



Dear Parents / Carers,

What an eventful week! Firstly, thank you so much for your understanding and co-operation relating to the Union strike. It is much appreciated.

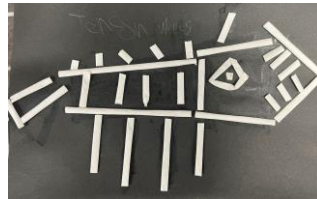
It was great to see everyone (including the school staff) dress up in their pyjamas today all ready for story time. We have had a great book day and the children have been excited to talk about their favourite books and authors. It was good to see some of the classic children's books making their appearance but lovely to see children discovering new authors and inspiring others to read books that they haven't heard of before. The children also enjoyed the drama workshops earlier in the week and had lots of fun expressing themselves.

Pine Class was decorated with daffodils and Welsh dragons on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and the children made delicious Welsh Cakes to celebrate St David's Day.

Year 2 have been thinking about the country of India this week. They were teased with lot of clues about it initially and then learnt lots of interesting facts about it. It sounds such a vibrant and exciting place to be. They have also been losing dogs and finding dogs, creating missing posters about dogs and writing diary entries about eventful days with dogs. I am not sure I would trust some of them with my dog Leila – although I suspect she would have a lot of fun!



Year 1 have been retelling the events of a story of *Beegu* and predicting future events. They used time connectives such as first, next, then and finally so the events were sequencing accurately. They have also been scientists and sorted objects by the material that they are made from. As well as that, our Year 1s have also created some striking skeletal artwork this week too. This is an example of Jenson's in Willow class.



In Yellow Bay this week, children in our Reception classes made frog cycle spinners. They drew the lifecycle stages of a frog and then pinned it together and spun it round and round and round. This was very cleverly explained to me by a child in Ash class. Thank you, Matilda! On Tuesday they participated in a Science workshop with *Sublime Science* which they loved! (Thank you PTA!) They loved making sherbet and were thoroughly entertained and we hope that it has fanned the flames of discovery and all things science! We look forward to seeing how they engage with the fun activities we have planned in our whole school Science week soon. See more details from Mr Elliott, our Science lead, attached to the newsletter email.

Wishing you all a great weekend.  
See you soon  
Mrs Cary

### A couple of reminders....



Please call the school to inform them about a child's sickness/absence from school rather than email in. This helps us ensure that we have all the information we need for our reporting systems.

Children should not be playing on the outside equipment or outside resources before or after school. I recognise how tempting it is for them but please do not let your child(ren) do this.



Many thanks for your support.



# Kindness Awards



It was lovely to hear about these wonderful children in our kindness assembly today. Thank you for being so lovely!

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Leo G	Maple	George	Beech	Wilf
Elm	Beth	Rowan	Claudia	Oak	Ruby
Holly	Joanna	Willow	Tiana	Sycamore	Raphael
		Pine	Chloe C		

“Try to be the rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” – Maya Angelou

## Dates for the Diary

**(Please note: There are several date changes due to the upcoming strike dates.)**

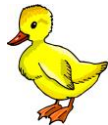
**w/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Book Fair



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Reception: Ducklings



**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Year 2 – Wisley Trip



**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

PTA: Mother’s Day Gift Sale



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Red Nose Day



**w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Science Week



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Year 1 and 2 Circus Skills workshop



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

PTA: Easter Disco



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

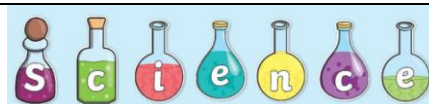
PTA: Easter Egg Hunt



Please find the links below if you are able to donate using our Amazon Wish Lists:



Thank you for all items received.



Please see the attached letter from Mr Elliott which explains all the things we are getting up to in Science Week. This will be the week comencing 20<sup>th</sup> March.

# Book Fair and 'Love Reading 4 Kids'



We hope this week has inspired our children to read, read, read. We have our Book fair next week where the children can browse through a great selection of books which you are able to purchase afterschool in the school hall.

We have also set up an account with 'Love Reading 4 Kids'

If you buy books from [www.lovereadingschools.co.uk](http://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk) you are able to nominate us as your chosen school and we get 25% of the book cover price to spend on books for school.

It's a win-win, right?

## ARTIST OF THE WEEK: TIM MINCHN

I have been so excited about this week!

Actor, comedian, composer and songwriter - Tim Minchin is a brilliant artist and is just so creative and clever.

Tim performs barefoot and with heavy eye make up – bare feet make him feel more comfortable and heavy eye make up helps with expressing himself when he can't use his hands because he's playing the piano.

In 2008, Tim was commissioned by The Royal Shakespeare Company to write the songs for

*Matilda the Musical.*

Absolutely brilliant!

Click on the picture to play some of his music through Spotify.

