



11/02/22
Issue 6

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 3rd March, we are inviting the whole school, pupils and staff, to dress up as their favourite 'book' character. Please feel free to be as imaginative as you can.

A £1.00 World Book Day token has been provided for every child.

INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports will be sent home by email on Monday 21st February.

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet or speak to the teacher over the following two weeks. If you wish to speak to the class teacher please respond to the email to arrange a suitable time.

CAN YOU HELP?

14th - 18th March is National Science week and we are looking for any visitors with a Science based job to come in to tell the children a little bit about their role. Examples of this could be dentists/dental nurses, medical professionals, psychologists, sport scientists, vets etc. Does your job have an element of Science involved in it?

If you would like to come in and talk to our children please contact the school office.

WE ARE GOING CASHLESS

After February half term we will no longer accept any cash at all in school. ParentPay log activation letters have been sent home prior to this. Please ensure you activate your account.

DIARY DATES



Monday 21st February
Return to school

Wednesday 23rd February
Class 2LP Class Assembly

Wednesday 2nd March
3MW Class Assembly

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day - Details across

Wednesday 9th March
3OT Class Assembly

Wednesday 16th March
2KR Class Assembly

Wednesday 23rd March
4SD Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th March
5ES Class Assembly

Friday 1st April
Break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 19th April
Return to school

CLASS ASSEMBLIES ARE BACK!

We are pleased to announce that class assemblies are back. Please check above for upcoming assemblies. Parents are welcome to watch class assemblies. They take place in the morning and are usually finished by 9.45am. Other family members are welcome to attend if parents are unable to watch.

IMPORTANT NOTICE -

DINNER MONEY

Reminder that dinner money should be paid on the day or in advance.

Our only method of payment is Parent Pay. If you do not have a log-on, please ask at the office and we can arrange this for you.

After half term we will no longer accept cash.

It is the parents' responsibility to know how much credit is on their account. **Parent Pay now shows up to date running balances.**

Office staff will now only send dinner money arrears texts once per week.

However, please note that we do not allow arrears to go over £11.00. We will not provide a school dinner for children if the arrears are over £11.00 and parents will be contacted informing them that they need to either pay before 11.30am, bring in a packed lunch or collect their child to take them home for lunch.

REGULAR ARREARS

When an account is regularly in arrears, we will insist on payment up front and a lunch will not be provided without payment in advance.

BREAKFAST CLUB

When arrears reach £11.00, parents will be contacted and asked to bring the arrears up to date immediately. Failure to do this could jeopardise a child's place at Breakfast Club.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive either:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit - provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Universal Credit - provided your total net earnings are no more than £616.67 each month, starting from 1 April 2018
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please apply online if you think you may be entitled.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Even if you do not currently pay for your child's meals (because they are in reception, Year 1 or Year 2) you should still apply if you think you are entitled. Whilst in lockdown we were able to make weekly payments to families who receive free school meals and you could miss out if we went into another lockdown.

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION:

Should you have any queries or concerns, in the first instance please ensure you speak with your child's teacher.

After speaking with the class teacher, and you are unhappy with the response received please follow the escalation procedure below:

- Class Teacher
- Key Stage Assistant Head Teacher (by appointment)
- Deputy Head Teacher - Mr Turner (by appointment)
- Head Teacher - Mrs Back (by appointment)

BREAKFAST CLUB - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the popularity of our Breakfast Club, we do ask that you pre-book. Places should be booked by Friday for the following week. Forms can be collected from the school office.

The advance notice will help us ensure that the club is fully staffed and enough food is ordered.

Please arrive before 8.20am for your child to receive breakfast.

Although we ask parents not to, we know that some do continue to drive into the school grounds and we ask that you ensure you turn your engine off when the car is stationary to prevent the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION

Please ensure someone is here to collect your child at 3.15pm. If you know you are going to be late then please make arrangements for someone else to collect your child at 3.15pm.

If your child is going to a friend's house after school, please write a note letting the teacher know that another parent will be collecting your child.

MILK

Children under 5 receive free milk at school.

If your child is over 5 and you would like them to receive milk then please register your child online, visit www.coolmilk.com The current cost is approximately 24p per day.

IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF...

If your child is absent then you must phone on the first day of absence and leave a message when prompted. Please state the following:

- your child's name
- class
- **reason for being off**

It is not sufficient to just say that they won't be in. As a school we are expected by Ofsted and the Local Authority to know why a child is not in school and report any cases where there are persistent and/or unexplained absences.

Please ensure that you send a letter in with your child when they return to school. Please state the reason for absence as we need this for your child's file.

When children are off regularly and parents do not call in to report their child's absence we will consider doing a home visit.

LATENESS

Can we please remind you that the school day starts at 8.55am. We have an increasing number of children arriving after this time. It is disruptive to classroom and office staff when your child is late and your child is missing out on valuable learning time when they arrive after their classmates.

Letters are sent home to those with persistent lateness and meetings will be arranged if there is no improvement after the first letter has been sent.

After School - Club Timetable

Monday	Jujitsu ran by Angela Conquest	
Wednesday	Target Games	Year 1 (starting after half term)
Thursday	Boys' Football Target Games Study Club	Year 5 Year 3 (starting after half term) Year 6
Friday	Girls' Football Boys' Football	Year 5-6 Year 5-6

PARKING

There is no parking for parents on the school grounds. This includes Breakfast Club drop off. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

In addition, please be considerate of our neighbours when parking in the side roads and do not park across driveways (this includes the dentist surgery). Please note traffic wardens have been in the area and have issued at least one ticket to a parent who parked at the dentist surgery during the school run.



