



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

*Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across the school we have celebrated World Book Day this week - a wonderful opportunity to share and celebrate books and reading. We strive to create a 'reading for pleasure' ethos and believe that all our children should be enthusiastic and confident readers by the time they leave at the end of Year Six.

As part of the celebrations, the children participated in a wide variety of activities to promote reading for pleasure in their classrooms and we enjoyed coming together for a whole school Collective Worship to hear a retelling of 'Freddie and the Fairy,' by Julia Donaldson, read by staff and our Reading Ambassadors. Thank you to all those children who have entered our 'Design a book character from a potato' competition. The entries were amazing and so creative. We will be announcing our winner in our forthcoming reading newsletter. Fresh Start also got involved in the celebrations with two lucky children finding 'Golden Tickets' in their puddings. Congratulations to Hannah in Reception and Noah in Year 4 for winning special books as prizes.

Your child will come home with a World Book Day token today. This can be exchanged for a free World Book Day book or used for a £1 off a book. Please see for the website for further information: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/>.



This week, Rainbows and Reception have taken part in Bucks Early Years Communication Week promoting the values of 'Engage with Chat: Explore with Play: Read together' which underpins the ethos of our curriculum intent: 'we seek to reflect light in all we do, in our

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communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage.' Over the duration of the week, the children have explored a range of different stories, sung nursery rhymes, recited poems and expressed themselves in many different ways! The children have loved communicating through their voices, talking and singing, and through their bodies with dancing and learning some Makaton signs!



To link in with World Book Day on Thursday, the children were fortunate to have a live reading with the Brazilian author *Guilherme Karsten*. They thoroughly enjoyed listening to him share his book 'Are you a Monster?' and showing them how to draw a monster in a live draw along.

The children certainly have been shining stars this week and we are very proud of them. Please find attached to this ParentMail 'Top Tips for chatting with young children' to support quality engagements at home.

Have a lovely weekend and a wonderful Mother's Day!

*Mrs Samantha Dimbleby*

**Headteacher**

### **Attendance**

Well done to 2JW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 96.25%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 93.98%.

### **Why is good attendance so important?**

Even taking a short amount of time off school can have a significant negative impact upon a child's educational fulfilment and further education. Your child might fall behind in their learning and not be able to catch up. If there are gaps in their knowledge they will find school assessment time more difficult. There could be other difficulties too; children who miss school are missing out on social interaction which affects their ability to make friends and it can affect their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

Thank you for your support in encouraging good attendance. If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Dimbleby.

## Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

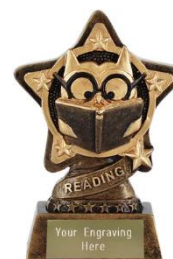
Reception: Harry & Jack  
Year 1: Isabella & Isabel  
Year 2: Morgan & Alex  
Year 3: Jovie & Rosaleigh  
Year 4: Orion & Sienna  
Year 5: Henry & Grace  
Year 6: Roman & Parker



## Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

2AA
3AP
4SW
5FG
6CM



## FOWS – Recycling Clothing bin



We are now participating in the *Kids Just Recycle scheme*. This has been organised by FOWS which is a great way to raise additional funds for the school and to teach our children about the importance of recycling to help keep our planet safe.

Please bring any of your preloved textiles and donate them in the clothing bin.

**YES PLEASE - Clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains, shoes and sleeping bags.**

**NO THANK YOU - Rags, carpets, rugs, glass, metal, paper, rubbish**

Please do not leave bags or rubbish on the ground. If the bin is full, please email the office and we will contact FOWS to arrange for it to be emptied.

Thank you for your support.





## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

<b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Katie Epps</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Miss Daisy Allen</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor <b>Mr David Shaw</b>	

## What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



## Diary Dates

Please find below our spring term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event	Year Group
wc 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Group Photographs	Reception and Year Six
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day	Whole School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Woodrow Residential	Year Four
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability	Year Three
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Trip to Science Oxford	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		

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*This Term's Value is:*

***Honesty***

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"*

*Matthew 5:8*

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