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When you ask your children what they did at school, do you have the shrug of the shoulders and "Nothing"?

The school day is packed full with learning, why don't you try some different questions?

Who did you sit with at lunch?

Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday?

If you could change anything about your day, what would it be?

Can you tell me of an example of kindness you did/ saw?

Let me know how you get on.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

"You've gotta fight for the right..."

You will be pleased or confused, to hear that we didn't actually talk about the Beastie Boys at all in our worship on Monday. However, we did share about how we are called to speak out. We reflected on Jeremiah, who had been thrown into a well for speaking Gods word to the king, and we thought about people throughout history who spoke or are still speaking out against poverty, discrimination, injustice, inequality. In a pause, we considered whether we could or should do the same... You may wish to open the book and read more about Jeremiah or share with your family how we are called to make the world a better place. *Pam Slingsby, Foundation Governor*

FOPS



Would you like to test your general knowledge and have some fun? Fancy a night out with friends and family? FOPS are holding a quiz night starting

at 7.30pm on Friday 11th May at The Barn, Goosecroft Lane. Tickets are £10 per person and includes a fish and chip supper, supplied by The Lemon Plaice. Maximum team size is six. There will be a licensed bar, raffle and quiz prizes. Please return the booking form as soon as possible. A form is in your child's bookbag and also attached to the newsletter.

WOODLAND SCHOOL



Well, what a disappointment to have no snow at Woodland today, although we did notice snow piled up along the main roads and a couple of melting snowmen! We all went to check if our animal shelters were still there - we hope that the woodland animals were protected by them in the very cold weather. Some of us noticed some signs of spring with new shoots appearing on the ground. The children were given ideas for activities today but most chose their own ideas - playing imaginary games in the climbing tree and using trowels to dig. Some of us enjoyed the task of leading a blindfolded partner around the wood using vocabulary of position and direction. We also enjoyed our hot chocolate break. We are making the most of our Woodland adventure sessions as they draw to a close at Easter. *Mrs Hodsdon*

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children very much enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas for World Book Day and sharing a wide variety of books with friends and parents. Their favourite books seemed to be the funny ones, especially The Rude Rhino, whose inappropriate behaviour would certainly not be tolerated in class!

The children have been finding out about the work done by paleontologists discovering

dinosaurs, and they made their own fossils by imprinting toy dinosaurs into clay pebbles. They also set up a dinosaur shop and practised using two coins to pay for each item.

Due to the snow days, last week's focus children Arlo and Amelia will be able to share their photos on week beginning 12th March instead.

Next week we will be thinking about how to use tools safely and about the habitats the dinosaurs lived in. *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have been working on finishing their own Gruffalo stories this week and making them into little books. They have made front covers for them, given them titles and shared them with each other. We have also enjoyed listening to the poem "The Magic Box" and generated our own imaginative lines for the poem. We thought carefully about creating images in our minds, using repetition and powerful adjectives. In Maths, the Y1 children have been working with place value and the Y2 children have been solving word problems involving division. Well done to all of those members of the class who worked hard on their maths homework whilst we were closed due to the snow. *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



It has been an exciting week in Owl class. We started off our Monday morning with our mini mile, where it was so nice to hear the children enthralled about what they had been doing in the snow and comparing experiences with each other. Keeping on the 'school closed for snow' theme, the children have been writing newspaper reports about the event, they even interviewed Mrs Fakes about what led her to make the decisions she did.

In Maths, the Cubes are still working on the expanded column method for addition, now crossing a ten, the Spheres are continuing to investigate fractions. The children have started to research the life of William Shakespeare and create a timeline of his life.

Next week, we will start working on the Tempest during English and prepare some short plays for our end of term parental showcase on Wednesday 28th March at 2.00 pm, we do hope you can join us. Owl class will also be leading the

Easter service this year on Thursday 29th April, 9.30 at St Mary's Church. Parents and carers of children from Owl class are most welcome to come along too. *Mrs Pickering*

WOODPECKER CLASS



Our week began with iPad 101 workshops for the community. Although the turn-out was small, the children shared their skills with confidence and we have had some lovely feedback from the event. In topic work, we have been exploring the Industrial Revolution and considering many of the changes that took place during this extraordinary period of history.

The children are continuing to engage in our exciting pi-top challenges: building a laptop, using peripherals to create light and sound and then coding these to respond to programs. Sadly, we have been unable to trouble-shoot wi-fi difficulties and cannot get the pi-tops to access the school wi-fi but are working around this problem, to a degree, by taking children in small groups and using a phone hotspot to access the pi-top challenges.

In English, children have started drafting out their short stories. Maths work has focused on statistics and data analysis this week: how to work out a mean average, how to read, interpret and draw line graphs and how to understand pie charts. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Ella for her independent writing

Friendship Star: Theodore for playing nicely and taking turns.

Paragon: Brandon

Badger Class

Star of the week: Zayneb for making great progress with her phonics.

Friendship Star: Harry B for cheering up a friend with a hug.

Paragon: Belle

Woodland Star: Macie for leading her partner carefully around the woods using correct words for direction.

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Malakhai for his amazing work in maths.

Friendship Star: Lucas for always be kind and respectful to everyone in school.

Paragon: Malakhai

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Corey for his excellent hard work and progress across the curriculum

Friendship Star: Natalia for looking out for others when they are sad

Paragon: Corey

Delightful diners: Annabelle, Amelia-Mae, Kira, Maegan, Ryan, Freddie, Dylan, Samuel W

DIARY DATES

13/03/18	Choir performing at the Anvil
18/03/18	Green Park Challenge
21/03/18	Class Photo
28/03/18	Owl Class Showcase, 2.00 pm
29/03/18	Owl Class parents invited to Easter service at St Mary's Church
29/03/18	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15pm
30/03/18 - 16/04/18	Easter Break
25/04/18	Purley at the Palladium (Denefield)
11/05/18	FOPS Quiz night, The Barn, 7.30pm

25/05/18	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00pm
28/05/18 - 01/06/18	Half Term
15/06/18	Sports Day
22/06/18	Sports Day (Reserve)
27/06/18	New Foundation Welcome Evening
18/07/18	Open Afternoon, 1.30 pm
19/07/18	Year 6 Leavers Party
20/07/18	End of Academic Year, 1.15pm
04/11/18	Thameside Fireworks Fiesta

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on 0118 9842384 or email:

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Karen Fakes (Headteacher),

Learn to Love, Love to Learn