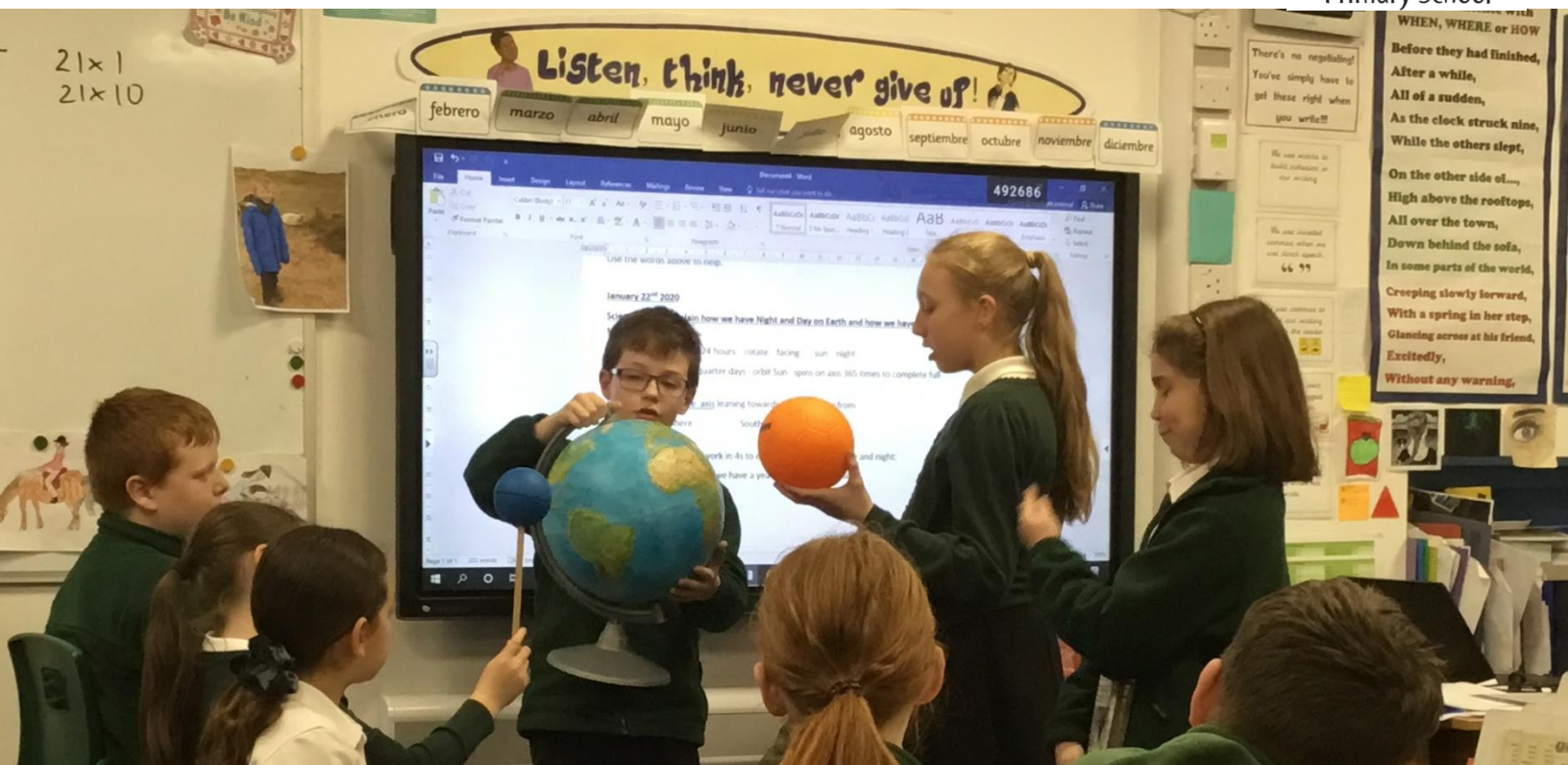


Weekly Bulletin

January 31ST 2020



It has been another busy week in school with a new outdoor classroom and playground markings appearing in school. This week we welcomed children and parents back to school for our Bedtime Story. We know that sharing books with your child and reading aloud with them at bedtime until they are well into secondary school is a fun, warm and loving experience. Just by reading together for ten minutes a day will see them grow into eager, confident learners, acquiring listening skills and gaining new words that are far beyond their reading ability.

