Leigh on Mendip School Nurturing Curious Minds

Newsletter 23 - 7th March 2025



With World Book Day today and Science Week next week, there is certainly a lot happening at school. As you can see from the photos below, children dressed up in wonderful outfits and enjoyed sharing their favourite stories and books. Next week we have a timetable full of science, starting with the return of Fizz Pop science which includes an assembly and workshops. We will let you know all about it in next week's newsletter.

We are seeing an increasing number of children attending medical appointments during school hours. In an ideal world these should be booked for outside of the school day. However I do know that this is sometimes not possible and it is better to get an appointment sooner in school time than wait several weeks for one out of school time. What we do need though is a copy of the appointment confirmation so that absence can be authorised. This may be a letter from the doctor/hospital or an email/text of an appointment - whatever you have been sent. Please can you either show Katie in the office, or send it to the office email address.

Parents' evening will be taking place on Wednesday 26th March from 1.20pm through to 6:00pm. The sign up sheets are now in reception, so please come in and add your name or phone the office and we can add you on. If you are unable to make that date, please let us know and we can find an alternative time. For parents of Robins children, Mrs Bollin is organising a drop in session on Monday 24th March between 2.30 and 3.30pm; more information will follow.

Finally, we have been asked to remind anyone dropping off or picking up about driving and parking considerately. Only this week there was an accident outside of school - not involving our children or families - but it highlights how care must be taken. Some local residents are finding their driveways blocked at certain times and the parish council have had a request for a 'no parking' zone to be put in place, especially around the triangle. Please remember that the car park at the Memorial Hall can be used at each end of the day to reduce congestion directly outside of the school.

Mr Turull

World Book Day 2025



"My favourite thing about World Book Day is being able to show your personality through dressing up" - Jack, Swallow Class

"My favourite book is Phoebe the Fashion Fairy" -Ava, Goldfinch Class

"My favourite thing about World book day is dressing up." - Alfie, Goldfinch Class

"My favourite book is Zog." - Edith B, Robins Preschool

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Diary Dates

March

Monday 10th Fizz Pop Science Workshop

Thursday 13th Starling Class Golf Session with IG Sports

Friday 14th Science Afternoon with parents/carers - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Wednesday 19th Starling Class Golf Festival at Selwood School

Monday 24th Robins - Drop in to meet with new Preschool leader, Amy Bollin - 2.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 26th Reception and Year 6 - Weight & Height Checks with the School Nurse

Wednesday 26th Parents consultations

Thursday 27th Goldfinch & Swallow Class Trip to Strode Theatre Friday 28th FOLS Yoga Session - 7 - 8.30pm Memorial Hall

Monday 31st Dragonfly Gymnastics Sessions - Kingfishers, Goldfinches, Swallows

April

Tuesday 1st Swallow Class PGL Residential Meeting for parents - 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd Starling Classes final swimming lesson

Friday 4th FOLS Easter Egg Hunt - See poster in reception

Friday 4th End of Term 4
Tuesday 22nd Start of Term 5

Monday 28th Whole Class & Year 6 School Photos

Notices

- PGL Residential A reminder that the final payment for the PGL residential trip is due on the 31st March.
- Robins Preschool Please settle any outstanding February preschool fees via your chosen payment method.
- Lunches There are an increasing number of children who come to school without a packed lunch or a hot meal ordered. Please check to ensure that your child has a lunch every day as we can't guarantee that there will be enough hot dinners.
- Singing Club A reminder that singing club is no longer running on a Thursday.

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths

Kingfishers - Mollie & Poppy Starlings - Xanthe & Flo Goldfinches - Caitlin Swallows - Isabella & Liucija

Winning Class - Swallows Class

<u>Doodle Tables</u> Starlings - Flo Goldfinches - None Swallows - Ava & Liucija

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Amara Starlings - Ava Goldfinches - Sky Swallows - Sophia

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News from the Classrooms



This week we have enjoyed having pancakes for a snack. We also made our own pancakes in the tuff tray using various materials as toppings. We have also been outside enjoying the weather on the school play equipment.





This week, Kingfisher class discussed the importance of making healthy choices when we eat, sleep, and take care of our hygiene.

We learnt the difference between climate and weather and celebrated pancake day with some yummy pancakes with chocolate sauce and sprinkles.



We also had a great time on World Book Day and watched a live lesson with the author Laura Baker.



This week in Starlings, we played a game to help us understand Fair Trade. We discussed how things need special weather and climate in order to help them grow. We thought about things we buy in shops that we cannot grow here and watched a video about Fair Trade bananas and how they are grown. We then looked at a world map to see where some of the things we buy are originally grown.





This week Goldfinch class started to build their prototype vehicles using their plan from the previous lesson. We worked on making the chassis and getting the wheels to turn. We used the drills and saws to make sure everything was the correct size and fitted together nicely. Next week we will be looking to make the cars self propelling using a range of different materials. Don't they look great so far!





In Swallows, we had another fabulous afternoon in Wren Woods. This week, we worked on our team building skills and had to build a bird's nest. It had to be strong and sturdy but cosy.

