

Friday 3rd March



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White Horse Entrance

The work on the White Horse pathway will be completed by the end of today. The gate will be back in use from Monday.

Kids' Kindness Club - 52 Lives Kindness Challenge 03.03.23-31.03.23

This week, Krish from 52 Lives led assemblies for KS1 and KS2 children about the importance of kindness, the science of kindness and the impact it has on our physical and mental health. As part of the workshop the children made pictures, cards, decorations and wrote lovely messages for a young girl in the northwest in need of kindness at the moment. The children responded with such enthusiasm which was lovely to see. As kindness is one of our Broad Oak Backpack Character Values and something the children (and staff) think is important, we are launching a 4-week kindness challenge where we are asking children to complete 5 acts of kindness for themselves and 5 acts of kindness for others over the next 4 weeks. Children in Years 1-6 will receive a kindness challenge booklet today where they can document their activities of kindness which they complete over the coming weeks. After 4 weeks, we will send the booklets to the charity and the children will become a member of the Kids' Kindness Club and receive a purple metal pin badge which they can wear in school.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, Broad Oak Primary celebrated World Book Day! The children looked amazing in their varied and imaginative costumes and enjoyed sharing their favourite stories and characters with their teachers and friends. The day began with an exciting school assembly with author and illustrator Emma Reynolds. Emma told the children about the inspiration and environmental message behind her beautiful book 'Amara and the Bats' and shared with us her writing and drawing process. The children watched some exciting videos of bats and some lucky volunteers were able to hold life size plushie replicas of different breeds of bat! Following the assembly, Emma worked with Reception, Year One, Year Two and Year Three and they enjoyed drawing along and creating their own bat inspired art work. If you have pre-ordered a copy of 'Amara and the Bats', your child's signed copy will be sent home with them next week. This has been delayed due to unforeseen distribution issues.

Throughout the day, parent volunteers read and shared their favourite stories with various classes from Nursery to Year Six and the children also had the opportunity to bring in a pre-loved book for a book swap. It was such a fantastic day and it was wonderful to hear the children enthusing about books and engaging in exciting activities. Here is some of the feedback we had from the children about the day – Ruby and Bailey in Year Five told us, "I enjoyed the author visit because she was very interesting and knowledgeable about bats and the book swap was a great way to read interesting new books." Sean, Layla and Ronnie in Reception said that they enjoyed bringing in their favourite books, dressing up and swapping books. They also said that they loved when their mummy, daddy and nanna came to read with their class as it was so exciting! In Nursery, the children enjoyed bringing in their favourite books and matching their outfits with their books.

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who shared a story with the children and also for your amazing support and wonderful costume creations!



Dates for your Diary

6 th - 10 th Mar	Aspirations Week
9 th Mar	Parent Online Safety Workshop
13 th Mar	Author Visit - Rec / Y1 / Y2
13 th Mar	Y1 - Y6 Parent Book Look - 3:35pm - 4:30pm
14 th - 16 th Mar	Scholastic Book Fair - KS2 Hall
15 th /16 th Mar	National Strike Day 3 & 4
17 th Mar	Comic Relief Charity Day - Wear Red
20 th Mar	Parents' Evening - 4pm to 7pm
21 st Mar	World Down Syndrome Day - Wear Mismatching Socks
21 st Mar	Parents' Evening - 4pm to 5pm
24 th Mar	Parent Voice Group Meeting - 9am
31 st Mar	Break up for Easter

Earrings - School Policy Reminder

Please could I remind parents that whilst we do allow children to wear earrings to school, it is school policy that these should be 'stud' earrings only. For health and safety reasons, drop earrings of any kind are not allowed.

Lunchtime Clubs

UKS2 Lunchtime clubs will recommence next week. The sessions will run as follows:

- Tuesday - Y5 Boys Football
- Thursday - Y6 Boys Football
- Friday - Y5/Y6 Girls Football

If attending, the children need to bring in their kit, unless the session falls on their PE day.

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Year 4 - Greek Day

This week, Year 4 were visited by Makers of History, who delivered an Ancient Greek workshop. We explored the differences between Sparta and Athens, comparing the innovative and creative Athenian state to the war-driven Spartan state. We played Ancient Greek games, dressed up in Ancient Greek costumes and even handled Ancient Greek weaponry! We also created clay coins with our own Ancient Greek emblems on, performed in a theatre show and danced.



Parents' Evening - Comments

As you will be aware from previous newsletters, we will be holding our Spring Term parents' evening on Monday 20th March (4-7pm) and Tuesday 21st March (4-5pm). The booking system opens on Monday 6th March from 6pm until Friday 17th March at 12 noon. Teachers will provide parents with an overview of their child's progress however, if parents have any specific areas for discussion, please use the 'message facility' when booking.

Eco Club- Fairtrade Competition

This week, the children have been learning all about Fairtrade to mark the start 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. They have been learning about different Fairtrade products, how to recognise a Fairtrade product by the Fairtrade symbol and the importance of choosing Fairtrade products to help the lives of others.

To consolidate and share what we have learnt about Fairtrade, The Eco Council have decided to launch a Fairtrade Fortnight competition.

For a chance to win some Fairtrade goodies, we are giving children the opportunity to create a piece of work that shares their understanding of Fairtrade and why it is important. The piece of work may be a poem, piece of artwork or an information poster.

The deadline for entries is Monday 13th March 2023. Entries will then be judged by our Eco Council. For more information about Fairtrade, you can visit the following website:

<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk/teaching-resources/#page-1>

We look forward to seeing lots of fantastic entries that aim to help spread awareness about Fairtrade and the many benefits it can have across the world. Good luck everyone! Miss Moores and The Eco Council.

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Forest School - Timetable Change

Due to Aspirations week, next week, both Year 5 classes will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Monday. Please can both classes come dressed ready for the session.

The Anne Frank Trust: Voices of Equality Workshop

On Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March, Year Six were joined by peer educators from The Anne Frank Trust UK who delivered the Voices for Equality Primary Programme. During the two days, the children learnt all about the life and work of Anne Frank and the importance of youth voice. In addition, they were told about the history of the Holocaust, and different forms of prejudice today, including antisemitism, disablism, homophobia, Islamophobia, racism, sexism, and prejudice against Gypsy Roma Traveller people and refugees. On day one, the children explored what the term 'equality' means to them and took part in small group discussions, class debates, quizzes and various activities. On the second day, there was a focus on teamwork, presentation skills and public speaking. The children were then given the opportunity to create their own peer education project and work collaboratively with their classmates. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and described it as valuable, powerful, important and inspirational.

