

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you for your continued support. It has been a short, but busy term and there has been lots going on in school! Here are some of our highlights:

Year 1 visit to the Transport Museum

In February, Year 1 took a trip to the Coventry Transport Museum. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see in real life the modes of transport that they had been learning about in their history topic. The children had an amazing day exploring and learning, with lots of them having a snooze on the coach on the way home!

Year 2 Pancake Race!

Year 2 had an exciting morning learning about Pancake Day and Lent. They then braved the spring showers to have a pancake race! The children took it in turns to run up and down the playground flipping some delicious pancakes, which was quite tricky, but they did really well. Unfortunately, most of the pancakes ended up on the floor, but they had a great time. Then, on World Book Day, Year 2 made some paper pancakes, but they managed to escape and run away like in their story *The Runaway Pancake!* Luckily, Year 2 are super at searching and they managed to find them all, hiding on the field.

Year 3 Visitor

Year 3 had a fantastic day during their Egyptian workshop! They started off their day with a story telling session about Cleopatra. They then became archaeologists and dug for artefacts using metal detectors, brushes and magnifying glasses. The children also had time to try on Egyptian clothing. After break, they did art work with reed pens and decoded hieroglyphics. After lunch, they learnt about mummification, took part in an archery session and played the Egyptian game *Senet*.

Swimming

Children in Year 4 have continued their swimming lessons at Duncan Edwards Leisure Centre and are making some fantastic progress in the water!

Information Evenings

A big thank you to everyone who has attended a meeting about Phonics, The Year 4 Times Table Check, Year 2 SATs or Year 6 SATs. It is really important that we are able to share all of this information with children and families, so your attendance is really appreciated.



A rainy-day trip for Year 5

To support their work in class, Year 5 spent the day at Wolsley Bridge, which is part of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. Despite the weather, they had a fabulous day learning about Living Things and Their Habitats, as well as the Water Cycle and Rivers. The children stood on the banks of the River Trent, which had burst its banks, and then carried out a study of a stream and a pond. As you can see in the pictures, the children went pond dipping, to look at the variety of species, tested the pH of the water and took its temperature.



Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening. It was a fantastic opportunity for class teachers to share the children's work and discuss their achievements.

Year 3 children at the Symphony Hall

Some of our Year 3 children were able to perform at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham along with lots of children from around the region. This was a fantastic opportunity made possible through Dudley Performing Arts and we are very proud of the children that joined in!

Toilet Refurbishment

The children have been really sensible whilst using the temporary toilets, but we are really pleased to finally have our new toilets up and running! The Early Years toilets are going to be replaced during the holidays too, so we look forward to seeing them completed after Easter.

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World Book Day

We had a great day celebrating everything to do with books and reading! A big thank you to everyone who entered our competition too. We are currently creating a display of all the brilliant pictures we received.



Year 4 Sparks Visit

Year 4 had a visit from Sparks - the local fire brigade - who came in to talk about fire safety at home. The children learnt all about how smoke alarms work, how to act if there is a fire - getting out safely and raising the alarm and lots of ways to prevent fire from happening in the first place.

Reception Library Visits

Our Reception children all enjoyed a trip to Dudley library. Every child is now a member of the library which means they can borrow books whenever they would like!

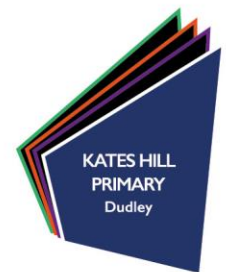
Red Nose Day

The children all looked fantastic in their vibrant red clothes as we raised money to support Red Nose Day. A total for £149.13 was raised.

Parliament Visit

Earlier this term, a group of year 5 children were lucky enough to visit the Palace of Westminster. On arrival they were met by Arthur, who kindly gave them a guided tour around Westminster Hall and the House of Lords, adorned by portraits of the Tudors and an extraordinary amount of gold. They were then met by M.P. Marco Longhi, who chatted with them during a quick lunchbreak. Thereafter, the children were able to sit in the Public Gallery in the House of Commons, where they listened to some of the debate on Rwanda. On their way back to the minibus, they wandered up Whitehall, past the Cenotaph to Downing Street. They all had an amazing day!





A WW2 Visitor!

Year 6 enjoyed an amazing day with their World War 2 visitor last week. The children learnt how to decipher codes, trained to be a soldier and had the opportunity to handle uniforms and weapons from the war. Their behaviour was excellent, answering questions and joining in with all of the activities very well.

Mother's Day Assembly

Although this had to be delayed slightly, our Reception children did a fantastic job of welcoming parents and carers to their Mother's Day assembly on Friday 15th March. The children sang their song and said their poem brilliantly and they were so happy to share their photos and reasons why they love their special adults! They were utterly adorable and I am told staff could see a fair few happy tears amongst the audience. A big well done to Sparrows and Wrens and thank you all again for coming along!

Choir Concert

A big thank you to the school choir who performed a selection of songs to parents and carers on Tuesday afternoon. It was lovely to hear their voices echoing around the school!

PSHE Day

On Monday, Miss Subhan organised our first PSHE focus day. On this day, Years 1 to 6 spent the day looking at our, 'Relationships' jigsaw. Throughout the day, children focused on friendships and relationships with our family members, and understanding that having a relationship is about having a connection with someone. Akira in Year 5 said, "I have really enjoyed our PSHE focus day today, I learned lots about what a healthy and unhealthy friendship looks like." A big well done to all the children for taking part and we look forward to our next one!

As we now break up for the Easter holidays, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic break. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 8th April.

Many thanks,

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