

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break away from school. I cannot believe we have been back a week already and what a busy week it has been.

The children have settled quickly and the highlight of the week has been World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children across the juniors and infants working together and sharing books. The school displays are amazing with all classes choosing a book and decorating their classrooms according to the chosen book. The children enjoyed the walk around the school and guessing the titles of the chosen books.

I have received many emails regarding the school uniform and changes to it for this coming September. A letter is going out tonight sharing the proposed changes.

Accelerated Reader

You can now quiz at home on books that you are reading! This will increase your points and help make sure that you achieve your target! You get three raffle tickets for achieving your target at the end of the half term!

<https://ukhosted126.renlearn.co.uk/6708625/>

Parents and children can find the quiz numbers of their personal books using the Accelerated Reader BookFinder site:

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>

Diary Dates

Monday 5th March: Year 5 Swimming – McArthur Class
Tuesday 8th March: Parents Evening
Thursday 10th March: Parents Evening
Friday 11th March: Bags for Schools collection

Monday 14th March: Year 5 Swimming – McArthur Class
Tuesday 15th March: Year 5 Southsea Castle Trip – Fiennes Class
Wednesday 16th March: Year 5 Southsea Castle Trip – Sharman Class
Thursday 17th March: Year 5 Southsea Castle Trip – Peake Class
Friday 18th March: Year 5 Southsea Castle Trip – McArthur Class
Friday 18th March: Year 3 ZooLab School Visit



Attendance Stars

Well done to the following classes in the Infant School who have all improved their attendance this week:

- Hedgehogs
- Rabbits
- Lions
- Tigers



The classes with the best attendance in the Juniors this week are:

- Pendleton
- Ainslie
- Sharman
- Seacole

Please ensure that you let us know (in advance where possible) if your child is being collected by somebody other than those people we would usually expect to see.

You can let the class teacher know that morning or contact the school office via phone or Studybugs. If we have not heard in advance and somebody unfamiliar arrives to collect, we will contact you to check before allowing your child to go.

We appreciate your support in this matter in order to for us to ensure the children are dismissed safely and efficiently at the end of the school day.



EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

We will once again be taking part in this campaign to get children eating more vegetables. You may well have seen the adverts on the television and the infant children bought home an activity pack at the beginning of the week.

The children will be offered opportunities during each week to try the focus vegetable for that week. The infant children have already had a go this week with carrots and were very proud of their stickers for having a try.



Week beginning 28th February	Carrots
Week beginning 7th March	Peppers
Week beginning 14th March	Broccoli
Week beginning 21st March	Tomatoes
Week beginning 28th March	Peas



We would be really grateful if you could also support the campaign at home too. Keep an eye on Studybugs for some further information and resources for parents.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that we promote healthy eating in school all of the time. Therefore, the snacks the children have in school should be healthy choices. The infant school children are provided with a free fruit or vegetable snack everyday. Any snacks that the children bring in from home should ideally be fruit or vegetable based although low sugar cereal bars or similar are permitted as long as they do not contain nuts.

The children are not allowed to eat chocolate bars or chocolate coated biscuits as a snack in school.

Lunch boxes should also provide a healthy balance of items. Please only send a maximum of **one packet of crisps** for your child to eat as part of their packed lunch. Health eating in school is something that we would like to look at in more detail with the children as part of our new school council so look out for further information regarding this.



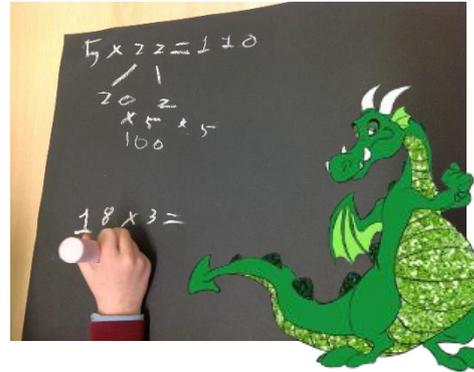
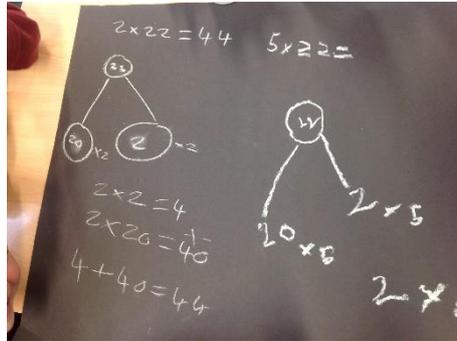
DRAGON SPOTTING



We love to see how our pupils are demonstrating the school values both in and out the classroom! Here is a snapshot of the values in action!

Year 3 Maths

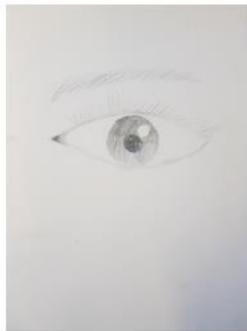
Year 3 have been working on their math skills this week multiplying by partitioning numbers into tens and ones!



Year 4 Artist Alert!

We have a budding artist in Year 4 who has been developing their drawing skills in their spare time!

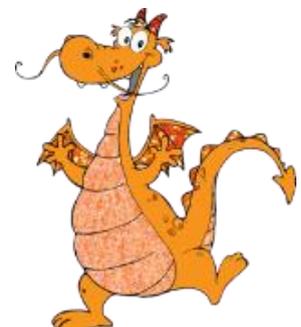
Amazing work Ivy!

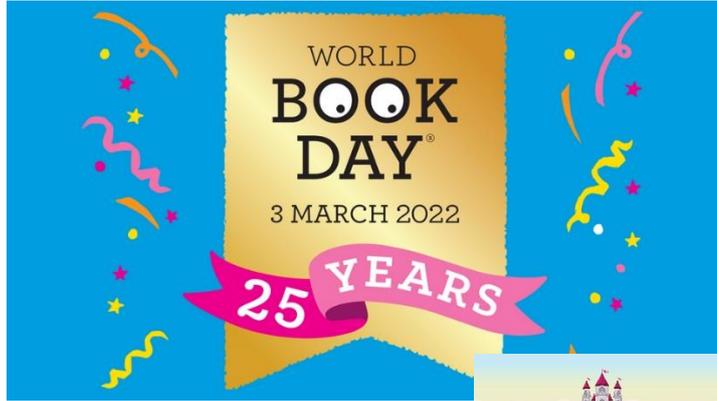


Cookery Club



This week Mrs Bannister-Palmer led put very first cookery club! Well done to George and Ethan for impressing Mrs Carlyle with their fabulous treats! They were very responsible whilst using all of the equipment!





Thank you so much to Jaysie Louise and Companies for arranging for some special visitors to our school! The children were so excited!
<https://www.facebook.com/jlandcoHQ>



Thank you for all the hard work that went into the children's costumes – they all looked absolutely fantastic!

What a world book day we had! The children had a competition to guess the books by decorating their classroom doors and all children took part in a buddy read across the infant and junior school!

Have a relaxing weekend, take care and stay safe!

Mrs Carlyle