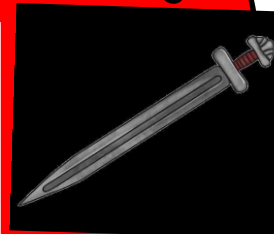


Y3 Viking Attack!

Y3 had a fantastic time with Olaf the Viking on Friday. Pupils learnt all about Viking life, trading, raiding and invading and enjoyed listening to sagas about the many Viking Gods.



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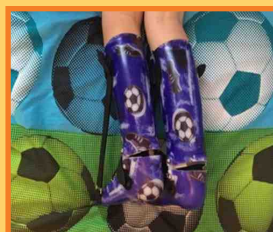
Ashley-Ray Superstar!



On Monday, the whole school was very proud of Ashley-Ray. Ashley suffers from cerebral palsy, which is a condition that affects the brain and makes it more difficult to move. This causes pain and makes it more difficult to walk. Consequently, everybody in school has to be very careful when they are walking and we must all take extra care not to bump or knock in to him.

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We were very proud of the confident way Ashley spoke about his medical condition and how it affects his life. What a superstar!



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Article 2: Non-discrimination

Y3 SPLAT! Session



This week, Year 3 began work with artists Ben and Phil from Juneau Projects.

Pupils used their visit to the Sculpture and Nature Trails at Warwick University as inspiration to make sketches of leaves and twigs. They then made prints using carbon paper and hand made foam printing blocks.

The finished art works will be displayed at The SPLAT! Childrens' Arts' Festival in July at Jephson Gardens.

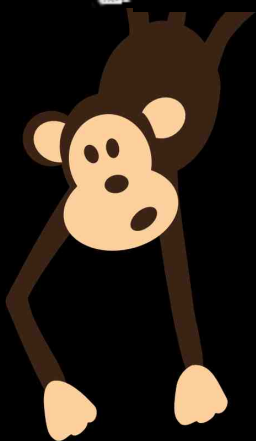


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Y3 AH Class Assembly

Animal Habitats



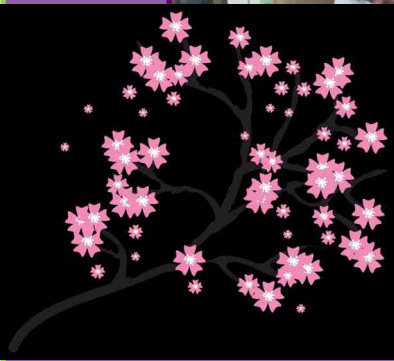
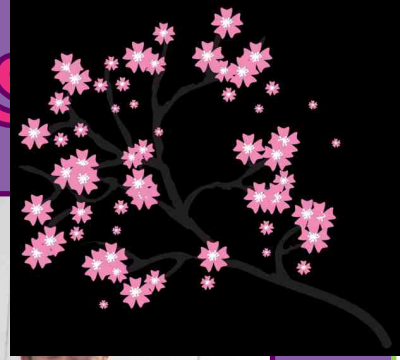
Informative assembly, led by Y3 AH on animals and their habitats. Pupils shared anatomy and nutrition before entertaining with the “Baby Shark” song! Well done to the parents and carers who were present to attend the assembly.



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Japanese Visitors



We welcomed visitors from Japan this week. Yuya, Maria, Tomomi, Hikaru and Wataru are all teaching students from Bunkyo University in the Kanagawa prefecture. They are here on an exchange with Warwick University and visited school to learn more about the English education system and to experience good practice at first hand. Our visitors were given a tour of the school by pupils before enjoying a range of lessons, a Reading Recovery session and an English as an Additional Language workshop. They also enjoyed a school dinner with Reception pupils. Our Japanese guests return to school next Thursday for World Book Day.



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Article 15: Freedom of Association

The Book Bus

The Book Bus will be visiting us on March 6th.

The Book Bus stocks over **250 books** plus an extensive range of gifts, toys and stationery. So finding the perfect books has never been easier. And, you won't just find children's books on the Book Bus, there's plenty of choice for parents, teachers and staff too – all at amazing prices.

Plus, the Book Bus takes **cash or any major debit or credit cards**, so your Book Bus visitors will be able to leave with their purchases on the day!

You can visit the Book Bus either before or after school with your child. To avoid over crowding on the bus you can also take your child to the bus at the following times:

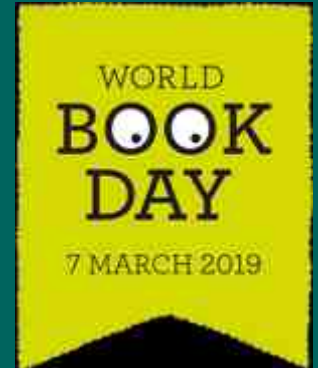
YR	Between 9.15am and 10.15am
Y1	Between 10.15am and 11.15am
Y2	Between 11.15am and 12.15pm
Y3/4	Between 1.15pm and 2.15pm
Y5/6	Between 2.15pm and 3.15pm

(Please note that children are not allowed on the bus unless supervised by a parent/carer.)

To find out more, visit: www.thebookpeople.co.uk/



World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2019.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, lessons will be themed around Edward Lear's classic poem, "The Owl and the Pussy Cat."

Dressing-Up Day

We would love to make this a dressing-up event so, if you wish, please send your child to school dressed as one of the characters from the poem—a cat, an owl, a pig or a turkey.

