



-----2nd February 2018-----

Headteacher Awards - Well Done to

Ayden in Orange Class for creating his own super book retelling the story of Handa's Surprise, Ollie in Green Class who made a fantastic book telling the story of The Great Fire of London.

Reception – One Minute Challenge

Reception were challenged to see how many beads they could thread, how many hammer beads they could put in place and how many Lego bricks they could connect in one minute.

After each challenge the children counted and wrote down their results. This activity had a strong maths element such as counting, time and number formation as well developing their fine motor skills.



Year 1 – Sketching

As part of their Toys project Year 1 have been using their maths learning and creative skills to draw toys using 2D shapes. They listened to relaxing music to create a quiet and calm environment as they worked.

Once the drawings were completed some of the children shared their drawings with the class to observe the shapes they had used and the use of shading in their work.

Year 2 – Great Fire of London

There was great excitement this week when Year 2 had a visit from Herts Fire & Rescue Service. As you know the children have been learning all about The Great Fire of London and had made their own Tudor houses, now it was time to recreate the actual fire! The children placed their houses on the playground and watched as they were set alight by a fireman. Once the houses had burnt, and the embers had been safely extinguished the children were allowed to look over the Fire Engine.



Thank you to Red Watch from Garston Fire Station.

DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2018

Monday 5th-9th February
Punctuality Week & Computing Week
Tuesday 6th February
Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February
Yr2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 9th February
Purple Class Assembly
2.30pm + Families

HALF TERM
Mon 12th-Fri 16th February

Monday 19th-23rd February
Punctuality Week
Tuesday 20th February
100 Day Celebration
Friday 23rd February
Blue Class Assembly
2.30pm + Families
Wednesday 28th February
Yr2 Intra School Sports Competition
Monday 26th February
Parent Consultations
Wednesday 28th February
Parent Consultations
Thursday 1st March
St. David's Day
Friday 2nd March
Quiz Night
Wednesday 7th March
Yr1 Intra School Sports Competition
Friday 9th March
Orange Class Assembly
2.30pm + Families
Thursday 15th March
Yr2 Buck County Museum Visit
Friday 16th March
Red Class Assembly
2.30pm + Families
Saturday 17th March
St. Patrick's Day
Monday 19th March
Book Fair in school until 22nd March
Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 22nd March
Yr1 Aldenham Country Park Visit
Friday 23rd March
Sports Relief Non Uniform Day – sports clothes & small change for Sport Relief
Sport Relief Activities & Assembly
Monday 26th March
Rock Steady Concert + Parents
Tuesday 27th March
Kingsway Castaway Kids Day
Wednesday 28th March
Easter Egg Tombola & Cake Sale
Thursday 29th March
Sponsored Obstacle Course Event
SPRING TERM ENDS
Thursday 29th March at 1.30pm

Punctuality Weeks – 5th February and 19th February

We are focusing on punctuality next week and the week after the half term break. We will be celebrating the achievements of all the children who arrive on time for school with a special punctuality sticker. Classroom doors open at 8.45 am Monday to Thursday, and by 8.55am on a Friday. Mrs Walmsley has bought lots of stickers and we are hoping to award stickers to every child every day, make sure you arrive by 8.55 am to receive one! Thanks go to our School Council for their support with this event

Wellbeing

Our School Council and Eco Champions wrote a lovely letter to bid for funding to pay for a fun day to boost the wellbeing of all our children. The application, which was reviewed and judged by a group of young people, was submitted through Healthwatch Hertfordshire.

STOP PRESS We heard yesterday that our bid for £475 was successful! The School Council and Eco Champions have voted unanimously for a special Castaway Kids Day for the whole school to enjoy. We booked the day immediately for Tuesday 27th March! *** STOP PRESS***

Phenomenal Phonics

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Phenomenal Phonics afternoon this week.

From the comments we received it seemed like you enjoyed it just as much as the children enjoyed showing you all the wonderful resources we use to make learning phonics fun.



Lost Property

If your child is missing any items of clothing or accessories please check our Lost Property Chest which is located just inside the door from the main playground. We aim to return any items which are clearly named to their owners but anything left in the chest at the end of this half term without a name will be disposed of.

Safeguarding

Our stringent vetting procedures take place for staff and other adults who work with us. This is supported by policy and practice. The process starts from the initial interview with staff, students or volunteers. Induction training and regular reviews take place using school, regional and national guidelines. Training and policies are updated regularly and this week Mrs Walmsley and Miss Byrne have both attending Safeguarding training.

Attendance

Green Class won the attendance cup last week and also had brilliant punctuality with no late arrivals – well done!

Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late, after 8.55 am, it is important to sign your child in at the school office.

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| ORANGE | 94.3% | RED | 95.3% |
| GREEN 🏆 | 98.9% | YELLOW | 95.0% |
| BLUE | 95.9% | PURPLE | 97.9% |

Maths Challenge

Look at the door numbers on your street. Can you spot a pattern?

Philosophy For Children (P4C)

What would you pack in your suitcase and why?

What do you think?

DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April

Summer Term starts

Poetry Week

Thursday 19th April

Verse Speaking Heats

Monday 23rd April

Poetry Competition Finals

St. Georges Day

Wednesday 25th April

St. Georges Disco

Thursday 26th April

Class Photographs

1st-25th May

KS1 Statutory Tests

Monday 7th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 17th May

Year 2 Southend on Sea Visit

Friday 18th May

Reception Mead Open Farm

21st-25th May

Science Week

Monday 21st May

Science Carousel Day

Friday 25th May

Spectacular Science Afternoon

2.30pm + Parents

Thursday 24th May

Year 1 Whipsnade Visit

HALF TERM

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June

See our website for dates after half term

Friday 15th June

INSET Day – School Closed for Children

SUMMER TERM ENDS

FRIDAY 20TH July at 1.30pm

23rd & 24th July

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

25th, 26th & 27th July

Occasional Days – School Closed

AUTUMN TERM 2018

3rd & 4th September

INSET Days – School Closed for Children

Wednesday 5th September

Autumn Term Starts

See our website for more dates for 2018/2019

Letters

Sent Out This Week

Yr2 Museum Visit

Yr1 Country Park Visit

Via ParentMail

Quiz Night

Whole School

Sponsored Obstacle Event

Easter Egg Tombola

& Cake Sale



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