PREFECTS

Our Year 6 students have been busy writing prefect application letters. Being awarded the status of a prefect is an honour and reflects consistent high standards and dedication to Graham James. Each application is carefully considered by the class teacher and the Senior Leadership Team.



Archie

EARRINGS ON P.E. DAYS

Reminder that the only earrings that are permitted in school are simple stud earrings. These should be removed on P.E. days. Those who have newly pierced ears i.e. within the last 6 weeks, may keep them in provided that ear tape is worn. This must be provided by the parent.

P.E. KITS

Please could you ensure children have both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits.

- Indoor - red or black shorts, plain white T-shirt and plimsolls/trainers
- Outdoor - Outdoor trainers, tracksuits or joggers and sweatshirts or hoodies (any colour)

WELL DONE KATIE

Katie donated 13 inches of hair and fundraised £115 for The Little Princess Trust.



ATTENDANCE

The classes with the best attendance in week ending 11/02/22 and the winners of the Graham James Attendance shield are:

- EYFS/KS1**
- Class 1KC with 100%**
- KS2**
- Class 4AS with 98%**



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS AWARDS
Most correct answers from 14th January - 10th February 2022



Kylan Whittaker	3OT	1 st	Amelia Clark	3MW	1 st
Dara Abdul-Azeez	3OT	2 nd	Jesse Renew	3MW	2 nd
Harry Mannion	3OT	3 rd	Ryder Notley	3MW	3 rd
Mia Clark	4AS	1 st	Sarina Kaur	4SD	1 st
Hannah Ojuri	4AS	2 nd	Rose Denton	4SD	2 nd
Ayden Nason	4AS	3 rd	Esmæ Hurst	4SD	3 rd
Jessie Flowers	5ES	1 st	Katie Merrill	5RW	1 st
Tyler Holmes	5ES	2 nd	Jacob Foote	5RW	2 nd
Mack Boxall	5ES	3 rd	Jamie Newton	5RW	3 rd
Lily Beres	6CM	1 st	Adam Wafik	6JCA	1 st
Harry Spenceley	6CM	2 nd	Ruby Dear	6JCA	2 nd
Kenaya Idikayi	6CM	3 rd	Emily Kortlandt	6JCA	3 rd



NUMBOTS WINNERS

MOST MINUTES PLAYED
From 14th January - 10th February 2022



1 st	Freya Griffiths	RAC	1 st	Simi Ojuri	RSK
2 nd	Scarlett Clay-Clements	RAC	2 nd	Timi Ayoade	RSK
3 rd	Isabelle Smith	RAC	3 rd	Aiyah Aldridge	RSK
1 st	Naomi Gray	1GS	1 st	Elliot Renew	1KC
2 nd	Chidera Nwankwo	1GS	2 nd	Holly Rook	1KC
3 rd	Desiree Abdul-Azeez	1GS	3 rd	Elizabeth Walker	1KC
1 st	Melody Bacon	2KR	1 st	Dulcie Simpson	2LP
2 nd	Leo Baker	2KR	2 nd	Oscar Gilbey	2LP
3 rd	Darcy Davis	2KR	3 rd	Henry Rose	2LP

GOLD AWARDS

11.02.22	Olivia Choate	2KR	}	Great use of adverbs
11.02.22	Liam Khrushchev	2KR	}	
11.02.22	Leighton Nicholson	2KR	}	
11.02.22	Tristan Orwell	2KR	}	
11.02.22	Lennie Wright	2KR	}	
11.02.22	Graciella Challis	5ES		For trying hard all term with broken fingers
11.02.22	Brody Blackett	5ES	}	Excellent Tutankhamun Mask
11.02.22	Ruby-May Simpson	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Nancy Pennell	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Lilly Franks	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Jacob Fox	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Amelia Rotheron	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Harry Scopes	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Harvey Bennett	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Evie Allum	5ES	}	
11.02.22	William Dudbridge	5ES	}	
11.02.22	Lacie Whittle	1GS		Great Maths work
11.02.22	Katie Moore	6CM	}	Fantastic Microbe models
11.02.22	Amber O'Sullivan	6CM	}	
11.02.22	Noah Surry	6CM	}	

HOLIDAY DATES 2021-22	
Autumn	Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December Half term: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October Christmas break: Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January
Spring	Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April Half term: Monday 14 th February to Friday 18 th February Easter break: Monday 4 th April to Monday 18 th April Bank holidays: Good Friday 15 th April, Easter Monday 18 th April
Summer	Tuesday 19th April to Wednesday 13th July Half term: Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June Bank holidays: Monday 2 nd May, Thursday 2 nd June, Friday 3 rd June Last day of school is Wednesday 13th July 2022

READER AND WRITER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2022



Class	Reader of the Month	Writer of the Month
RAC	Freya Griffiths	Luna Young
RSK	Evie Gilbey	Kamari Holman
1GS	Essie Mobsby	Penelope Gurnham
1KC	Leo Hunt	Daisy Werrell
2KR	Jake Jones	Chloe Nason
2LP	Cooper Pogmore	Kienan Akdeniz
3MW	Hollie Sargent	Jesse Renew
3OT	Hallie Beard	Savva Lapajev
4AS	Mia Clark	Maya Divers
4SD	Rose Denton	Olivia Kench
5ES	Harvey Bennett	Travis Orwell
5RW	Minh Tran	Alissia Latham
6CM	Jack Rollins	Brennan Smith
6JCA	William Putnam	Daisy Walters

BALANCE BIKE TRAINING - JANUARY 2022

Last month Thurrock Council offered all Reception children the chance to learn to ride a bike. They provided the balance bike and the children attended three lessons each.

