



....to be outstanding in every aspect, pushing the boundaries of excellence.....

Issue no 23 March 14th 2014

Book week

Thank you to all the children, parents/ carers and members of staff who made Book Week such a success last week.

The teaching and learning for the week centred around a quality book in each of the classes, for example Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So Stories' in Year 5 and 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine in Year 1. It was a great chance to get into a story in lots of different ways.

Thursday was **World Book Day**, and that meant.... dress up as your favourite book character! Assembly has never been so colourful! The children were so thoughtful about their favourite stories and characters.

Thank you for all your efforts, and most importantly... carry on reading!



Winners from Nursery were Rufus & Camilo
Winners from Reception were Princess Pearl from Zog (RAM), Lily (RCE) and Naim(RLC) .
Winners from KS1 were Oscar (1G), Milo (1A), Lola (1V), Eliza (2M), Margherita (2J) and Jude (2V)



Winners from KS2 were Khiani (3C), Livi (3G), Katherine (4D), George (5T), Izzy (6N) and Ujanah (6A)

Thames Explorer Educational visit



Year 5 visited the Thames Explorer Trust on Monday. The river Thames is the greatest of English rivers, rising in Thameshead in the Cotswolds and flowing for 344 km to the North Sea. The Thames Explorer Trust, founded in 1988 is an educational charity which promotes access to the Thames from source to sea. They provide activities to increase access to the river.

The children were able to dig in the shallows of the river to find a range of animals that live there. They found several different types - some of which provide food for the 125 species of fish that live in the Thames!



The children later learned that the Thames is the cleanest major-city river in the world, with a PH neutral level of 6-7.



Did you know that all the water we drink in London comes from the Thames, and is treated via reservoirs?

Next time you're wondering along its banks look out for the wildlife that lives there.

London Zoo here we come!!

Year2 classes are visiting London Zoo this term in preparation for their SATS writing task on Nocturnal animals.

It was amazing to see such a range of creatures up close. The big eyes of the nocturnal animals were so cute, the sleeping tiger so majestic, and the dipping penguins so curious! They almost touched our noses!

This was the best trip ever!



The children had a fascinating time watching how nocturnal animals operate in their environment. They saw the 'grey slender loris', the short tailed

bat', 'the long tailed chinchilla', the 'Malagasy giant jumping rat' and even some 'blind cave fish'! The children were amazed at what they saw.



Classes also had the opportunity to visit the 'Reptile house', 'the Gorilla kingdom' and 'Into Africa' where they saw some beautiful giraffes.

Well done to all of the children for behaving so well during the visits and for their enthusiasm throughout!

Sports Relief 2014

Thirty Year 6 children were invited to visit Wembley Stadium on Tuesday 11th March 2014 to support Alan Shearer and Robbie Savage in their 'Battle of the Backsides' challenge as part of Sports Relief 2014.

We were one of only two schools that were invited over the week to cheer them on and watch part of their challenge.



It was an exciting day and a fantastic opportunity for the children. They were given a tour of the whole stadium,

including the press room and England's changing room and were able to actually touch the FA cup!

The children met Alan Shearer and Robbie Savage and gave them cheers of encouragement before they continued with the 3rd day of their challenge.

The whole day inspired the children to set up their own challenges to raise money for Sports Relief 2014.

So what are we doing this year?

We would like children to dress up as a **superhero** for the day and bring in a £1 donation for Sports Relief.

We shall also be **completing a mile** on Friday 21st March and would like the children to be sponsored for running, walking, skipping or hopping the mile.

We shall also be holding a **whole school dance** at 2:45pm. Parents/carers are welcome to take part too for a £2 donation! You will find the dance on our website so please start practising!

Watch out for the **letter** with further details/sponsorship forms in your child's book bag today!

LOST!!!!



Has anyone lost a **toy rabbit**? It was found on Monday in the KS1 playground and is now living in my office. If the lovely rabbit belongs to you, can you please come and see me so that

it can be returned to its owner?

Have a lovely weekend!
Alison Moller

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



Drawing Discoveries - Two Temple Place

FREE (All Ages)

2 Temple Place, Strand, WC2R 3BD / 020 7836 3715 / www.twotempleplace.org

Nearest Tube: Temple

Sat 15th Mar, noon-4pm

Discover how to create 3-D volume on paper, inspired by the magnificent Greek sculptures of Hermes, Aphrodite and Apollo.

Fossil Forage - Grant Museum of Zoology

FREE (All Ages)

Rockefeller Building, University College London, University St, WC1E 6DE / 020 3106 2052 / www.ucl.ac.uk

Nearest Tube: Euston/Goodge Street

Sat 15th Mar, 1pm-4.30pm

An afternoon of free family activities exploring the fossils of the museum through interactive games. Children will have the opportunity to take home a piece of pre-history by sieving through sediment dating from more than 50 million years ago, a time when London was underwater and patrolled by sharks and rays.

Any fossils you find, you'll get to keep.

St Patrick's Day Parade & Festival - Trafalgar Square

FREE (All Ages)

Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN / www.chinatownlondon.org

Nearest Tube: Charing Cross

Sun 16th Mar, noon-6pm

This annual parade starts at Green Park and travels along Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square with a colourful array of floats, marching bands and dancers. This fantastic, free, family day out is a great opportunity to experience all things Irish, from food and dance to crafts, culture, music and much more.

Family Studio: Little Prints - Royal Academy of Arts

FREE (All ages)

Piccadilly, W1J 0BD / 020 7300 8000 / www.royalacademy.org.uk

Nearest Tube: Green Park or Piccadilly Circus
Sun 16th Mar, 11am-2pm

Try out soft cut and collage block printmaking in this colourful printmaking workshop. Join in the inky fun to create mini multiples!

I Always Wanted to be.... - Pump House Gallery

FREE (All Ages)

Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ / 020 8871 7572 / www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

Bus: 137

Sun 16th Mar, noon-4pm

I always wanted to be.....a super hero with the ability to be invisiblesomeone who could fly through the sky and do their homework by winking their eye! In this workshop we can be anything! Create drawings and collage images of yourselves as super heroes and make your heroes come alive with stop frame animation. All of the animations will be put together at the end of the workshop and will be available for you to download and keep.

National Frog Day – Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park

FREE (All Ages)

Thames Path, John Harrison Way, Greenwich Peninsula, SE10 0QZ / 020 7501 9501 / www.urbanecology.org.uk

Nearest tube: North Greenwich

Sun 16th Mar, 11.00am-3.00pm

A family fun day to celebrate the time of year when frogs wake up from their big winter sleep and return to their ponds to lay frogspawn. Activities include pond dipping, a chance to view frogspawn under the microscope, frogstastic quiz trails, garden pond workshop and froggy art.

