



Inform



Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.
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Dear Parents / Guardians

What a fantastic week!

This Thursday was World Book Day in which, the children undertook several different activities. The children and staff looked incredible in their costumes and we had great fun trying to work out which book character each child had come as. During the day, the children took part in some activities including creating artwork based around stories, performance poetry and sharing their favourite books before listening to different adults read. In addition to this, we had a mini World Book Day bake off. The cakes that the children submitted were incredible with the names of the winners and runners up on the next page. Thank you all for your efforts. Year 5 children have also been to Merebrook to share their stories with the children there.

We are very lucky that our Friends of Emerson Valley have been helping raise money by selling doughnuts. They are raising money to help the school with funding extra resources and experiences and we are grateful for their time. Some of this money is being used for an incubator and resources to help with the chicks in year 5. If you are interested in joining the Friends, please contact the school office.

Year 3 have continued with their trips to Dobbies Garden Centre to look at the different varieties of plants and to support their Fishkeeper Fry project. They have behaved exemplary so far with two classes left to go.

With the amount of viruses that are around at the moment, and in trying to contain any illness, please support us with this by providing your child with tissues if they require them.

We have seen a slight improvement in the parking situation at the end of the day outside of school. This will help in ensuring that the children are safe. Please bear in mind that where you park can have an impact on whether our children will be safe and inconsiderate parking could cause a serious incident. The council's parking attendants are now visiting us more frequently.

Finally, we hope you have a fantastic weekend and we would like to wish our families that are celebrating Holi, Purim and Magha Puja days over the weekend a lovely time

Mr Mortimer – Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th March

3CB visit to Dobbies

Friday 13th March

Science Day

Monday 16th March

Year 6 Mock SATs Week

Thursday 19th March

Performance of "The Hobbit"-
Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 31st March

Year 3 visit to Whipsnade Zoo

Wednesday 1st April

Parent/Teacher Consultation
Easter Lunch (order via
ParentPay in advance)

Thursday 2nd April

Parent/Teacher Consultation

Friday 3rd April

Rocksteady Concert 2pm
Break up – Easter
No after-school wrap around
care club (breakfast club will be
open).

Monday 20th April

Children Return to school

Friday 8th May

Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 11th May

School re-opens
Year 6 SATs Week

Homework

Year 6 - SATs Companion for Monkey Business (a reading comprehension) and Algebra for Maths.

Year 5 - Pages 34 & 35 (decimals) of maths homework book.

Year 4 - Page 35 of maths homework book.

Year 3 - Page 16 and 17 of the comprehension booklet – ‘Robotic Baby Penguin’

**Online Safety: ROBLOX**

Over the past few weeks we have become aware of multiple instances where children have been upsetting each other with the messages that they have been sending each other via the online game ROBLOX. If you are allowing your children to access online games with the ability to chat others, please ensure that they know how to keep themselves safe in this environment. A separate advice sheet for parents is being sent, alongside this Inform, to support parents with this.

**World Book Day**

This week our Year 6 Librarians had the very important job of judging the homework entries for World Book Day. There were many creative cakes and entertaining 500-word stories to read in each year group and they had some difficult decisions to make.

500 Word Story Winners

Year 3 Winner Oryon W 3SD	Runner Up Campbell SB 3CB
Year 4 Winner Zoe D 4SM	Runner Up Shivani N 4BM
Year 5 Winner Olivia FO 5PH	Runner Up Victoria D 5NB
Year 6 Winner Sabeshan S 6AM	Runner Up Alina H 6LS

Bake Off Winners

Year 3 Winner Lawson C 3JT	Runner Up Caylin M 3SD
Year 4 Winner Mia R 4JP	Runner Up Aryan S 4BM
Year 5 Winner Ali O 5JAP	Runners Up Emily M 5RR and Gracie T 5PH
Year 6 Winner Ella P 6KF	Runner Up Alina H 6LS

The librarians were so impressed with the cakes that they choose Jude S in 3JT as the overall winner of the whole competition. We raised £80 from selling the cakes at breaktime, which will go towards future reading events at school.

Thank you to our Chair of Governors – Mr Vlok who joined us for the day, he wrote the following about World Book Day:

It has been a real pleasure to join our wonderful children for World Book Day. The enthusiasm, engagement and excitement were very commendable. Well done to those who baked and won (in particular to Jude for his spectacular contribution). Well done to our 500-word story competition winners, you made us all proud today!

Brass & String Festival

On Monday morning and Tuesday morning, children who receive peripatetic music lessons for brass and string attended festivals at Christ the Cornerstone Church in CMK. The children, in small ensembles, played their instruments to the best of their ability to an audience of very keen parents and other musicians from many Milton Keynes schools. All performances were judged by an independent adjudicator. All the children attending both festivals were a credit to EVS and enjoyed the chance to perform. The brass players returned to school with a certificate of merit for their performance. Well done to all the children who attended.

Lunchtime clubs

Alongside the sports leaders, we have some groups of children that are giving up their play time at lunchtime to run clubs for other children in the school. These clubs include: art clubs, a computing club, a drama club and a book club. The children that attend these clubs have been selected and will be changed each half term to give the children that would like to attend the opportunity. We are very lucky to have such amazing children who want to develop their leadership skills.

Science Week

British Science Week takes place from today (6th March) until 15th March. At EVS we will be celebrating with a Science Day on Friday 13th March when children will immerse themselves in Science learning, activities and experiments for the day. Our Science Governor Mrs Hills will be joining us to share the children's enthusiasm and excitement of the subject. The theme this year is 'Our Diverse Planet'



Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

Parent/teacher Consultation meetings will be held on Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd April. Appointments will be available to book via your parentmail account at the end of next week.

Breakfast Club/Afterschool Wrap around Care

We would like to remind parents/carers that places in our breakfast or after-school wrap around care club **must be pre-booked**. Places can be booked via your parentmail account please contact the school office if you are having any problems with this. **We have limited spaces in these clubs please be aware that if you have not pre-booked and we are full you may be turned away.**

Music Lessons

We have a space becoming available in our guitar lessons after Easter. The cost is £50 for which your child will receive a weekly guitar lesson until July. If you would like this space for your child, please contact the school office on 01908-507914 (first come first served basis).

Cleaner Required

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to join our happy team. No experience is necessary just a can-do attitude and a willingness to work as part of a team. You will be required to work from 3:30pm-5:30pm. If you are interested in this role, please ask at reception for an application pack.

Coronavirus

At this current point in time, we have no suspected cases of Coronavirus in school. We are receiving regular updates from the Department for Education and will inform you if there are any changes or actions we need to implement. We are ensuring that children wash their hands or use sanitising gel and have refrained from shaking hands.



Composer of the Month – Vivaldi

Antonio Lucio Vivaldi was an Italian Baroque musical composer, virtuoso violinist, teacher, and Roman Catholic priest. He is regarded as one of the greatest Baroque composers and composed many instrumental concertos, for the violin and a variety of other instruments. His best-known work is a series of violin concertos known as the Four Seasons.

**In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 24th February - 28th February
Whole school attendance 95.6% - Class of the week 4AV 98.7%**