



Newsletter

Spring Term

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Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a real pleasure to see the children fully immersed in their learning again over the last couple of weeks. We have had several theme days in different classes and Year 4, Eagles class, were the first group to venture out on an educational visit to West Stow to bring their Anglo Saxon topic to life. Thank you, to you as parents, for supporting us with outfits and donations when possible.

Our PTFA movie night was a great success, the children all enjoyed their choice of films and snacks, many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening so enjoyable for them.

Science Week has been great fun; the children have been taking part in a different scientific activity every day. We've had lots of fun planting, digging for worms and carrying out experiments. Kingfishers even had the opportunity to speak with a real-life scientist via Zoom!

Mrs Headland

Movie Night

Our movie night went ahead with great success.



Children had the choice between one of three movies, lots of popcorn was consumed and a good time was had by all. A huge thanks to our PTFA for all their hard work and to parents/carers for supporting the event.

Diary Dates

- Mon 21st Big Wheel & Walk week
- Fri 25th March—Purple Day
- Thurs 31st March—PTFA Easter Raffle
- Fri 1st April—Yr2 Banquet
- Fri 1st April—Last day of term



Attendance

A big well done to Eagles class this week with 97.8% attendance and Kingfishers last week with 99.3%. The whole school attendance is 93.5% but we are aiming for 98%!



Year 4 Trip

On Tuesday this week, Year 4 visited West Stow Anglo Saxon Village in Suffolk to compliment their current



topic in History. The children behaved impeccably and were able to walk around a recreation of an Anglo Saxon village,



visit the indoor galleries, partake in group discussions and generally

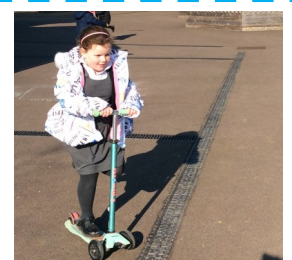


appreciate the history and nature of the trip.



Scoterbility

The children in Key Stage 1 took part in Scooterbility last week. They enjoyed learning how to safely ride their scooter, how to weave in and out of obstacles on their scooter, and how to do some tricks on their scooter! They had lots of fun!



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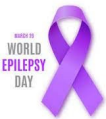
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Purple Day

Purple Day is an international day dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th annually, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple to acknowledge this cause. If you would like show your support, please send your child into school wearing something purple. There will be no cost for this event however if you would like to make a donation please visit:



<https://www.epilepsy.org.uk/involved/donations>

Reminder—Holidays in term time

Any unauthorised holidays will trigger a fine in line with Bedford Borough Council guidelines. Should your child be absent from school for more than 3 consecutive days the school will need to be provided with medical evidence to support their absence.



Ukraine donations

Thank you for all of your donations towards the Ukraine appeal so far.

The church are still accepting donations and have specifically asked for Nappies, First Aid kits, Pasta Pots and Porridge Pots. These can be dropped off to the church at 10.30am on Sunday or brought to school and we will pass these on.



Sunflower Competition



This week the children from classes Reception to Year 6 have each planted a Sunflower seed. These will be sent home with your child at the start of the Easter

holidays and there will be one prize for the tallest Sunflower. One prize each for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. We will be judging towards the end of June. Further details will follow nearer the time.

The Big Wheel and Walk

We will be taking part in the Big Wheel and Walk from Monday 21st March - Friday 1st April. This is an exciting challenge from Bedford Borough, designed to encourage children to walk, bike or scoot to school! The challenge is open to children from Reception to Year 6.

We encourage as many children as possible to walk, or ride their bike or scooter to school during the next 10 days.



Easter Holiday Activities

Dawn until Dusk are offering Holiday clubs at various locations this Easter. There are also some FREE places available. The locations are:

- Lakeview Pre-school
- Shortstown Primary School
- Bedford Road Primary School
- Kings Oak Primary School

Please visit www.kidsdowntildusk.co.uk to book or contact 01234 930505 for more information.

