

EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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At the time of writing, schools are now closed to the vast majority of pupils as a result of the Coronavirus crisis. The Government has still not indicated when they will reopen again. However, before the crisis took hold, our pupils managed to participate in a variety of interesting learning experiences in March and some of these are documented in this newsletter. I hope you and your families are all keeping safe. *Mr Kitching*

World Book Day

On 5th March our pupils joined the annual national celebration of reading and wholeheartedly participated in World Book Day. Many pupils and staff arrived at school in the morning wearing costumes and carrying props associated with much loved books. The pupils really enjoyed engaging in a wide range of book related activities throughout the day and celebrating the joy of reading.

There was consternation at one point though when Burglar Bill stole the breaktime biscuits from Trent class. However, he was soon caught and apprehended by the duty policeman (see photo).



Year 1 Early Racers Competition

At the start of the month four of our Year 1 pupils had a great time putting their Balance Bike skills to the fore in the inter school Early Racer Competition. The children competed over four different events at Greenbank Leisure Centre against similar aged pupils from across the South Derbyshire region. It was a wonderful atmosphere and our pupils demonstrated great skills, perseverance and team spirit throughout the competition. Well done to everyone for taking part and trying your best!





Whole School Baking Day

On 10th March the whole school took part in a baking workshop with Mrs Chubb (Anna and Rosie's Mum). Each class participated in a separate workshop and had a great time developing their cookery skills in order to create some delicious rock cakes. Many thanks to Mrs Chubb for kindly coming into school to lead the cookery workshops and thank you also to Mrs Marriot for helping her throughout the day.

Sports for Champions Athlete Visit

The pupils enjoyed the visit to school from Amy Hillyard, a British Athlete, on 12th March. The pupils all participated in a sponsored fitness session in the hall with Amy before congregating for an assembly with her. During the assembly, Amy explained the journey she had been on to become a professional athlete and hosted a question and answer session with the children. Thank you to Amy for visiting us and thank you to all of our parents and carers that supported with the sponsorship forms prior to the day.

Science Theme Week

Our children all enjoyed deepening their scientific understanding throughout national Science week (week commencing 9th March) by participating in a variety of science experiments. Derwent class conducted a particularly interesting experiment when they investigated what happened when a paper towel, a sheet of toilet paper and a wet wipe were put in water and shaken up. They found out that the toilet paper broke up into small pieces very easily, but the paper towel and wet wipe remained intact. They applied this understanding to a real life situation and reminded everybody in assembly not to put paper towels down the toilets as they can create a blockage.

Derby Theatre Group Visit

Dove class were lucky enough to be involved in a Shakespeare drama workshop from Derby Theatre Group earlier this month. Building on their knowledge of Shakespeare and Macbeth from a unit of work they completed in the Autumn term, the children participated in a range of drama activities that developed their skills and helped to bring Shakespeare to life. Thank you to Derby Theatre for visiting our school and thank you to our PTA for generously funding the visit.



Parent and Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone that completed and submitted their responses to the Parent and Carer questionnaire that was sent out at the end of last month. The responses have now been collated and the results are attached with this newsletter. Overall, the number of responses was slightly less than in previous years but the results still indicated that the views held by the parents and carers of pupils at our school are overwhelmingly positive.

Thank you to those of you that also submitted ideas to contribute towards the new school vision. Contributions for this have now been taken from pupils, staff and parents and carers and the final vision statement will be finalised by the Governing Body at the next available opportunity.

N.B. Due to the uncertainty about when schools will be directed to reopen by the Government in future, only the official term holiday dates and INSET days have been included in this Newsletter. Once, we know when we can reopen, it will be populated with extra events.

Date	Event
6 th April to 17 th April	Easter Break – school closed
8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
25 th to 29 th May	Half term break – school closed
19 th June	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
22 nd June	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
21 st July	Last day of term