

Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Rodd

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our whole school Celebration assembly this morning, we celebrated the following pupils:

Gainsborough: Jacob, Valentina, Emillie and Isabella

Medlycott: Frida, Krystal, Lewis and Florence

Venn: Kacper, George, Arthur and Henry

Kingsbury: Jonathan, Oliver, Evelyn and Faith

Newtown: Joe, Rayna, Benjamin and Betsy

Crackmore: Molly, Josh, Aidan and Jacob

This week, I have spent some time in every class watching Maths and English sessions. From writing labels for characters in Gainsborough class, to exploring personification in Crackmore class, I was impressed by the children's engagement in, and enthusiasm for, their learning. We are very fortunate to have a team of experienced and skilled teachers who have high expectations for all of the children.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for Parents' Evening appointments. The sign-up sheets will be available in the Hall on Monday and Tuesday next week.

On Thursday, we will be marking World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as a word on that day, so could dress in sports kits for '*athletic*' or '*sporty*' or in bright, garish colours for '*flamboyant*'. They may choose to have their word on display, but if they choose not to, this will give others the opportunity to guess what their word is. Teachers will be using this as a way of developing the children's vocabulary, introducing them to some new adjectives I'm sure! Millie Furby, the Chair of the PTFA, will be leading Story Time sessions in the Library during the school day for all classes and there will be a second-hand book sale after school that day too.

On Friday 15th March, it is Red Nose Day. Children should wear normal school uniform on this day but may wear red noses to school if they wish (suggested donation £1.00) and there will be another 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition (20p a go) as this proved popular last term! The School Council think that £200 is a realistic fundraising target for the school to aim for....!

We have recently been able to purchase some new outdoor equipment for The Beeches and Gainsborough class, using grant money from the Parish Council. We are looking for some volunteers to help assemble this on Friday afternoons. If you feel this is something you might be able to help with, please speak to the School Office who will be delighted to hear from you!

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Thinking ahead, after Easter I would like to have a focus on the world of work in assemblies. If any of you would be able to come in to school for 10-15 minutes at 8.55 am on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning and talk to the whole school about your job, please speak to the School Office. I know that this has proved popular in the past, and it would be really good to have a wide range of jobs represented next half term.

The Beeches Pre-School

The Beeches are taking part in World Book Day by doing a sponsored Ready Steady Listen between 4th March - 18th March. Sponsor forms have been sent out but please contact Katie for further information. All money raised will go towards books through Usborne.

The new working families 15 hours funding comes into place in April; please contact Katie at Beeches@mpprimary.co.uk for more information. We are now offering places out for September. If you are thinking about a place for your child, please note we have limited availability.

Outdoor Toddler group takes place from 1.30 - 3.00pm every Friday afternoon. Please follow The Beeches Pre-school Facebook page for weather updates about the toddler group.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Second hand book sale – run by the PTFA
Friday 8 th March	KS1 Celebration Assembly
Monday 11 th March and Tuesday 12 th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 15 th March	KS2 Celebration Assembly Red Nose Day Cake Sale – Medlycott
Wednesday 20 th March	Inspire Morning for Crackmore Class in the Hall Medlycott trip to Gore Farm, Trent
Friday 22 nd March	Whole School Celebration Assembly Easter Bop Disco – run by the PTFA
Wednesday 27 th March	Inspire Morning for Medlycott Class in the Hall



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Thursday 28 th March	Decorate an Easter Egg competition – run by the PTFA End of term
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Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Rodd
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