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St Andrew's News



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been filled with sunshine and the children have loved playing out in the warmer weather. We are all looking forward to spreading out onto the field more in the coming weeks and enjoying other types of play activities.

This week has been jam-packed with amazing activities and enrichment!

Around our fabulous World Book Day, the children took part in two book author workshops and enjoyed a fun return to school last night for Bedtime Stories. Hot chocolate and a biscuit were enjoyed alongside lots of story books. Some of our Year 6 pupils also joined the classes to come and share some of their favourite stories.

The children came into school in a wonderful array of outfits and the costume parade was brilliant! Every pupil got a chance to walk across the stage and show their outfit. Certificates were then given out for best costume but also to pupils who read at home lots.

Next week, we have the book fair visiting so look out for updates on timings it is open and details of how to order online.

Some of our choir participated in the Surrey Music Festival at Dorking Halls and we also held our half-termly Headteacher's tea party. It really has been a fun-filled week with something special happening everyday.

Hope you all enjoy a sunny weekend with friends and loved ones.

Stina Witkowski



World Book day

On Thursday we celebrated the fun of reading during World Book day. There was a special costume parade assembly where we had the chance to see all the different book characters the children had dressed up as. There was an impressive array of costumes from The Fantastic Mr Fox to Stick Man. There were prizes awarded for the best dressed and most improved reader in each class. The teachers joined in the fun as well.



The theme of the day was "Read your way" so it was all about reading for pleasure.

In Erikson Class we designed the front cover of the book that we came dressed as. The children really enjoyed drawing themselves as the main characters. (S. Russell)

In Bingham the children designed book covers, read some of the books the children had brought in and enjoyed the visit by the author Zanna Davidson who has written Billy and the Mini Monsters book series.

In Year 6, the children have been learning about the Oldest Student in the USA. Mary Walker was born in 1848 into slavery. At the age of 15, she was freed. At 20, she was married and had her first child. At 68, she was still working and raising money for her church. At 114, she was the only remaining member of her family but it was at 116, she learned to read - a goal she had had all her life. The children were fascinated about how she had managed to go through her whole life not being able to read and thought about the amount they read in their day-to-day life. (Miss Mercey)

Winstanley Class had a great day. We have been learning the story of "The Gruffalo" which we changed into our own class story "The Sharkalin" set under the sea. A clown fish meets some other sea creatures and describes the sharkalin to them. The clown fish doesn't believe the sharkalin is real....until he meets him! During our author visit today, Zanna Davidson, showed us how to create and draw our own monsters. We are very excited that we will be able to use these ideas in our own "Gruffalo" stories next week!(Mrs Wilde)

Cousteau came to World Book Day in an incredible array of costumes - and found their teachers had been replaced with dragons and a giraffe! We loved the parade and then joined the BBC LIVE lesson at 11:00: learning about book genres and the different ways people enjoy reading. We reached the conclusion of our class reader - The Fastest Boy in the World and discussed how characters change in the book as you read from the start to the end. (Mrs Mitchell)

Bedtime Stories

In the evening children came back to school in their pyjamas for "Bedtime Stories". It was an evening filled with cosy blankets, cushions and cuddly toys, as well as stories to share as a class. And we must not forget the all-important hot chocolate and biscuits provided by our wonderful FoSA team. Thank you to Lisa Baxter and the team of parents for taking the time to make this event a success as well as the teachers for joining in with the fun.



Author Visit

On Tuesday, Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to an amazing opportunity - an author visit! Maz Evans, the best-selling author of the 'Who Let the Gods Out?' series who delighted us with an overview of the many books she has now written. Did you know that she has written several different series including Vi Spy, Scarlett Fife and Oh Maya Gods. And grown ups, if you are worried about missing out, she has now written two detective books for adults! As a presenter, Maz was really engaging and encouraged all of us with our own story writing as well as answering lots of our questions about where her ideas came from. It was a brilliant session which we all really enjoyed and got us in the mood for World Book Day! (Mrs Mackie-Gandy)



A huge well done to these pupils who completed the mental maths target for their year group last half term and are now in the 100 Club:

Year 4: *Maggie* Year 5: *Chad, Cooper, Solomon & Effie*
Year 6: *Carly-Jane & Charmaine*

Choir

On Tuesday twenty one members of the choir got on a coach and went to Dorking Halls to sing with seven other excited schools and over 250 children in the Surrey Primary Music Festival. We sang a variety of fantastic folks songs to our family and friends. We had an amazing time singing with all the other schools and the lovely conductor, Esther Jones, and the live band. (Ava, Emilia and Josie)



Cake sale

Winstanley class is having a cake sale on Tuesday 11 March after school. Please do support them.



Best Class Attendance
Cousteau

House Points
Wisley

Next Week's Value
Perseverance

Celebration Certificates

Value– Integrity

- Winstanley:** Charvik
- Bingham:** Annie
- Erikson:** Jamie
- Cousteau:** Faith
- Fiennes:** Carly-Jane
- Mallory:** Summer

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Winstanley:** Taya
- Bingham:** Tommy
- Erikson:** Josie
- Cousteau:** Chad
- Fiennes:** Class
- Mallory:** Charmaine

