



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, British Science Week started with a 'FIZZ' and ended with a 'BANG' thanks to Professor Fallon and all the staff. The children were inspired by Professor Fallon and her exciting experiment in Monday's assembly and this excitement and engagement continued and grew as they were given opportunities to explore, investigate and evaluate throughout the week in class. Thank you so much to Professor Fallon and everyone for making it such a memorable week.



Living Eggs

Many thanks to the PTFA for supporting our Living Eggs programme by funding it. The eggs arrived on Monday and as I write this we have 4 healthy boys and healthy girl chicks. The children (and staff!) are thoroughly enjoying watching them develop and can't wait to 'hold' them as they get a little older and stronger next week.



Year 4 Tag Festival

Our entire Year 4 class walked up to Queen Anne's on Wednesday morning to take part in a local schools Tag Rugby Festival. They thoroughly enjoyed participating with and against their peers from Thameside, The Hill, Caversham Park and Caversham Primary and were delighted when all three teams got into the semi-finals and the 'Honeybadgers' went on to win the Plate. We were really proud of them in terms of their efforts, performance and conduct. Many thanks to Mrs Thomas, Ms Reynolds and Mr Bethel for taking and supporting the children and to Queen Anne's for hosting the event. A special thank you must go to Chris Ellison and his Performance Sports team for organising another wonderful inter-school festival which so many children participated in.

Reception

In Reception this week our theme has been spring. We've talked and written about the changes associated with spring and loved painting and sketching tulips and rainy day pictures with soft pastels. We think the chicks are 'soooo fluffy' and found our science experiments brilliant! Did you know that Miss Dawes can walk on custard?



Year 1

Science Week tied in with our 'Spectacular Space' theme perfectly. We made our own Solar System with cake pops after making the mixture and decorating the eight planets with different coloured icing. Mrs Edwards came up to our classes after following the lovely smell of our cake pops baking. She said they were delicious! We took part in another exciting experiment yesterday and predicted what would happen when a vitamin-c tablet was popped into a small film canister with water in it. They became rockets and shot up as high as the fire exit stairs! We can't wait for our trip to Winchester Science Museum next week!

Year 2

We've been weighing and measuring foods and investigating the sugar in foods. Then we had to try and design a healthy meal containing all the different food groups. We've also designed and made bug hotels and Aztec Totem Poles.

Year 3

We have had a diverse and really exciting week. We challenged ourselves to make better nests than birds by collecting twigs and foliage from Westfield Park and then realised that making them was much harder than we thought! We also had an Astro Nappy Challenge and investigated materials that would be most absorbent for astronauts' nappies. We tested cotton wool, newspapers, tissue, kitchen roll and PVC. We really enjoyed Saro Wallace's visit and archaeology sessions on Monday and learned about fossilisation and sketched fossils.

Year 4

We really enjoyed the Tag Festival at Queen Anne's on Wednesday and were thrilled that we all made it to the semi-finals and one of our teams won the Plate! In Maths we've been shopping with our £1s and calculated how much change we should have, we've done quizzes on roman numerals and conversion of measures and have been revising the 24-hour clock. We've been looking at healthy eating again and planning meals for explorers with set calories and a budget and looking at the effects on the body of smoking.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent Consultations over the last week or so with classteachers.

School Travel

We are extremely close to achieving our Modeshift Stars Bronze Award for sustainable travel to and from school. Modeshift Stars is the national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. If you haven't already completed the travel survey sent to you recently, please could you do so as soon as possible.

Spring Flowers...

We would like to thank the phantom planter who has planted up our tyres outside school with beautiful spring flowers. They really are beautiful - if this was you, please do let the office know!



Spotlight

Reception - Dominic for earning Stage 4 Swimming.

Year 1 - Noah (1AP) for being invested in Beavers.

Year 2 - Audrey (2HK) for learning to swim 25 metres.

Year 3 - Joshie (3KF) for scoring 8 tries at a rugby tournament last weekend, playing on behalf of Henley RFC, Sienna (3SW) for earning her level 8 grade in Gymnastics, Zachary (3KF) for learning to swim 15 metres and also being awarded his second orange strip in Judo.

Year 4 - Phoebe (4CT) for earning 5th Rank in Karate-Do, Anna (4CT) for receiving 'Highly Commended' in a String Solo at the Woodley Festival of Music and Arts.

Congratulations to you all - well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y3 & 4 Choir - Performance at Reading University	Monday 19 th March 7pm
Y1 Winchester Science Centre - Rescheduled Date	Thursday 22 nd March
PTFA Y1 Lolly Sale	Friday 13 th April
Green Park Mini Mile & 10K	Sunday 20 th May

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