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Year 3 WoW day

This week Year 3 had their mammoth sized, Stone Age wow day. The children had a fantastic time dressing up in furs and skins to see what life would have been like in Stone Age times. They wrote Stone Age poetry in the style of Michael Rosen, including I-stones, mobile stones and a variety of other interesting inventions! They created Stonehenge using different materials, drew cave paintings, used stones to grind oats for cooking, and made their own stone axes. They finished the day by hunting down and attacking a woolly mammoth.

All in all it was yaba-daba doo type of day!



Indoor kurling competition

This week a group of KS2 children welcomed a team of children from Willingham Primary School to compete in a New Age Kurling competition. The children played three matches in their pairs against the opposing teams, showing great skill and determination throughout. Enjoying themselves throughout, the children represented the school impeccably and discovered a new sport - next stop the Winter Olympics!



CB23 Chess tournament

On Tuesday this week we sent a team of four Key Stage 2 children to the first ever CB23 Chess Competition held at Haslingfield Endowed Primary School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competitive environment and we are delighted to say that we came away victorious, having narrowly pipped Haslingfield's A team to the title. We look forward to defending our title next year! Children who were put forward for the competition are members of our avid chess club that takes place each Friday lunchtime for Key Stage 2 children, in Miss Madden's classroom, which is Phoenix class. Children are welcome to join any-time from 12.30 onwards.



Unwanted Top Trumps Cards

Do you have any unwanted, complete sets of Top Trumps cards that would be suitable for children from Reception to Year 6? Our children enjoy playing Top Trumps during golden time and we would like very much to increase our sets of cards. If you would like to help and can donate any sets then please do pass them on to the class teacher or to the school office. Thank you.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Caoilinn in Dorado Class —I heard Caoilinn reading an information book to one of her friends in class. It was pleasure to hear her picking out the key features and answering questions about what she'd read.

Isabella in Delphinus Class—Thank you Isabella for responding and acting upon the comments and marking that your teacher writes into your books. You are making real improvements to your work through doing this.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child all about the Antarctic explorer they met on Tuesday.

Ask your Year 1 child how they would represent 'rain' in a dance move.

Ask your Year 2 child if they can remember any numbers in Japanese?

Ask your Year 3 child about our Stone Age Wow day.

Ask your Year 4 child to explain what the word 'exchange' means in division.

Ask your Year 5 child to recall the success criteria for the comic strips they created.

Ask your Year 6 child to explain how 2 shapes can have the same area but different perimeters.

FORTHCOMING DATES

27th January—Vision screening for Reception children

31st January at 9am—Columba Class assembly

10th February at 6pm—Key Stage 2 'Reading Revealed' meeting for parents

11th February at 10am—Year 2 performance

12th February at 2pm—Year 2 performance

13th February (am) - Reception Come and Share

14th February—Friends 'break the rules day

17TH—21ST FEBRUARY—HALF TERM

6th March—Mid year reports sent home

9th March—Book Week

18th March at 2pm—Year 5 performance

18th March—Reception Come and Share event (PM)

19th March at 6pm—Year 5 performance

20th March at 9am—Blue Class assembly

24th March—Height and weight checks for Reception & Year 6

26th March—Parents' evening

31st March—Parents' evening

1st April—LAST DAY OF TERM

2ND APRIL –16TH APRIL—EASTER HOLIDAY

17TH APRIL—INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

20TH APRIL—CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Key Stage 2 Reading Revealed Event

KEY STAGE 2 READING REVEALED EVENT

We know that children in Key Stage 2 can easily mask their reading ability and knowledge through 'silent' reading. Do you want to find out more about how much your child actually understands from reading a book? How to ask the right questions and how to choose the right types of reading books for them? All parents of Key Stage 2 are warmly invited to our 'Reading Revealed' event that is taking place on 10th February at 6pm. There is a crèche available for school aged children. Please return the form that was circulated about this event last week. If you need another copy, please contact the school office, who will be able to e-mail one to you. We look forward to revealing more about the lifelong skills of reading comprehension.