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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Weekly Digest - Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **Online Safety Update**

Please see attached information from the National Online Safety team. Their aim is to support parents/carers and trusted adults by helping them to keep up to date and gain the knowledge and skills needed to keep children safe online. We are aware of how quickly changes in technology happen and how our children are always ahead of us with this. We aim to share one of these a week with parents, where possible related to online challenges we are facing in school at a given time. If you would like more information, here is a link to their website: [National College](https://www.nationalcollege.org.uk)

### **Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who made such a great effort with our recent charity fundraising days. For Comic Relief we raised an amazing £362 and for our joint World Down Syndrome Day and Brain Tumour Awareness we raised £125.91 which will be split between the two charities.



### **Abbey Road Conservation Area Open Day: Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April 11am-3pm with Mr Knowles**



We are having an Open Day on 20<sup>th</sup> April to showcase this 4-acre site and its wonderful mix of habitats, including stream, pond, woodland, orchard, scrub and meadow. Our volunteers and other experts will be on hand to explain what we have here, and to answer any questions you may have.

There will be lots of nature-related activities for children including: a mini-beast hunt; help create our bug hotel; what's that bird; quiz sheets; colouring sheets for the younger ones; examples of some of the animals that live here.

We will also have displays of maps and pictures showing the history of the site with another display showing what plants and animals we've recorded in the 3 years we've been working here.

### **Summer Uniform**

A reminder that summer uniform can be worn after the Easter break.

## Year 2 Update

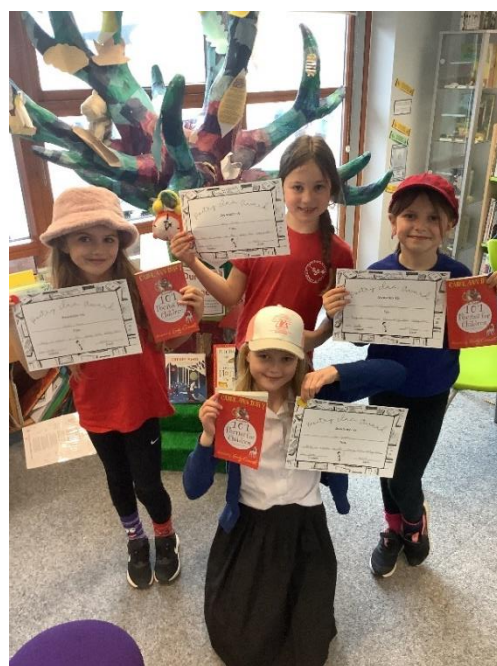
Last week, Year 2 had a visit from the Fire Brigade on Friday morning. During the visit, the children were given a presentation on the dangers that could cause a fire and what to do if they encounter one. The children were then able to go outside to see the fire engine, ride in the front, spray the hose and were shown all the kit the engine carries. The children in Year 1 were also able to come outside and see the fire engine for themselves, they enjoyed being able to sit in the cab, look at the different types of equipment and feel how heavy the firefighter's uniform was. All children had a fantastic morning and were so excited about their topics of the 'Great Fire of London' (Year 2) and 'Real life superheroes' (Year 1). Thank you so much to Jamie Parton and his teammates Craig, Alex and Sam for such a memorable morning for our children.



## Poetry Slam

Our Spring term poetry slam was attended by 62 children, who all did an amazing job performing their poems. We are very proud of them. They all received a certificate and a house point in reading collective worship this week.

Congratulations to Fifi in Moles, and Brooke, Betty and Scarlett in Frogs, who won the solo and group performances this term and received a poetry book, generously funded by FSPS.





## Year 6 Update

Last week, two Year 6 parents have been into Buzzards and Stoats to share their knowledge linked to war and WW2. Captain Chapman came and spoke about serving in the British Army. He shared with us some of the roles and responsibilities in the British Army today. Captain Chapman currently serves as a Nursing Officer. He explained the purpose of the army, how they protect our nation, prevent conflict, deal with disaster, and fight the nation's enemies. It was really fascinating to hear the different routes you can take to get into the army and opportunities available. Captain George shared stories about his experiences and those of family members who served in WW2. We were then visited by Justin Russell; he is an archaeologist with an interest in WW2. He brought in an incredible selection of memorabilia and artefacts, including what soldiers would have to carry and wear whilst serving in the war, an air raid siren and other warning signal devices. It was really fascinating hearing about what would be in soldiers' bags and having the opportunity to try carrying all the kit!



Thank you also to the parents/carers who sent in bulbs, seed and pots to help with our 'Dig for Victory' DT project. We have a wonderful amount of vegetables, herbs and salad leaves growing! Thank you to Tates of Sussex, Old Barn, for their generous donation of £150 to help us purchase soil, seeds, plants and bulbs - we can't wait to visit and purchase some more bits for our garden area.



## FSPS Update

### Easter Fundraising Challenge

All children have been sent home with their tube of Smarties. Please fill these up over the Easter holiday with 20p coins and remember to bring them back on the first day of term. The class who raises the most will get £50 to spend together.

## Lottery

The March WINNER of the FSPS Lottery is number 20, Katie Pendrey. Congratulations!

## Sport Update

### Year 4 Boys Football

Well done to the boys who played last Friday at St Peter's Henfield. The boys played amazingly against some tough opposition with some wonderful goals scored and some amazing saves that blew Mr Lelliott's mind! Out of the whole tournament, Steyning came 4<sup>th</sup> overall which was an amazing achievement.



## Cross Country

We had 3 runners who competed in the Sussex School's Games Cross Country yesterday. In very tough and muddy conditions all our runners placed in the top 90 out of over 150 other runners! There was a couple of slips and tumbles for the year 5 runners but that did not stop them from taking the overall team victory. The Year 6 girls had some tough competition and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Well done to all the runners, you were amazing!



## HOUSE TEAM YEARLY ROUND UP



This term's winning Team is: **The Yellow Team** and can wear non-uniform on the 1<sup>st</sup> day back.

### Dates to be aware of:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – first day of term
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – last day of term
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – first day of term
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET DAY



Have an amazing Easter break!

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