



Spring Newsletter 8 03/03/2017

Dear Parents,

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross Country Championships last Saturday. I am delighted to announce that Taylor and Isla ('The Pocket Rocket') ran superbly. Taylor came 6th out of 72 runners and Isla came 5th out of 66 runners. They were both ranked 4th in their groups, taking their ages into account, and now go through to the County Championships in Loughborough later this month. Congratulations both of you!

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the dance competition with Miss Cheryl last weekend. Jess and Olivia did especially well, coming away with medals and trophies galore! Well done girls – we are so proud of you!

A big well done also to Libby and Jack from Sycamore class who took part in the Colsterworth Music Festival last weekend. With her lovely singing and theatrical performances of 'The Deadwood Stage' and 'Let's Go Fly A Kite', Libby won first-place trophies in both her competitions. Jack also performed brilliantly in three singing competitions, winning two silver medals and one bronze medal. Congratulations – we are very proud of you both!

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been investigating useful machines this week. They drew their own useful machines and wrote about them. Year 1 made posters about their designs which will be on display in Holly classroom. In Maths, they have been practising double numbers and number facts to 10. Reception class have been counting 1 more and 1 less.

Oak Class

In Maths, Oak class have been looking at compact and expanded addition and decomposition this week. In English, the children have been writing play scripts based on fairy tales and acted them out to Holly class. In Science, Oak class have been studying the properties of rocks. They made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and designed and crafted their own book characters for World Book Day.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been studying and learning classic narrative poems this week. They analysed the features of a poem and wrote reports about them. In Maths, the children have been working on long division. They moved onto the next stage of their fabric creations in sewing on Tuesday. The children also began their Lenten journey in RE by looking at the origins of Lent and composing lyrics for their own Lent-themed songs.

World Book Day

The children and staff had great fun with books on World Book Day, sharing stories in the library, taking part in a Where's Wally? Hunt and enjoying being a favourite book character for the day.

Reading Cafe

To encourage a love of reading following on from World Book Day, we will be starting a reading café in the mobile classroom every Thursday lunch time, once the children have eaten their lunches. Your child may bring in a book and come along for a nice quiet read! This is open to children from all classes.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with reading in Key Stage 1. If **any** parent or grandparent is available to come into school on a regular basis to hear Holly class children read (open to all - not just Holly class parents/grandparents) please have a word with Mrs Saunders. Thank you.

Are you planning a trip to the tip?

There are a number of items of after-school club / pre-school equipment and broken chairs from school that need taking to the Melton or Grantham recycling centre. If you are planning a trip to the tip, please could you help us by take these items along too? They are currently by the bin store and outside the kitchen at the side of the school. Thank you.

Year 6 Parents Evenings

These will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week. Appointment times have been sent home this week.

Dinner Money Reminders

These have been sent out this week. Please send payment in on Monday so that payments for February may be processed on time. Please note that dinner money should be paid each Monday (or at the start of each half-term), **in advance**. Please pay on time to avoid the administrative costs and time spent chasing payments.

After School Club Leader / Midday Supervisor

I am pleased to announce that Miss Amy Reid (who has also worked in Pre-school and Holly class) has been appointed as our new Midday Supervisor and After School Club Leader. I am sure we will all want to give Amy a warm welcome in her new role.

Farewell

As previously announced, David Wills will be leaving us today as he takes on a new role working in a care home for people with disabilities. A big thank you to David for all his hard work and the positive contribution he has made at Waltham. We will all miss you David and hope you will keep in touch and come back to visit from time to time!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend and start to the Lenten Season.



Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.