



School Newsletter



Year 5 sharing books with Year 2 children, lovely to see

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World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success across the school last week, with books being celebrated in so many different ways. The children's costumes on Thursday were fabulous, so thank you all for the effort you put into getting these ready for the children. The school had a wonderful feel of energy and excitement all day long as a result of everyone's efforts. The shoebox worlds that the children bought in were equally impressive, and hopefully you got to see the display of them on Friday in the playground. These will be returned to the children today if you didn't take them at the end of Friday. A few have been retained for a display in the library, but they will also come home soon.



Thanks also must go to all of you who baked for the Cake sale on Friday, the money raised is going towards a book shed for the children.

What was also lovely to see last week was all of the older children meeting up with the younger ones to read to them. This was a really lovely thing to witness, and the older children did this with such kindness and care that the younger children really enjoyed it.

Mrs Reynolds has posted a film of the best bits from WBD 2024 and shared it on the whole school story on Dojo, <https://teach.classdojo.com/#/schools/5bec5315033ed1001625a65d/story>

A New Hedge

If you are coming in from the Bridewell gate, you may have noticed that we've had some hedging planted along the low wall behind the hall that will, in time, create a hedge barrier and allow the children to use this space during the day. This hedge will take time to establish, so in the meantime please keep your children away from the plants as they establish themselves. Thanks you.

Parking issues

Please can parents refrain from using the school car park to pull into in order to drop your children. This area gets very full with vehicles and is in use right through the drop-off time by pupils arriving by taxi and for access for sports coaches, music teachers etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Year 5 Robot Programming

Our Year 5 children were lucky enough to attend a workshop last week exploring programming of robots and creating VR environments. They walked up the Abbeygate College's XR Lab and had a truly incredible time engaging with this wonderful learning resource.



As you can see the children were assisted in their programming by some pupils from County High and across the day programmed two different robots using a coding language they are becoming familiar with in school. In creating the VR worlds, they were introduced to some new computing tools and ended up spending time in the world that they had created. This session will be followed up with an in-school session in the summer led by the staff from the Computing Hub.



House Points Trophy

Congratulations to the Emeralds and Rubies houses for winning the last two week's House Point trophies.



Year 5 River Trip

The Year 5's have also been involving themselves in a river water monitoring exercise as part of their topic of Emergency Planet Earth. They have been working with the Lark River Conservation team and the Environment Agency in carrying out some water quality testing at parts of the river Lark near the school. They started this on Friday and will be continuing to monitor a variety of readings across the next few weeks. All of this data will be part of a wider sampling data set from across the region.



Year 3 Egyptian Museum

Both of the Year 3 classes shared all of their curriculum work about the Ancient Egyptians with parents recently, opening up their own mini museum for a day. In the pictures below you can see a selectin of all the wonderful things they have been learning about this term.



Early Minds Workshops

We've started the Early Minds Workshops across the school this week. EYFS had their sessions last week and the rest of the school are having sessions over the next two weeks. In the picture you can see the EYFS children enjoying a yoga session last week.

To go alongside this there are some resources for parents including a short video:

<https://vimeo.com/suffolkmind/parents>

There are also some resources here that you can use: [Resources to support children and young people - Suffolk Mind](#) and for those who want to know about language that can support Year 6-teens, there is this additional resource: [Signposting guide for young people.indd \(suffolkmind.org.uk\)](#)

Survey regarding Easter Holiday Club

Following the recent survey regarding running an Easter Holiday club across the upcoming holiday, we need to announce that this will not be going ahead. Unfortunately, we have not had the required level of interest necessary to make it a viable option to run. We may very well ask again for the summer, but at the moment we are not able to offer this service.

Science Week

This week is our Science Week, with the theme of 'Time'. Teachers have planned an extra focus on all things science this week and indeed next week too. This will hopefully grab your child's interest in science in some manner. This morning I shared how time-lapse photography can be created to show plants growing over a period of 83 days. Lots of children might very well want to set their own time-lapse situations at home with an old camera and some blue tac to keep it in place. Please discuss this with your children and build one together. It would be great to share the results of this later in the year. The subject matter could be anything rather than specifically a germinating plant.

