



Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear All,

World Book Day is one of my favourite days in the school calendar. The enjoyment of reading is such an important part of our school and it is lovely to be able to spend a day celebrating that and seeing children and adults enjoying stories and books together. We hope you enjoy some of the photos we have shared from the day.

Next week we are looking forward to both Family Learning on Wednesday afternoon and and Birch Class Community Cafe on Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great weekend
Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Preschool - Preschool have been playing the musical instruments they made last week and have listened carefully to how they can change sounds by playing softly or loudly. They also followed instructions to play slowly and fast. We have celebrated World Book Day too and have seen some lovely costumes. We listened to Doing the Animal Bop on a CD and pretended to be all the different animals as well as having lots of different stories during the day. On Thursday, we had a very special visitor - Delilah's mum brought in one of their orphan lambs 'Baaarbara' . The children learnt about what lambs eat, what we can make from their fleece and why they have a tag in their ear. The children have also been very excited to share pictures of their interests and hobbies from home on our 'This is us' display - if you have not already done so, please email or post any photographs you would like to share with Tracey on Tapestry.

Acorn - Following on from our museum visit, this week Acorn have been learning about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and his expedition on Endurance. The children looked carefully at the photograph of Shackleton and his team 111 miles from the South Pole. In their art books they made a sketch of the picture. In maths this week, we have been focusing on odd and even numbers. The children have used Numicon to support them deciding whether a number is odd or even. On Thursday as part of World Book Day, the children began creating their own stories. They are making pop-up scenes for their main characters showing the story setting. Some children have begun planning their story using pictures and talking the story in preparation for writing it.

Oak - Oak Class have continued with the measurement topic in maths and have been practising how to measure different objects and larger lengths. We have learned how to read the measurements on the ruler and how to adapt if the object we need to measure is longer or taller than the measuring device we have. In our Topic work, we have been working on the second draft of our Viking themed comic strip and have been improving our work based on our own edits and on feedback from other people. We have learned how writing for a comic strip is different to writing a longer story in prose and how to use speech, thought or sound bubbles to help tell our story. In P.E., we are continuing to hone our netball skills and are becoming more accurate at shooting. All of the children had a fantastic time for World Book Day and completed lots of book themed activities - fantastic costumes everyone!



Birch- This week we have been delving deeper into the thoughts and emotions of Anne Frank. We have read and analysed her diary entries and created our own glossaries of terms used to help us understand what was written.. In maths the children have been learning to enlarge shapes using scale factors and have even progressed onto 3D shapes and enlarging cuboids. In topic the children have begun writing their speeches on things or causes they are passionate about and watched passionate people speak. Having learned how to write a biography for Anne Franks, the children have assessed their own biographies and are now beginning to write biographies for famous, passionate people.

Next week will be our third community cafe, make a space in your diary for more yummy goodness. Thursday 9th, be there or be hungry!

Plastic Milk Bottles Required

4 Litre plastic milk bottles required for our family learning day. If parents could please bring any empty bottles with lids to the office, that would be greatly appreciated as ideally we need one per child for our event on Wednesday.

Bich Community Cafe Thursday 9th March

Birch Community Cafe will take place this Thursday 9th March at Northrepps Village Hall 9-12. Please pop along and support Birch Class by treating yourself to some delicious baked goodies

Forest School News

We loved the hot pancakes cooked on the fire last week with Oak class! We had fun swinging and climbing the rope ladders and swings and working together and turn taking. We had a lovely time making forest crowns, using our fine motor skills to weave and spin the wool and sticks. Some were very proud of their creations!



Attendance

As you are aware there is a strong link between levels of attendance and levels of achievement for pupils in school.

Over the next few weeks we will be posting Norfolk County Council's Parent & Carer tips for good attendance in our newsletter. At Blue Sky Federation we recognise there can be many different reasons and circumstances affecting a child's attendance. We are here to support you so please do get in contact if you need to.



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A very big thank you to everyone that joined in celebrating World Book Day with us! The children has a fantastic day. We had some brilliant costumes running about at play time as you can see from the photographs.





DIARY DATES

Monday 6th March - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

Tuesday 7th March - **Nature Club 3.15-4.15**

Wednesday 8th March - **Family Learning Afternoon with Wild Touch Animal Rescue**

Thursday 9th March - **Birch Community Cafe 9-12 Baking club 3.15-4.15**

Friday 10th March - Oak Forest School & Birch PE

SCIENCE WEEK & BOOK LOOKS

Monday 13th March - Acorn PE - **No swimming for Oak today Engineer Workshops**

Tuesday 14th March - **Nature Club**

Wednesday 15th March -

Thursday 16th March - **Science Boffins workshops & Year 6 Stem Competition at Greshams Baking Club**

Friday 17th March - Birch Forest School & Oak PE **Red Nose Day (Wear something red)**

Monday 20th March - Acorn PE & Oak swimming

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

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**