



Summer Spring 2: March 2024

Elizabeth Woodville Primary School

NEWSLETTER



Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents,

As always this time of year our Year 6 children embarked on a week-long residential trip to Dukes Barn, Beeley, Matlock.

The children took part in a range of exciting activities in the natural surroundings of the peak district, which put their expert climbing and abseiling skills to the test in daring high rope manoeuvres as seen in the photos below!

Year 4 also had an activity packed 3 days at PGL Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire.

Every second of every day was filled with exciting opportunities to test nerves, to challenge mental and physical abilities, to develop and secure friendships and to ensure lasting memories were made. Thank you to all the staff who went along and supported the children.

A Pridmore, Headteacher

Caythorpe Court Residential Year 4



Dukes Barn Residential Year 6



Chinese New Year in Foundation

Chinese New Year falls on different dates each year as it follows the lunar calendar. In 2024, Chinese New Year began on February 10th and continued for 15 days, with the Lantern Festival marking the end of the celebrations.

Foundation had a very busy time celebrating Chinese New Year. The children looked at some Chinese food and tasted prawn crackers.



They looked at some Chinese artefacts and discussed how they were different to English things.



The children practised their moves first for the Dragon Dances then worked in teams to create dragons.

'Kung Hei Fat Choi' from everyone in Foundation!



International Greek Language Day



For Greeks around the world International Greek Language Day in February is a momentous occasion to honour their heritage and understand their roots.

Foundation really enjoyed National Greek Language Day. Petros's mum Dr Marina Charalampidiame came into school and held workshops in foundation teaching the children how to say 'Good Morning' and 'Good Night'.

They also played an animal game where they had to find all the correct animals.



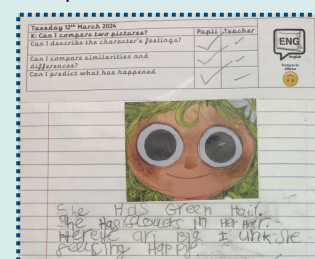
Later in Assembly the whole school enjoyed learning a new language!

Year 1:

In **Music**, we have been learning different songs. We really enjoyed a song called 'Days of the Week,' where we also learnt how to say the days of the week in Spanish. We composed our own music and played it on the Glockenspiel.



In **English**, we have started looking at a book called 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. We have been making predictions about the character. We are looking forward to reading the story and finding out what has made the main character look so cross.

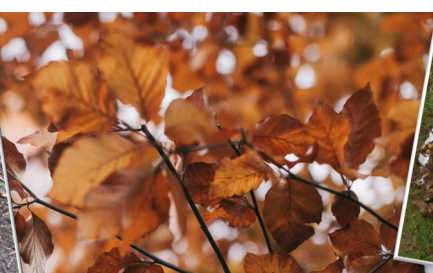


In **Design and Technology**, we have designed a fruit salad. We used knives and a chopping board to prepare the strawberries and bananas for our fruit salad. They tasted delicious! We have also been learning all about different food groups and why they are important. We have also learnt that a root vegetable grows under the ground.

A 'LEAP' into the Woods

On **February 29th** Foundation enjoyed a lovely trip to Battram Woods. The children learnt lots of things about the many woodland animals and their habitats.

On the walk they looked for different colours of Autumn and the possibility of seeing new growth for Spring. The children made some homes for the toy animals and collected lots of natural materials to make their own trees.



Notes from the Office

Safety: Please can we politely remind all parents that children cannot be dropped off at school or picked up from the staff car park unless otherwise agreed. The designated pathway in the car park needs to be kept clear at all times.

New Staff: We would like to welcome Mrs Lindsay to our Whizz Kids Team who assists with afterschool club.

School Dinners: From 8th April School Food Support are launching a **NEW** rotational 3 week menu. If your child has school dinners then please be sure to **BOOK in advance** through ParetPay. Week 1 menu will begin on 8th April.

Price Increase: From 1st April school dinners will be increased to **£2.65**.

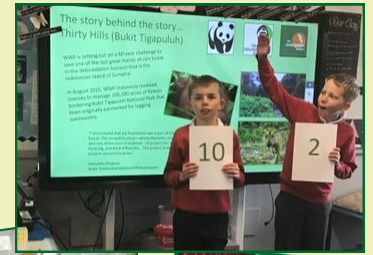
World Book Week at Woodville

What a great start to 'Woodville World Book Week'! We welcomed the fantastic author Catherine Ward. Catherine shared with us her beautiful book **'The Emerald Forest'**.

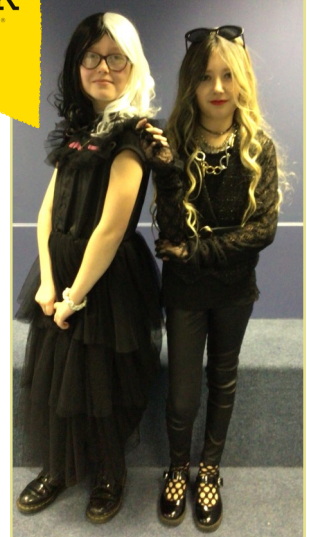
Everyone had sessions to learn about the process of writing a book along with interesting facts about where



orang-utans live and how we can look after their habitats.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY



Leicestershire County Council Active Travel Banner Competition

WINNER to be announced

There will be a special school assembly on Thursday 11th April when a representative from LCC will visit the school and present to one of our pupils their winning design of the Active Travel banner. Who will it be?

