

Dates for the diary

February

Friday 15th February

INSET Day

School closed to pupils

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd

February

Half Term Holiday

Wednesday 27th February

KS1 SATs Workshop at 2:30pm

Cross Country Competition,

Garons Park 1.00pm –

2.00pm

Thursday 28th February

Year 1 History off the Page

Workshop

March

Friday 1st March

Year 1 History off the Page

Workshop

Dance Festival, 1.00pm –

3.00pm

Monday 4th March

Open Evening

3:30 – 7:30pm

3:30 – 6:00 (Nursery)

Tuesday 5th March

Open Evening

3:30 – 5:00pm

3:30 – 6:00 (Nursery)

Wednesday 6th March

Newt assembly - 2pm

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day and dressing
up

Wednesday 13th March

Frog assembly - 2.45pm

Wednesday 20th March

Dragonfly assembly - 2.45pm

Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback on the newsletter. We value any feedback we get and will continue to make improvements where necessary.

On Friday 8th February, 10 of our Year 2 children took part in a Football Festival at The Len Forge Centre against other schools in the borough. The team competed with great sportsmanship, courage and with smiles on their faces, demonstrating impeccable behavior pitch side. Congratulations to you all.

Book Week is the week beginning 4th March 2019. We are really looking forward to it and have some exciting events planned. Our celebrations culminate on World Book Day on Thursday 7th March when children and staff are encouraged to come into school dresses as their favorite book character. We look forward to seeing who the children decide to become!

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week we have been learning about Valentine's Day. The children have really enjoyed making Valentine's cards independently and have been getting messy by making Valentine's biscuits. We have also taken part in Maths week and have been reciting numbers to 20 and counting objects as we built towers.

Some of the children have continued to work on rhyming words. They have been finding the word that does not rhyme. Others have been continuing with Read, Write, Inc and have been learning the phoneme (sound) 'a'.

After half term our theme will be 'Changes'. The first week back we will be looking at plant growth. We will be learning what plants need to help them grow.

JUST A POLITE REMINDER: If your child is not attending Nursery could you please call the school or speak to a member of the Nursery staff to explain why. Thank you.

Year R - Reception

This week we have been learning about Aliens and have been reading the book Aliens Love Underpants. During outdoor learning we enjoyed searching the school grounds for hidden pants. After that, we loved having a three-legged pant race. It was so funny! In English this week we have been writing alien speech bubbles and writing alien descriptions. We have been really focusing on remembering to use our finger spaces.

In Maths this week we have been consolidating our learning on addition and subtraction. We have been mixing up the sentences so we have to look very carefully to know if we have to add or take away. Ways to help at home:

Encourage your child to write short sentences. They could be about a picture they have drawn or their favourite toy.

Practise adding and subtracting using different objects or their favourite toys. Focus on careful counting.

Outdoor Learning

Monday 25th February

Fox

Tuesday 26th February

Hedgehog

Wednesday 27th February

Otter

Thursday 28th February

Squirrel

Friday 1st March

Badger

Year 1

This week we have been mathematicians during Maths week! We have been solving different problems and using different strategies. One problem we looked at was "Cover the Camel" where the children had to manipulate different pieces to cover the camel picture. Thank you to all of the adults that came to the Maths Workshop to share in their child's learning.

We have learnt about the suffixes er and est in Literacy. We have then used these words to create different sentences to compare objects.

In Computing, we have been programming algorithms using the bee-bots, which has also helped us to develop our knowledge of positional language. **REMINDER: PE Kits need to be in school on the first Monday back.**

History off the page Workshop Thursday 28th February (Frog, Dragonfly & 1/2 Newt) and Friday 1st March (Heron, Duck & 1/2 Newt)

Hamstel Nursery

We are now accepting applications for children to join our Nursery in September 2019. If your child is due to turn 3 before 1st September please contact the school office to arrange a tour of the nursery and to collect an application pack. Our tours will be held between 10am and 10.30am on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th and 14th March 2019.

Pre-booking is essential as there are a limited number of spaces available on each tour.

Smarties Challenge

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to those who participated in the Smarties Challenge raising money for our Wildlife area. So far we have raised over **£1000!**

The class winner will be announced after half term. Smarties tubes can still be brought into school but will not count toward the class total.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Kingfisher – 100%

Year 1: Frog – 97.8%

Year 2: Hedgehog – 98.9%



Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have enjoyed being Scientists and carrying out an investigation to see where the best place in the classroom was to free some Lego men, who were trapped in blocks of ice! We had to decide which place would be suitable, the quickest and think about why. The children came up with some great ideas in their classes as they spent time using their observational skills and recording their findings.

Year 2 have also enjoyed taking part in Maths Week and had great fun with the adults who came to support them in the workshops on Tuesday. We have continued to move our learning forward with fractions and have been naming fractions and using the correct notation for fractions. We have also started thinking about equivalent fractions with halves, quarters and thirds.

As part of an Eco Project our school is taking part in the children in Year 2 have explored how the climate change is effecting Polar Bears and what we can do to help. The children made some wonderful posters reflecting on this. **REMINDER: Outdoor Learning first week back, PE kits with trainers and kits suitable for outdoor PE please. SATS workshop for parents Wednesday 27th February at 2.30pm**

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Beef Bolognese sauce with herby spaghetti

G - Red lentil & cheese loaf with a rich tomato sauce & hand cut potato wedges

P - Jacket potato with baked beans, tuna mayonnaise or grated cheese
Broccoli & carrots
Poached pear & apple crumble with custard
Jelly

Tuesday

R - Chargrilled chicken fajitas

G - Linda McCartney sausages with mashed potato & caramelised red onion gravy in a yorkshire pudding

P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Mixed peas & sweetcorn
Sticky toffee pudding with custard
Homemade mousse

Wednesday

R - Roast turkey, stuffing & bread sauce with roast potatoes

G - Rosemary, feta & pepper quiche with roast potatoes

P - Wholemeal pasta with cheese sauce

Wednesday continued...

Roasted seasonal root vegetables & curly kale

Warm waffles with chocolate custard
Jelly

Thursday

R - Classic British beef burgers with hand cut potato wedges

G - Sweet potato & chickpea curry with steamed rice

P - Jacket potato with baked beans or grated cheese
Carrots, cauliflower & green beans
Apple & blackcurrant shortcrust pastry pie with custard
Homemade mousse

Friday

R - Fish fingers & chips with tartar sauce

G - Bean burger & BBQ sauce with chips

P - Jacket potato with baked beans or grated cheese
Baked beans & garden peas
Baked banana flapjack
Jelly