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# St Andrew's News



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week and the children have loved having the yoga mats and dress up out during the sunny lunchtimes. We have such a wonderful space, and it really comes alive when the sun comes out as so many more toys and activities can be used.

This week, our choir performed at Dorking Halls and once again did us proud. They are a brilliant choir and sang beautifully!

World Book Day was jam-packed with lots of fun and activities - the children didn't stop! We had a parade, an awards ceremony, an authors visit who also made it into a drawing workshop (he is an illustrator too!). Plus our old time tradition of Bedtime Stories where pupils came back for stories, hot chocolate and biscuits in the evening. Plus teachers added in special activities and lessons all based around children's favourite books and stories.

I hope you all enjoy a sunny and happy weekend with loved ones and friends

Stina Witkowski

## Geography

Last week, children were tasked with completing their own research about a place in the British Isles and presenting their findings in a poster. We had 20 entries for this competition and they were all fantastic! Our winners were Poppy and Willow who received an awesome National Geographic book! Thanks to everyone who entered. (Mrs Ellard)



Yesterday we celebrated the fun of reading during World Book Day with the children dressing up as their favourite character. The staff joined in the fun as well. There was a special costume parade assembly where everyone had the chance to see all the different book characters. There was an impressive array of costumes from The Cat in the Hat to Supertato, and the teachers had a difficult time choosing winners for their class.



In the afternoon we had an amazing visit by the author Alex Milway. Alex is an established children's author (Hotel Flamingo, Big Sky Mountain) who illustrates his own books. He came in to talk to the children about his books, taught us



how to sketch characters and sang silly songs! It was a treat and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Parkside School for arranging this visit.



The day was finished off with Bedtime Stories. At 5pm children came back to school in their pyjamas. It was an evening filled with cushions, cuddly toys, and stories to share as a class. We must not

forget the all-important hot chocolate and biscuits provided by FoSA. Thank you to Mel West 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.

Hamilton Class

During World Book Day, Year 6, we took part in a quiz which posed riddles about different book characters. We also completed wordsearches and coloured in bookmarks, which will be laminated for us. This week, we have looked at playscripts and have been introduced to William Shakespeare. We have performed small sections of Hamlet and Macbeth! (Mrs Ellard)

Parton Class

To celebrate World Book Day, Parton Class read extracts from The BFG. We learnt that you can't judge a person by their appearance - or a book by its cover!



We also found out that The BFG makes up dreams for people. We made dream catchers to hang above our beds to catch any dreams The BFG sends to us. ( Miss Harris)

Teresa Class

For most children in Teresa Class, this was their very first St. Andrew's World Book Day. The children were very excited to come to school in costumes and to see their teachers dressed up too. We enjoyed the costume parade and drawing ourselves wearing our costumes. We made bookmarks and did a story character I spy. The highlight of the day was coming back to school for the bedtime stories, when we enjoyed introducing our teddies to each other as well as the hot chocolate! ( Mrs Wilde)

Reading Volunteers

During World Book Day we took the opportunity to celebrate our amazing reading volunteers who make a real difference. They come into school every week and make such a positive impact and help our children to enjoy reading. Thank you to all our volunteers.



Thank you to the parents who kindly volunteered their time to help with our Bedtime Stories evening. They helped prepare the hot chocolate and biscuits, went around to each classroom serving the children, and stayed afterwards to help tidy up. It was lovely seeing the children enjoying such a cosy end to World Book Day with their teddies, stories and warm drinks.

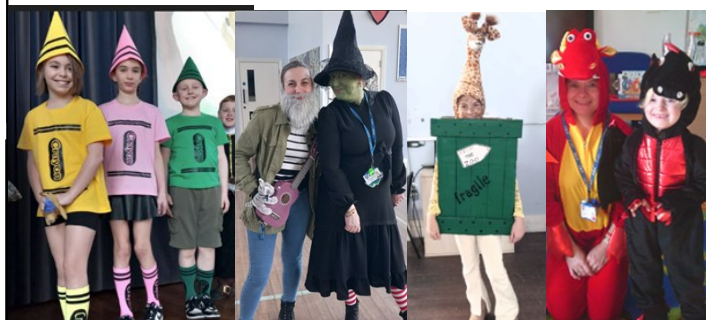
Also a reminder that Mother's Day Sale tickets are available on Classlist. Tickets



are £2 each and children will be able to choose a special gift to take home and surprise someone special. Please remember to purchase your ticket on Classlist before 10.15pm on Thursday 12 March. From your FoSA Team

Choir

On Tuesday our choir took part in the Surrey Primary Singing Festival at Dorking Halls. The children sang with choirs from six other schools, and they all performed so well. All choir members received a certificate for performing in the festival in assembly today. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell and Miss Wyatt for all the work they do with the choir.



**Best Class Attendance**  
**Henry Class**

**House Points**  
**Brooklands**

**Next week's value**  
**Perseverance**

Celebration Certificates

Value– Integrity

- Teresa:** Jonah
- Parton:** Cassie
- Henry:** Bonnie
- Craig:** Nadia
- Hamilton:** Lilly M

Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English

- Teresa:** Matty
- Parton:** April
- Henry:** Armi
- Craig:** Josie
- Hamilton:** Ali