What is Active Travel?

Active Travel journeys are those that involve physical activity, like





YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCIENCE MORNING 12.3.24

On Tuesday 12th March, Year 6 students from a variety of feeder Primary Schools enjoyed a morning of Science, to celebrate British Science Week 2024.

They used their skills to solve the following:
'The effect of a slope on a Toy Car's speed',
and secondly,
'Which indigestion tablet reacts the fastest?'



Year 5 have had a great time during D&T lessons, adapting a recipe for making biscuits.

They worked together to decide on a target audience for their new product, designed a logo and the packaging and finally amended a basic biscuit recipe to create a brand-new biscuit brand.

Fantastic work Year 5 and some extremely tasty biscuits!



Year 2

In our **geography** unit this term we have travelled around the globe in 'Planet Earth'.



Each week we explored different continents, looking at the climate and features as well as naming and locating some of the countries that



were located there.

Our **design and technology** unit has been focused on healthy eating. We have tried and tasted many different foods from the various food groups and chosen our favourite, healthy foods.

The children designed their own pizza and are excited to make them in school after the Easter break.



In Geography lessons Year 5 have been studying mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes in Asia.

They carried out some in-depth research about these natural geographical features and presented their findings to the rest of the class.

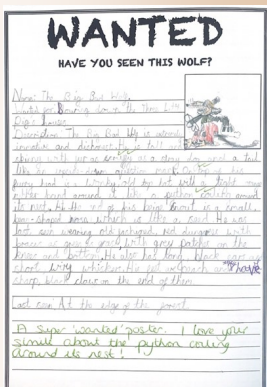


The Big Bad Wolf

In **English**, Year 3 have been looking at the features of traditional stories and fairy tales, focusing on the familiar story of **The Three Little Pigs** to create character descriptions of the Big Bad Wolf through 'Wanted' posters.

They have then compared the traditional story to an alternative version, considering different viewpoints and have written a persuasive letter from the wolf to convince the reader that he is not really bad!

In **Design and Technology**, the children have been researching, designing and creating a healthy sandwich. They have looked at the healthy eating plate, learnt food preparation and cutting skills before designing and making their own fantastic sandwiches.



Year 4

On Wednesday 13th March, Year 4 went on their much anticipated residential to Caythorpe in Lincolnshire.

Set amongst beautiful grounds, we went away for two nights and three days and luckily the weather was kind. Despite some initial nerves, we had a fantastic time and didn't want to come home.

The children were inspired, motivated and challenged

throughout their stay. Whether it was climbing the trapeze, assailing down a 15m wall or using their problem-solving skills, the children thoroughly enjoyed pushing themselves and trying new activities.





HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parents/Carers,

PTA funding directly enhances the curriculum for all our pupils.

In recent years, this has paid for tablet devices, supported our playground renovation and will this year help fund our blinds and window coverings for the hall. Every year, the PTA also cover the full transport costs for our extra-curricular residential trips, lowering the cost for all parents.

As a school, we simply could not provide the wide-ranging curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that we do, without the PTA's support and your valued contributions.

Andrew Pridmore, Headteacher

WHO WE ARE



We're a friendly and enthusiastic group of parents and teachers who like to bring the school community together to have fun and raise money for resources for the children.

There are around nine of us who meet regularly, but we're supported by more parents who volunteer their time at our individual events throughout the school year.

WHAT WE DO

We get together every term to plan and organise fun ways to **raise money for the school**. Our meetings are never formal and always involve tea, coffee, biscuits, chocolate and lots of laughter. We apply for community grants, plan events such as movie nights, discos, family events and even some that the wider community can get involved in.

The highlight of our fundraising calendar is hosting the **Christmas and Summer Fair's** which everyone looks forward too! **Look out for the date coming soon!**



EVENTS COMING UP!

Join the Easter Trail & Decorate the Easter Egg!



Trail starts Saturday 23rd March

All entries will need to be returned by Monday 15th April and prizes will be awarded on Friday 19th April.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Come along to the events we always try to offer something for everyone.
2. Follow our social media: Facebook and our new Instagram account @EWPSPTA
3. Sign up to the 'Giving Machine', retailers give us a donation every time you make an online purchase with them
4. Visit the site 'Shop & Give' and sign up
5. Could you or your employer donate prizes for our events or raffles?
6. Even if you only have 30 minutes to volunteer at our events, it's really appreciated. Please come and have a chat with any member of the PTA.
7. Do you enjoy planning & organising events, shopping or are you a whizz with IT? Whatever your passion, we need your skills!
8. Every parent/guardian is welcome, we massively appreciate any time that you're able to give.

MONEY RAISED!



So far this year we have raised **£2,562.87**. To date **£1,995.00** has been spent on replacing the outside canopy in the foundation play area.

£2,160.00 for both the two residential coaches.

We also secured a £500 donation towards new books from the Co-op and a £250 donation from Walkers Crisps towards new blinds for the hall. This would not be possible without the support of parents!

THANK YOU



The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting our fundraising activities. Whether it's coming along to our events, volunteering or just sharing your feedback. We will continue to strive to host fun events that represent value for money whilst raising money for the school that benefits all the children.

JOIN OUR PTA

We know life can be busy however, they say 'more hands make lighter work' so if you can spare a little time to either join our PTA team or just help out at an event we would love to hear from you. If you have **any questions** or require more **information**, please email us.



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