



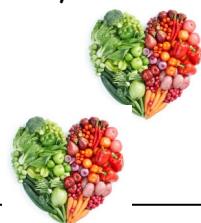
# Everyday is a chance to learn....



Welcome to a new half term and the beginning of spring. The new half term began with the lovely opportunity for parents/carers to be able to come into school to celebrate the International Mother Tongue Day. At our school 29 different languages are spoken, so it is really important that we recognise the rich and diverse languages spoken at our school by encouraging children and parents to speak in their mother tongue. This week we will also be celebrating World Book Day (3.3.22), please check your emails for more details about what our school will be doing on this special day. Children can dress up as their favourite book characters or wear their school uniform, if they choose not to dress up.

I am sure you have heard on the news that all covid restrictions have been lifted, however schools have been provided with some additional guidance if your child has covid, '**Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature**'. So although things may seem as though they are back to normal, we still have to be sensible and careful to ensure our children and staff remain safe and well.

Lastly, my healthy eating competition winners are Sammy, Lottie, Kiana, Ahmad and Elysa. Well done to you all, I look forward to eating your well designed healthy meals!



### EYFS Class.....

The EYFS class have been planting cress, runner-beans and sunflower seeds for the Spring, inspired by the book 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. They are learning about what they need to do in order to plant seeds and make them grow. First of all, they put some soil into a pot and then they made a hole, dropping the seeds into it. Then they had to cover the seed up and pat the soil down. The next thing that they did was to label the pot with their name, the name of the seed and the date it was planted. They then had to water the plants regularly and place them in a sunny spot on the classroom windowsill. They are very excited about how tall the plants are going to grow!



### Ruby Class .....

Ruby Class had a debate. The question was ....**Should Animals be allowed in school?**

3 children said **yes**, 1 child said **maybe** and 14 children said **no**. Children then sat in groups and noted different reasons for their choice...

#### Reasons for not allowing animals

- "Animals should not be allowed in school because they might break things". (Amber)
- "They might mess up". (Mohammed)
- "They might scratch the teacher and everyone". (Iyobosa)

#### Reasons for allowing animals

- "Puppies are cute and kind". (Isata)
- "Animals are friendly". (Oghosa)
- "They (rabbits) might play in our supermarket". (Millie)

#### Reasons for maybe allowing animals

- "They are small". (Abbey)

## **Emerald Class.....**

During Science week, Emerald class we have been learning about Sounds. We used our senses to touch, see, hear and enjoy the wonderful sounds around us, also appreciate the various musical instruments that we have at our school.

"It felt so good, because I like listening to the sound of the drum." stated Tatiana.

"I felt happy and confident, because the vibrations made different sounds and it was so fun!" Rafael expressed.

"It felt weird rubbing my fingers across the guitar strings, because I could feel the vibrations." Ariella stated.

"I felt happy!" Serine exclaimed.



## **Topaz Class...**

Topaz Class spent the week at IntoUniversity Walworth on an Engineering Focus Week. We learnt about Engineering whilst practicing key numeracy and literacy skills. We then got a chance to put what we have learnt into practice.....

### **Structural Engineering      Mechanical Engineering**

### **Aeronautical Engineering**

### **Environmental Engineering**



We ended the week with a graduation ceremony at Cambridge University!



**Congratulations!**

## **Skippathon Update .....**

At the end of spring half term, we had our skippathon. In total we raised just over £317. What a fantastic amount! Each class will now vote for what they would like to spend their money on.

Thank you to everyone who donated to support the event.



## Sapphire Class...

In Sapphire class, we have been reading a book called 'Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy & Jane Ray. As part of our creative writing activities, the children have been writing in the role of the main character Jub, who is a very special little girl with six fingers. Here are some examples of our writing and our illustrations.....



Dear children,

I am sorry for not taking good care of the happy endings. I was terrified when the old hag took the bag from me. I heard your sorrow echoing in the forests, whilst I was crying in my hole. I never meant to let go of the happy endings and ruin your bedtime stories. I could not sleep with all that worry in my head. The hag was very mean and she wanted to burn the happy endings, but luckily I have them now. I hope you forgive me?

Yours faithfully,

Jub (Written by Amy)



Dear diary,

Yesterday was unexpected! I didn't get a minute of sleeps last night. I could only hear children around the world weeping and crying, having nightmares. It's all my fault. I let go of the happy endings. At least the hag did not burn the happy endings. What a relief!

Now I have them, I'm not taking my eyes off them. They're mine now and I promise that this mayhem that happen, will not repeat itself.

I am really tired, so I'm going to bed and catch some zzzz.

Good night!

(Written by Rayhana)

### Dates for your diary ...

World Book Day - see HT email for further information

World Poetry Day — 22.3.22 more information will follow shortly

Parent's evening - 31.3.22 more information will follow shortly

Last day of term — 1.4.22



### Class assembly 10.30am

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| 4.3.22  | Y4   |
| 18.3.22 | Y2/3 |
| 25.3.22 | Yr1  |
| 30.3.22 | EYFS |