

## The Owl - March 2022



Well, we enjoyed spring while it lasted! The Juniors took advantage of the fine weather to sell the delicious treats generously made and donated by our families and staff to raise money for the people of Ukraine. The children have made us very proud in the way they have chosen to respond to the news about what is happening in Europe. In a recent pupil survey 100% of our children questioned, agreed that as a school we encourage them to respect people from other backgrounds and treat people equally. Opportunities to support others is very much part of this. Our children have also appreciated the time we have given to recognise and reflect on how lives can change and how all of us should have the right to be safe and cared for.

Our Juniors were so well organised and ran the cake sale with very little adult help showing fantastic levels of **independence** in what would normally be a job in a primary school for Year 6! It is easy to forget sometimes that our oldest children are only 9 years old by the way they contribute to our events and conduct themselves. We raised a fantastic £148.46, thank you all!

Best wishes for a lovely spring break,  
Mrs Wittich



# DIARY DATES

## April 2022

**20<sup>th</sup> Term starts for children**

22<sup>nd</sup> First Celebration Assembly of the term

**25<sup>th</sup> Forest School**

26<sup>th</sup> Olympic athlete visiting

## May 2021

**2<sup>nd</sup> May Bank Holiday – School Closed**

3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic fitness circuit sponsor money collected by today

**3<sup>rd</sup> FoRS 8pm on Google Meet (all welcome)**

4<sup>th</sup> NSPCC stay safe assemblies for Reception to Year 4

**6<sup>th</sup> Cross Country event at Anstey First School**

9<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Early Years and Y3, 4

10<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations (details to follow)**

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Y3 and 4 Kingswood

**30<sup>th</sup> May Half term**

## June 2022

**6<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed to pupils**

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> European Week (details to follow)

**9<sup>th</sup> Healthy Eating workshops Y1 and 2 ‘Think Rainbow’, Y3 and 4 ‘Dips and Veg sticks’**

10<sup>th</sup> Cross country event at Reed First School

## July 2022

**5<sup>th</sup> Sports Day**

7<sup>th</sup> Meet the teacher / transition day

**8<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon to visit your child’s class and enjoy their learning**

12<sup>th</sup> Summer production 2pm

13<sup>th</sup> Summer production 2pm

## Showing respect by thinking of others



We raised **£82.00**  
– thank you!



## Supporting positive behaviour

Do you ever wonder what staff do on INSET days? They are not a day for insects as some children think, or an extra day off for staff! We use our ‘in service education and training’ days to further develop our school for the benefit of the whole school community.

One of our days this year was devoted to all staff being trained to use ‘STEPS’ to review our policy for behaviour. This also gave us the opportunity to reflect upon how we support children to achieve well at school and in life by understanding behaviours.

I would like to invite you to a workshop where I will be explaining in more detail how our policy for positive behaviour has developed and why.

At the workshop we will:

- Explore what behaviour is
- Understand how we support all children in their behaviours
- Study our policy and processes to support pupils where our policy does not meet their behavioural needs

The session will be run twice and will be open to parents and governors to ensure our whole community is involved in the policy.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am**

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Both sessions will be held in the school hall and will last for one hour.



# Take One Book



Our World Book Week celebrations began by welcoming West End in Schools back to bring a story to life. This year, we chose to study the classic Alice in Wonderland. We are determined to ensure none of our children have their experiences limited and are grateful again to FoRS for contributing £250.00 to bring the cost to parents down. The workshop inspired the children to use the story across the curriculum for the rest of the week. Indeed, I have seen children across the school choosing to read the story as recently as this week having been inspired by book week.

Look out for a display of our learning coming soon in the hall!

The delight on the faces of the children shows just how important these experiences are!



The story stimulated learning across the curriculum. There were opportunities to cook jam tarts, draw fantastic creatures, paint our favourite characters, write to entertain, research amazing animals and playing cards featured in every class in maths! What a great way to investigate number and recognise patterns in number.

Deep in role, getting to know the story and characters.



# Science Week



What a wonderful week the children had as scientists!

Miss Wilson as science lead, aimed to see all of our children develop their skills to work scientifically. The range of activities, investigations and experiments certainly achieved this!

Thank you Miss Wilson for planning such an exciting week for us!



**Welcome to the newest member of our community:**

Congratulations to the Grepanyj family on the birth of baby Mila.



## And finally...

Well done to our Year 1 and 2 tag rugby team who returned from the festival covered in mud with huge smiles on their faces!