If you are not a fan of making costumes, don't worry because we will be making items of costume such as masks, ears, wings and tails in school.

Please note that, if your child is not coming to school in costume, they must wear their normal school uniform.



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Bag2School



have brought home a Bag2School sack today. Bag2School is a charity which recycles unwanted clothes and textiles from schools. In return they provide a cash payment to the PTA of each school.

If you are having a clear out and have any of the items listed below, please fill your sack and drop it in to school by Monday 25th March. The bags will be collected on Tuesday March 26th, weighed and our PTA will then receive their cash payment.

Bag2School accepts the following good quality items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



Online Safety

School has been following the disturbing developments in the news this week about the alleged “Momo” internet challenge. Latest guidance from the police and the NSPCC indicates that Momo is fictitious and a hoax. Please see the extract below from the BBC news website.

Several papers discuss the so-called Momo challenge, which fact-checkers say is a hoax. It centres on a scary internet character with bulging eyes that supposedly encourages children to harm themselves - although charities say there have been no reports of this.

Despite this, we have had reports from parents that a couple of children seen a picture of Momo or an online video about Momo which they found upsetting. One parent has also reported that their child has seen Momo whilst playing an online game.

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Useful websites offering further advice are:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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Article 5: Parental Guidance

Cake Sale

Muskaan, Jaya, Noah, Caio, Amelia and Chloe are organising a cake sale to raise money for The SPLAT Arts' Festival. All proceeds will go towards paying for artists to work in school over the Summer Term. For further details, please see below. If you would like to donate cakes, please bring them to school on the morning of Thursday 14th February. Thank you.



Road Works

School has been contacted by Cadent (the contractor responsible for replacing the mains gas pipe in Sydenham.) Cadent have informed us that there will be temporary, three-way traffic lights between the bottom of Calder Walk and the junction of Gainsborough Drive from the week beginning 11th March 2019.

We apologise for any inconvenience and ask that you take this in to consideration when planning car journeys to and from school. As always, we advise that you walk, scoot or cycle to school whenever possible.

Finance

As we are fast approaching year end, we must ensure all of our accounts are balanced.

If you have any outstanding payments for past trips please ensure you log in to parent pay to settle the outstanding balance. As I am sure you can appreciate, we have had to pay for the transport to and from the trip and the payment to the trip provider. For some trips we have a large shortfall and would appreciate your outstanding payments as soon as possible.

Please ensure your dinner money, breakfast club, after school club are up to date at the end of every week. If you have any outstanding payments, please log in to parent pay and clear the outstanding payment by Friday 8 March 2019.

We do have a small number of families who have still not activated their parent pay accounts. We would strongly urge you to activate your parent pay account as we will not be able to accept cash payments after 1 April 2019. School office staff are able to help you to activate your account at any time.

We would like to thank you very much for your continued support.

Best wishes, from Sarah Beck

(School Business Manager)



Well done to Y5 CB who had the highest attendance at school this week with 100% of pupils attending.

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y6 JB	99%
Y4 KJ	98%
Y1 JL	97%
Y4 CD	96%
YR AH	95%
Y1 EL	95%
Y3 JM	95%
Y2 AP	95%
Y3 AH	94%
Y2 KG	93%
Y5 JvS	87%
YR RK	85%

Please note that our school attendance target is 97%.

The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%.

Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.

Spring Term Diary Dates

Half-term holiday from Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February 2019

Tuesday 5th March 2019	YR RK class assembly at 10.15am.
Tuesday 5th March 2019	Football match—away at Lillington.
Wednesday 6th March 2019	Book Bus visits school.
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day.
Thursday 7th March 2019	Japanese teachers visit school.
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th March 2019	Y5 ICT lesson at Champion School.
Monday 11th March 2019	Science Week.
Tuesday 12th March 2019	Y3 JM class assembly at 9.15am.
Thursday 14th & Friday 15th March 2019	Y5 Music lesson at Champion School.
Friday 15th March 2019	Cake sale organised by Y5 in aid of SPLAT! Festival.
Monday 18th March 2019	L2 Bikeability course starts (Y5/6.)
Tuesday 19th March 2019	YR AH class assembly at 10.15am.
Thursday 21st March 2019	YR visit to Leamington Art Gallery
Friday 22nd March 2019	L1 Bikeability Course (Y3/4.)
Monday 25th March 2019	Scooter Wise sessions for Y1—Y4.
Monday 25th March 2019	Y6 JB visit Champion School for a cookery lesson.
Tuesday 26th March 2019	Bags2School Collection.
Tuesday 26th March 2019	Y5 CB class assembly at 9.15am.
Thursday 28th March 2019	YR visit to Leamington Art Gallery
Friday 29th March 2019	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p.
Monday 1st April 2019	House PE competition this week
Wednesday 3rd April 2019	Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.
Thursday 4th April 2019	Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.
Monday 8th April 2019	Rocksteady concert at 2.00pm.
Monday 8th April 2019	Y6 KS visit Champion School for a cookery lesson.
Tuesday 9th April 2019	Y5 JvS class assembly at 9.15am.
Thursday 11th—Friday 12th April 2019	Y4 Residential visit to Stratford.

Easter holiday from Monday 15th April –Friday 26th April 2019

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Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny and Miss Challand