Year 4 and Year 6 Plays

We have decided on the plays that our Year 4 and Year 6 children will perform for parents at the end of the year. Year 4 will be putting on a production of The Wizard of Oz and the Year 6s will be performing Bugsy Malone. Both cohorts will be auditioning very soon and they should be cast in time for the Easter break, so that scripts can start to be learnt by children over the holiday time. Your support in helping them learn their lines will be essential to these shows being the wonderful experience for the children that they should be.



Friends of Feoffment news

The first of our Cinema evenings has now been set for Monday 29th April 3.30-5pm. This one will show *The Wizard of Oz*, at the request of the Year 4 children who would love to see the film that they are going to perform. This film will be open to all Year 3 and Year 4 children. The charge of £3 will include a drink, popcorn and snacks during the film, which will be shown in the hall. The Friends will require a few kind parents to offer their time to support this event. Booking will be released to Year 3/4 children soon. Cinema nights will follow for all other year groups.

We have also been planning the ever-popular Easter Bingo for this year. The event will take place on **Monday 25th March**. Please see the poster opposite for details, booking will be via the school office. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Road to Easter

Year 1 and Year 6 will be attending the Road to Easter interactive display at St Mary's church on Friday 22nd March but all families are welcome to attend on the Saturday if you so wish.

Cambridge Festival 2024

As it is Science Week, you could use this great opportunity to engage your children in scientific activities which are staged across Cambridge. The Cambridge Science Festival has now become part of a wider Cambridge Festival. This is a brilliant family day out with free talks, films, exhibitions, walks and family events. It runs between 13th and 28th of March with lots happening at weekends. Please see the link below.

<https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk/>



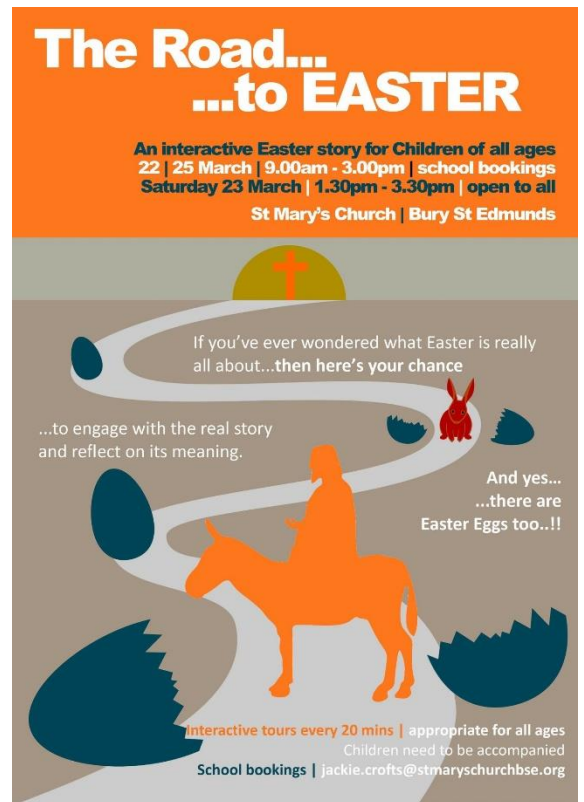
Easter Egg Bingo

Doors open: 5:45 PM
Bingo starts: 6 PM
Four person ticket: £8
Individual tickets: £2

Tickets are limited to 100 and will be available for purchase on the playground.

Pizza, cakes and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

Parentkind Member Association



**The Road...
...to EASTER**

An interactive Easter story for Children of all ages
22 | 25 March | 9.00am - 3.00pm | school bookings
Saturday 23 March | 1.30pm - 3.30pm | open to all
St Mary's Church | Bury St Edmunds

If you've ever wondered what Easter is really all about...then here's your chance

...to engage with the real story and reflect on its meaning.

And yes...
...there are
Easter Eggs too...!!

Interactive tours every 20 mins | appropriate for all ages
Children need to be accompanied
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