

World Book Day And The Big Read

Happy World Book Day! We have celebrated in a number of ways.

Thank you to all who attend The Big Read today. Classrooms were packed and it was a wonderful way to promote a love of reading. Our assembly was filled with fabulous poetry performances from each class.

We have enjoyed looking at the photos of children reading in unusual places. The children created some wonderful poetry of their own using these pictures for ideas. There is still time to send in your photo if you haven't already done so. Keep an eye on our website for more photos from our day coming soon!



We need your help!

After the success of our last community day in the autumn and following feedback, we are very excited to invite you to phase three! We need volunteers to help Mrs Pert plant some trees and prepare some additional features to our outdoor learning area. Please come to school from **1:30pm to 3:30pm on Friday 15th March**. We look forward to working with you to create an exciting and purposeful environment for our children in school.



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

Everything in the world was black and white.
Good idea or bad idea?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Online Safety Workshop
15th March at 9:00 am

Community Day #3
15th March from 1:30pm

Stay & Play
21st March

Victorian Dress-Up Day
22nd March

PTA Easter Egg Hunt
28th March

The Great Fire of London

This week we had a wonderful visit from Rainbow Theatre London, who performed an immersive re-enactment of the Great Fire of London.

The Year 1 children were transported back to 1665 and 1666 where they met Samuel Pepys and King Charles II among many others. Every child had a part in exploring what life would have been like during those times.



Wind Instrument Quintet

On Wednesday, the KS1 children enjoyed a visit from Redbridge Music Service's wind ensemble. They listened with concentration as the musicians performed pieces of music by composers such as Bach and Mozart. They learned about instruments like the flute and clarinet and how sound is produced in each of them. We found out that the recorder, which children in Year 2 are learning to play, is also part of the woodwind family. Hopefully this visit has inspired some future flautists or clarinetists!



Nursery Music Workshop

The Nursery children enjoyed taking part in a Boogie Mites music workshop this week. They enjoyed moving to music and playing instruments - and we are planning to make our own junk instruments next week.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the whole term is as follows:

- 1st** Panda and Octopus 99%
- 2nd** Penguin, Jaguar and Koala 98%
- 3rd** Turtle 96%

Well done everyone!



Online Safety Workshop

We have sent a detailed letter about e-safety. Please do take a look if you haven't yet had an opportunity to do so. As part of this, we have provided information about an upcoming parent workshop. On **Friday 15th March, at 9:00am**, we will be hosting an online safety workshop in the school hall. This event is open for all parents and carers to attend. It is designed to cover a range of topics, such as age-ratings, parental controls and helping your child to develop healthy online habits in a rapidly advancing technological age. Afterwards, at 9:30am, we will run a drop-in session until 10.30am. The aim of this is for you to come by and request support with devices, or to speak with us individually about any queries or concerns.

Nursery Stay & Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Thursday 21st March**.

Morning session 8:45 – 10:00 am

Afternoon session 1:00 – 2:00 pm

(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)

Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



Victorian Dress-Up Day

We are celebrating our 150th year and we are working together alongside our PTA to organise a number of exciting events over the year.

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a special dress-up day on **Friday 22nd March** as part of our celebrations. This event will include the nursery, infants and junior school children and we are asking that the children come to school dressed as pupils would from the Victorian era.

Please do not feel pressured to buy expensive costumes. It is time to be creative and use what you can find at home. As part of the day, we ask that pupils bring a penny to school as they would have back in 1874. We are both looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to learn about life at Churchfields in the past and celebrate our history.

Please see the letter sent on Thursday 1st February for more information.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Last week, we provided some information on age limits for social media platforms.

The link below provides some further details about these sites / platforms, along with safety tools and advice:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides



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