



Friday

17th

March

2023

Dear All,

What a wonderful time we have had for Science week! The children have had opportunities to expand and build upon their science knowledge, they have had a fantastic time and they have all displayed excellent collaborative and problem solving skills. All of the adults who have come in to work with the children this week have commented on how brilliant and kind they are and we are all very proud of them. A special well done to our Year 6s who represented the school at Gresham's STEM competition - you did so well!

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Preschool - Preschool participated in science week by making lots of towers using all sorts of different construction blocks. They learnt what they could achieve with collaboration, that being taller meant you would make taller towers and that supporting the base made it steadier. We also had funnels and measures in our water tray and the children were able to consider volume and capacity. To support the children to use sentences, we have also been using a feely box and the children have had to explain what they can feel without looking it. Funding forms and requests for new hours will be issued early next week and it will be very much appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible.

Acorn - Acorn have had a great week learning about science. They loved having a scientist come into the school to show them experiments, particularly the exploding elephant toothpaste. They learnt about atoms, electrons and neutrons and how electrons travel through things to get to the ground. The children had the chance to find out about polymers and how you can combine them with an agent to make slime. As a finale, we watched the launch of a rocket which went up 100 feet from the playground. We were all very relieved the rocket was found in a neighbouring garden after a parachuted descent. Other highlights this week have been the creative stories the children have written based on their pop up books.

Oak - Oak Class have had a brilliant week doing lots of different activities for British Science Week. We started the week by exploring some key scientists: Albert Einstein, Marie Curie and Mary Anning. We have learned about some of their accomplishments and their contributions to science. As a class, we have explored some big thinking questions and discussed why imagination might be more important than knowledge with some really good ideas being shared. We have been conducting our own experiments and also enjoyed our workshops with an engineer and science boffin. We also developed our understanding of 3D shapes by constructing different forms from nets.

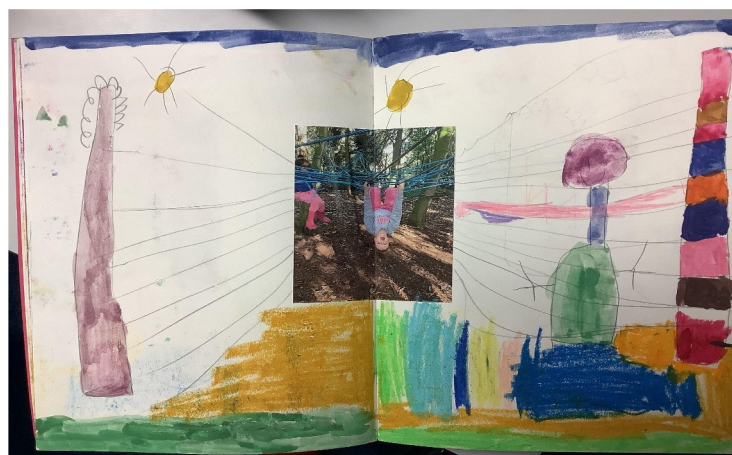


Birch - What a great week in Birch class. We began the week looking at letters, the formal type. We read an example of a formal letter and identified the different language used to informal letters. We then used this template to write a letter from Anne Frank to Hitler himself! The results were outstanding, full of emotive language and knowledge of the events of WW2. In maths we have looked at line graphs and interpreting data. The class were brilliant at this and could read graphs accurately. In our topic we began look at evacuation during the war. We discussed why children were evacuated, where to and what emotions they would have felt being separated from their families. We then wrote letters home, explaining our feelings of the journey and our thoughts on our new families. We will be studying Goodnight Mr Tom next week, watching extracts and reading the text, analysing the text and the thoughts and emotions of the characters. Thursday saw a fantastic Science Boffin visit, the children enjoyed expanding and contracting things to crush / explosion point and launching a rocket in the playground! Our Year 6 members of the class made their way to Gresham's for the inter-school STEAM competition. As holders of the trophy, we eagerly await news of our excellent participants!



Forest School News

Last week we didn't make it out due to the crazy weather! Oak class were amazing and did some brilliant work in their forest school journals. We kicked off with 'that's not my forest school' and also enjoyed some fun games like musical trees and danced in the UV lights. We also had some fun writing forest school poems and creating magical inspired spells. They were very imaginative with what they might put in their potions and there was lots of collaborative drawing as well!





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Yoga Club

Following on from Mondays fantastic first yoga club session. Yoga instructor Milly has informed us that if any children want to pay for a one off session to give it a go, then they can. So if your child would like to try it but is maybe nervous of signing up for the 4 weeks then please contact the office. A single sessions costs just £5 and can be paid via bacs or cash. The children enjoyed practising some animal poses this week and ended on some calm mindful breathing. Very relaxing!



Nature Club

In keeping with the it being science week this week, Nature Club decided to do an experiment to see how pollination works using some DIY bees and powder paints. We had great fun and I'm sure you'll agree that their bees look BEE-autiful.



A big thank you to all that came dressed in red today for comic relief. If you are able to donate then please pop across to the website

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednose/day>

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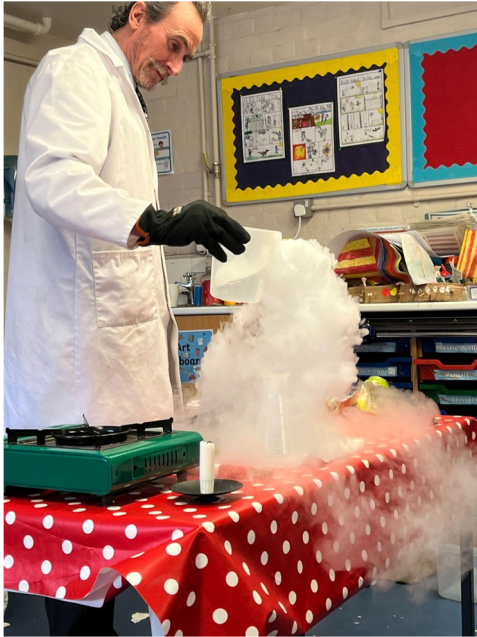
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DIARY DATES

Monday 20th March - Acorn PE & Oak swimming, **Yoga Club 3.15-4.15**

Tuesday 21st March - Parent Evenings in School, **Nature Club**

Wednesday 22nd March -

Thursday 23rd March - Parent Evenings Online, **Baking Club**

Friday 24th March - Oak Forest School & Birch PE

Mon 27th March - Acorn PE & Oak swimming **Yoga Club 3:15-4.15**

Tuesday 28th March - **Vikings Visit for Oak & Wagtails**, **Nature Club**

Wednesday 29th March - Afternoon Easter House Events/Games

Thursday 30th March - **Easter Service at the School Parents invited 13.45-14.45**

Baking Club Cancelled (refunds to be issued)

Friday 31st March - **Last day of term**

EASTER HALF TERM

Tuesday 18th April - **First day of term**

Wednesday 19th April -

Thursday 20th April -

Friday 21st April -