



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already half way through the term! This half of the spring term usually seems to fly by, especially as many of our foundation stage children start to make leaps and bounds in their learning.

This week was Science week and we have had another activity packed week of scientific and thought provoking activities.

On Monday the Puzzle Company visited and school children from Reception to year 6 came and put their minds to the test encouraging them to work as a team and solve a range of problems and puzzles. The resources that the children used were thought provoking and well designed.

Here are a couple of most agreeable quotes taken from their website!!

*"Our whole life is solving puzzles"... Erno Rubik.*

*"The good thing about doing a crossword puzzle is that, unlike many problems in life, you know there is a solution!"*

Science week concluded with our science fair and the boat race. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr McNamee for organising such a fun packed and special week!

I continually see amazing work around the school. This week I saw this pirate boat made by Rhys in Pine Martens. The pirate was hiding behind the steering wheel. Also below is Lucas's Incredible Hulk!



## NURSERY

What a windy and wet week it has been but that hasn't stopped nursery children learning about the effect it has on us. Priscilla had great fun making shapes with the streamers and watching them blow wildly in the wind.



The children have been making their own balancing and jumping resources using the large blocks. They were learning to work together when carrying and deciding where they should go and using lots of



mathematical language to describe the blocks.



are able to mix materials to make our boats waterproof. Some children drew a design of their boat first, labelling the materials they were going to use. We practised making boats to test our ideas, before working together to make the largest boat we could.



At the field this week, we released the worms from our wormeries back into the wild, digging them a hole and carefully placing them in it. We also created some transient art. Using natural materials, the children were inspired to create pictures of boats, animals and dinosaurs.

We have made good use of our shelter too this week. Sai was using his imagination when he was fixing the hub caps to his car - if you have any spare motor parts e.g. hub caps and steering wheels we would be grateful.

## RECEPTION

We have become Scientists in Reception this week!

The children have been investigating materials they could use to make a boat that stays afloat, ready for the inter-schools competition on Friday. We started by predicting which materials would float and which would sink, then tested our predictions. We then talked about how we



The caterpillars in class have been busy this week. They have climbed to the top of their pots and are hanging down making their cocoons. We have talked about what 'transformation' means and what the caterpillars will transform into. We have each been keeping a diary and have also discussed how to keep the caterpillars safe.



The School Puzzle Company visited on Monday and the children enjoyed making 3D puzzles, working in teams to match the pieces to different pictures.

Thank you so much to those of you who regularly make donations of junk modelling and wood; the children absolutely love the challenge of creating different things from them and have really risen to the boat making challenge this week. Please keep your donations coming!

## Year 1

In science week we have been investigating how to make the largest boat that can float. We have used a range of materials and discussed their properties.

In Maths we have been continuing with multiplication, please practise counting in 2s 5s and 10s at home.



Above – learning about hygiene in the sneeze zone.

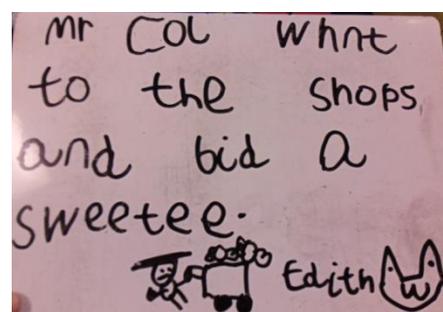


We had a fantastic time solving puzzles as part of science week. I would like to say thank you to Mr McNamee for organising the workshop.

## Final Request – Punctuality

In the Nursery, children follow the morning routine for a smooth and calm transition. In reception and Year 1, the children's routine involves some focused early morning work, practising stories or learning new words. This is a vital part of the day for all year groups, especially lower down the school as it allows for more self-chosen time, and a calm and stress free separation. In Reception we have been learning how to write new words and put them into sentences; on Wednesday Edith used the new word 'Mr' in her sentence! Well done Edith!

To ensure your child does not miss out, please arrive in plenty of time. Thank you.





## WEEKLY DATES

**Monday mornings** - 9.00am - English conversation Classes – these classes are free to all members of the school community.

**Wednesday mornings** - 9.00 – 10.45am – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Science Fair

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Spring Disco

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Music workshop - whole school

### APRIL

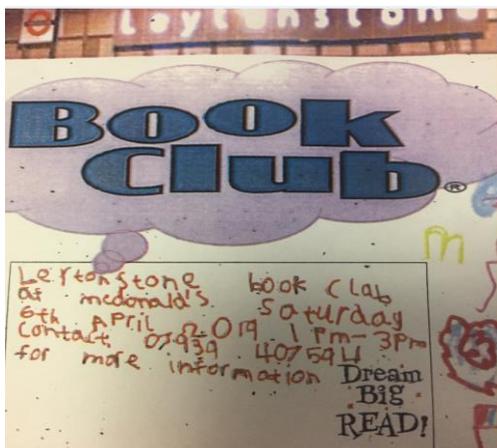
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Bonnet Parade.  
School closes at 1.30 pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Nursery reduced hours, finishes the same time as the main school;

AM 8.45 – 10.45  
PM 11.30 – 1.30  
FT 8.45 – 1.30

Mary's book club! 6<sup>th</sup> April



George Tom PTFA presents: **SPRING DISCO** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Kids: £2  
Adults: Free

Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3:  
4.30pm-5.30pm  
must be accompanied by an adult

Y4, Y5 & Y6:  
6pm-7pm  
must be signed in by an adult

Wear fancy dress!

with a professional DJ

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