

Springfield Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

This week children have been learning more about the Science curriculum in Years 4 and 5 through the A-life and Science Shed workshops with practical, active and engaging opportunities to learn more about the world they live in. We are shaping our curriculum around local culture and in this Mole Class and Woodpecker Class will be learning more about the community in which they live, through a Local Walk due to take place on Monday. We are very excited about the plans for Book Week next week as part of our priority in developing a culture of early excellence in reading. Further information about the week can be found on the school's website. Our footballers are playing St Nicholas Primary School this afternoon and we wish them success in the match.



It is at this point in the year that Reception numbers are released to schools for the following year's intake. In this I am delighted to report that we have 92% first preferences, up from 85% last year and 61% in the previous year, with 157 applications for 60 places this year. Springfield is now becoming the local school of choice and this is testament to children's excellent learning, teachers' commitment to support every pupil to do their very best and high levels of parental engagement; thank-you to all for the part you have played in moving Springfield forward, as an exceptional place for children to learn within the community. On Monday, our Year 6 children will hear about their secondary school places.

Finally, our Pupil Parliament have been busy all year working on anti-bullying campaigns, environmental projects and now wish to share their thoughts on the importance of good attendance to school. They have designed a leaflet which will go home next week and their feedback has informed our new attendance reward system. All of this information will also be included on the school's website, but in this we ask parents for your support in ensuring high levels of pupil attendance and good punctuality, to help support children to learn as well as they possibly can.

After such a busy week, I wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins
Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March
Book Week

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Mathletics Competition

Tuesday 3rd March
Parents' Evening 4.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 4th March
Parents' Evening 3.45pm-6.05pm

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day – children can dress up

Thursday 5th March
Year 2 Mole class assembly – 9.10am

Thursday 12th March
Year 2 Woodpecker class assembly – 9.10am

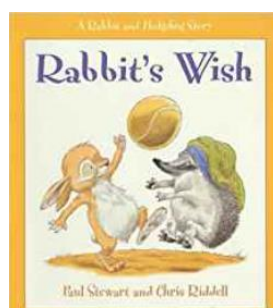
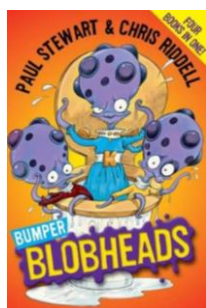
Friday 13th March
PTA fundraiser for Sports Relief – full information to follow

School Dinners:
The menu for w/c 2nd March is Week 3 of the menu.

Meals are to be booked online in advance by no later than Friday lunchtime of preceding week and must be paid for in advance.

Reading at Springfield

With author Paul Stewart coming into work with the children on Tuesday 3rd March, it would be great if you can buy your child one of his books online or from a local book store. Please refer to the letter that was sent out earlier this week for more information and for the wide variety of books that he has written. Your child is welcome to bring this book into school to get it signed by Paul.



Question of the week

If you had one wish, what would it be and why?

General Information

Basketball – ‘Love This Life Basketball,’ are looking for brand new players from Year 2-6 that would like to try a new sport! Basketball is fantastic and it is becoming more and more popular every single year. Our club focuses on drills, games and matches which are a great way to meet new friends! The club happens at 7:45am – 8:45am every Thursday morning inside in the school hall. Please enquire through our website www.lovethislifebasketball.com for prices and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us through email at info@lovethislifebasketball.com. We cannot wait to see new faces join the fun!

Young Writer Competition - Dan Freeman is running a young writer competition where children can write about absolutely anything. Write a story, poem, article, song lyrics, letter or diary on any topic or theme of your choice. The deadline for entries into the awards is Monday March 2nd. For more information please click on the following link: <http://wickedyoungwriterawards.com>

Ridiculous Writers, Mini Saga Writing Competition – If your child is interested in entering the latest fantastic competition from Young Writers a form is available to collect from the school office.

The March Maths Challenge - This will run from Monday 2nd March until Sunday 8th March (1 week). We are challenging you to earn as many participation points as you can. The first placed school will be the school with the highest average total of participation points. This will be calculated by taking the total number of participation points divided by the total number of registered students in the school.

Lead Learner and Super Citizen

This week's Lead Learners were celebrated today, the focus being 'showing independence in their work':

Sparrow	- Cade	Otter	- Jack
Nightingale	- Annalise	Stoat	- Monera
Woodpecker	- Evangeline	Buzzard	- Meggan
Mole	- Elannah	Osprey	- Skye
Bat	- Preston	Eagle	- Elodie
		Falcon	- Molly

This week's Super Citizens were celebrated today, the focus being 'making healthy choices':

Sparrow	- Aleksander	Otter	- Amelia
Nightingale	- Konstanty	Stoat	- Danas
Woodpecker	- Alexx	Buzzard	- Lakshmi
Mole	- Baye	Osprey	- Layla
Bat	- Freya	Eagle	- Henry
		Falcon	- Lauren

Reception classes are celebrating King and Queen of the week for each Reception class:

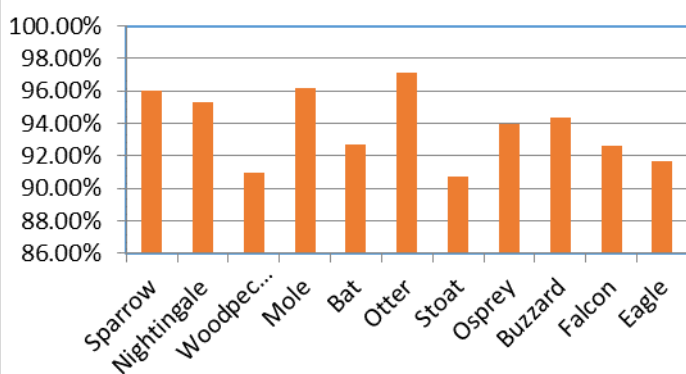
Fox class
King - Mehmet
Queen - Harper



Badger class
King - Maadhav
Queen - Darcy



Awards



Attendance -

The winners for week ending 14th February are:-
KS1 – Mole class with 96.2%
KS2 – Otter class with 97.1%

House Point Winners – St Andrew (blue)
Reading Raffle winner – Eagle Class with 21 readers
Times Table Rockstars winner – Stoat class
Gugafit winner – Bat class

Home Learning Stars

We have had some wonderful home learning this week from so many children. They have all been presented with a certificate in assembly today.

Well done everyone, you are our Home Learning Stars this week.



Question of the Week

This week the Question was: "What are you thankful for today?" Some of our favourite answers were:

- "Friends to play with."
- "My baby cousin being born safely."
- "My mum paying for my clubs."
- "Coming back to school after being in hospital."
- "Having a nice family."
- "Mrs Milstead finding me a PE kit when I forgot mine!"



Year 4 Healthy Workshop

Year 4's topic this term is Burps, Bottoms and Bile therefore we arranged for A-life Healthy Schools Workshops to visit our children on Monday to begin our topic. The workshop involved all the children in several hands on science activities that catered for all abilities and brought their learning to life in a way that would not be possible in the classroom. All the children were engaged throughout the session and interacted positively and enthusiastically.

Following their science workshop, they participated in a circuit fitness session which challenged even the fittest! However, we witnessed circuits accessible for all, with maximum pupil participation that led to huge achievements and satisfaction for everyone.

We believe that all of Year 4 would agree that this experience was an invaluable, unforgettable and a positive learning opportunity.