



8th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Computing Curriculum

Next Thursday 14th March at 8.45, we have a computing curriculum session. Mrs Letchford (our computing leader) will be leading this session and is looking forward to sharing our computing curriculum with you, sharing examples of what the children do and answering any questions.

These sessions will be recorded and uploaded to computing page on the website however you will then not have the opportunity to see work or ask questions.

Mr Howell has recorded his Science curriculum and has uploaded this to the Science page of the website (under the curriculum tab).

Book Week

The children have had a fantastic book week. It was lovely to see the children and staff dressed up in their costumes. The children have all taken home a £1 voucher which can be exchanged for a World Book Day book in most book shops (see books below). These books are great—I particularly enjoy the Loki books!



Roof

The school council are looking to meeting Paul (one of the roofers) on Monday to ask him some questions about the roof.

Spring Walk

Reception will be going on a walk around the local area to look for signs of spring on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March. You do not need to do anything as this is covered as a local area walk in your permissions form that you filled in when your child started school.

Have a lovely weekend and please remember that next week we start the 'Big Walk and Wheel' to school— see page 3 of this newsletter!

Mr Pritchard

DATES TO REMEMBER

14.3.24—Computing Curriculum Session
 15.3.24—Squirrel Sharing Assembly
 18.3.24—Hedgehog Spring Walk
 19.3.24—Mole Spring Walk
 22.3.24—Hedgehog Sharing Assembly
 28.3.24—Easter Bonnet Parade

Attendance

Well done to **class** who had this weeks best attendance!



Badger Class	96.8%
Fox Class	97.6%
Rabbit Class	90.8%
Squirrel Class	94.4%
Mole Class	89.3%
Hedgehog Class	91.1%

WEEK 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs with Diced Potatoes or Rice	Chicken Pie with Creamed Potatoes or Rice	Roast Beef and Gravy with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Quorn Hot Dog with Potato Wedges or Garlic Bread	Salmon Fillet Fingers with Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta
Bean and Vegetable Grill with Diced Potatoes or Rice (V)	Mild Vegetable Curry with Creamed Potatoes or Rice (Ve)	Potato Topped Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta (V)	Beany Pasta Bake Potato Wedges or Garlic Bread (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Oven Chips or Wholemeal Pasta (V)
Tuna Roll	Cheese Sandwich (v)	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Roll (v)
Jacket Potato with various toppings	Tomato Pasta with Cheese	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Cheesy Pasta (v)
		Halal Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta		

Stars of the Week



Badger— Khyati
 Fox— Seyara
 Rabbit— Matthias
 Squirrel—George
 Mole— Ayaan
 Hedgehog— No Consent

Learning Awards



Badger— Joel
 Fox— Christiana
 Rabbit— Abigail
 Squirrel— Asher
 Mole— Matteo
 Hedgehog— Joseph

Well done!

This week in Parkgate Pirates....



This week, we joined the rest of the school in celebrating the World Book Day and Mother's Day. The children were invited to complete a variety of arts & crafts relating to both of these very important days.

They particularly enjoyed making their own bookmarks and Mother's Day flower shaped cards for their amazing mums!

Big Walk and Wheel

We are taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

A letter will be sent out with further details, please look out for it!



Parking

We have received several complaints from residents of nearby roads about how our parents have been parking.

Please can we ask that you park respectfully to others. Do not park over residents drive-ways or over the zig-zag lines.

Donations of Tissues

We have had many coughs and colds in school and we are in need of some donations of tissues.

If you can spare a box of tissues, please hand them to your class teacher. Thank you.

Children's Wellbeing

Just talk Herts are running a 'Power of Small change's campaign which started on Monday 26th February and runs until 18th March. It is focused on emotional wellbeing and how small change to your day can make a big difference to how you feel.

Just Talk Herts say that, "Emotional wellbeing is all about feeling good and being able to handle the challenges life throws at us. When we're not feeling good it can sometimes feel like a big mountain to climb to feel better, but it doesn't have to!

Doing small things can have a huge impact on your mood".

We will be completing small tasks in school that are designed for children to explore activities that can support their emotional wellbeing and make new connections.

These will be based on the 5 ways to wellbeing –

Connect

Be Active

Learn

Take notice

Give

For more information on the campaign please visit <https://www.justtalkherts.org/news-and-campaigns/the-power-of-small-changes.aspx>

There is also a series of fun learning activities that promote wellbeing to children. These can be found at - <https://www.justtalkherts.org/e-learning/five-ways-children/index.html>.

BeeZee Families



Ready for your family to feel healthier and happier?

Sign up for our FREE and fun healthy lifestyle programmes in-person or online. Our programmes start on:

Date: W/C 22nd April 2024 for 12 weeks

Time: Wednesdays from 17:30 til 19:30

Venue: Leavesden Green Community Hub, Watford, WD25 0BW



OR you can join our 12-week online programmes!

Eligibility criteria applies, check the website for details.

For alternative formats, email marketing@maximusuk.co.uk quoting X22-2012