If you would like further support when reading with your child, please speak to staff or take a look at our [reading with my child page on our website](#).

Love your Home-Start



We are joining other local schools on **Friday 14th February** in raising money for this worthy charity, which supports families in our local community. Home-Start is a local charity offering support to families with at least one child under the age of 9. Please join us in wearing **non-school uniform** for a suggested donation of **£1 each child**. We hope that you will join us in uniting the schools behind this local family charity

School Places

If you have a **child due to start school in September 2020**, the first application round is now **closed**. To apply as part of the second round please contact Admissions at the link below or telephone on 0345 045 1370. Please check with friends that their applications have been made. Thank you.

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions>

World Book Day

On Thursday the 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day as part of our week long focus on reading & writing in school. **Children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite story book character.** Here are a few costume tips to get you started:

1. Do you already have a **dressing up box**? If so, then rummage through it and see if you can salvage an outfit and then find a book that fits. Think about witches, wizards, fairies or pirates.
2. Consider using **nighties or pyjamas** as these can be used for all sorts of costumes.
3. Does your child have an **animal onesie**? Or do they have an animal outfit? Start rummaging the shelves to find a book starring this animal.
4. Adapt your child's school **uniform** by adding a few accessories as there are so many books about school children - add a cloak and glasses and a stick for a wand for a Hogwarts uniform or a rucksack for The Wimpy Kid.
5. If you have a creative streak, then think of what you can cut out and create from **cardboard** - could you make a coat of armour, or a shield and sword?
6. Think about **nursery rhymes** for inspiration, as there are loads of characters that are quite easy to make costumes such as Goldilocks, Little Red Riding Hood.

Our Growing Team

Please give a warm welcome to our new members of staff at Meldreth Primary School! Mrs Sarah Hardwick has joined us to support in **Wren and Swift classes** and Miss Gemma Jackson and Mrs Helena Hayward have joined **Swift class** as additional members of staff. We also welcome Mrs Alison Lee who has been appointed as our new **Office Administrator** on Thursday and Fridays. They bring a wealth of experience with them and we are very pleased to welcome them as part of our team!

My Activity Passport

With Half Term on the horizon we thought it worthwhile to remind parents of the Activity 'passport' launched by the Department for Education. This list of activities is intended to support parents in building children's personal skills and qualities.

Children are challenged to go on a nature trail, visit a local landmark or make a treasure map and tick off these activities on their 'passport'. Why not bring your passport into school to tell your friends about your adventures? A copy of the Passport to use at home, can be found on [our school website news page](#).

Certificate Winners

Headteacher Award winners...Annabel W, Tia WB, Harley D, Rosie-leigh F, Poppy B, Emily H, Otis I

Olympic Values Trophy winners... Harry M, Bailey B, Archie R, Chloe P, Kara H, Samuel J, Swift Class, Rufus B

Star Writers.... Effie B, Charlotte D, Chloe V, Alex F, Hannah F, Luca D, Charlotte K, Fearne W

Attendance this week is 93.19 %



this year it is 95.6%



Next Week at School

Tuesday 4th February **Y3/4 Five a side Football Tournament**

Friday 7th February **Year 4 Bikeability**

Friday 7th February **PTA Discos**



A chance for your kids to put on their dancing shoes and have fun with their friends. Our guest DJ will play tunes to get the children moving and lead games.

Meldreth Primary School Hall
Reception & KS1: 4.30-5.45 PM
KS2: 6-7.15 PM
£3 per child
Entry includes drinks
An opportunity to spend pocket money in a tuck shop



This Disco Needs You!
We need at least 10 adults to run this event. Could you spare some time to help out? Please add your name to the volunteer list in the school office.

Meldreth Primary School PTA organise events to raise funds for additional resources to enhance the childrens' education and to connect the school community.

Coming soon

Friday 14th February – **Valentine's Day non-uniform day – Home Start**

Kite Class cake sale

Weds 4th March - **Year 6 SATs information meeting for Parents 2pm and 6pm**

Thursday 5th March - **World Book Day – book Character Costume Day**

Friday 13th March – **Fun Run for Sports Relief**

Friday 27th March – **Our school 110 year anniversary celebrations & Edwardian dress up day**

Puffin Class cake sale

PTA Quiz Night