

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for the huge effort made for the imaginative costumes worn for World Book Day on the 7th March 2024. Miss Dhillon arranged a fantastic day celebrating books for all the children. I hope it has encouraged our children to enjoy reading and sharing books.

As you will have seen in Wednesday's communication, I have decided to retire at the end of this academic year. It was not an easy decision to make, but I would like to reassure you that Greenshaw Learning Trust has already developed a plan to appoint my successor and I will work tirelessly to ensure a smooth handover.

I would like to thank you for the kind words and messages I have received since the announcement.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

Fri 8th Mar - Girls Football vs Muschamp	Fri 22nd Mar - Mufti Day
Wed 13th Mar - Class Photographs	Mon 25th Mar - Parents Evening
Fri 15th Mar - Girls Football vs Holy Trinity	Wed 27th Mar - Oral Health Promotion
Mon 18th Mar - National Dental Survey Rec & Yr1	Thurs 28th Mar - Hat Parade and Easter Tombola
Thurs 21st Mar - Rocksteady Assembly	Thurs 28th Mar - Break up for Easter 2pm Finish

New Communication and Messaging System

In the next coming weeks, we will be moving over to a new communication and messaging service. We will be encouraging families to download and install the **My Child at School** app to your smart phone and you will shortly receive instructions on how to log into your new account.



Headteacher Awards

- Aliyah Y4 - for making fantastic progress in writing and maths
- Kayanny Y5 - for writing a fabulous diary entry from the Secret Garden
- Aaparna Y4 - for great partner work in class
- Leo Y6 - homework about the Arctic circle
- Jensen YR- great work adding to 10p
- Nathaniel YR - great work adding to 10p
- Aaliyah Y5 - for amazing homework but the solar system
- Lucas Y3 - for a fantastic model of the earth
- Gwyneth Y5 - for making a model of the solar system
- Tilly Boe Y6 - for ordering fractions, decimals and percentages
- Minosan Y3 - for great work about the different layers of the earth
- Ryleigh Y3 - for writing a great story called "Davie's lost sock"
- Stacie Y Y5 - for a fantastic diary entry
- Averie Y1 - for writing great sentences about fish
- Frankie Leigh Y3 - for great collaborative work about people and places
- Phoebe Y3 - for great collaborative work about people and places
- Lexi Y6 - for writing a story called "Missing in the Arctic"
- Grace Y3 - for great writing about an earthquake
- Sofia Y3 - for interactive models of layers of the earth
- Jimmy Y4 - for a lovely picture of a dog
- Teodora Y4 - for fantastic writing about the water cycle
- Malone Y4 - for fantastic writing about the water cycle



UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5 the children have been writing two contrasting diary entries based on The Secret Garden. They really got themselves into character well! In our Sow, Grow and Farm topic, we have been looking at international climate zones. Do you know that we live in a 'temperate' climate? In Science we have been learning about planets and our relationships with the sun and the moon. In maths our focus has been on decimals and percentages and the relationships between them and fractions. Hummingbird Class are excited to be reading their new class book called 'Vi Spy - Licence to Chill'. Apparently, the koala is the only animal apart from humans, gorillas and chimps to have fingerprints!

In Year 6, the children have been completing lots of activities in preparation for their SATs. This week has seen the children complete a mock SATs week to give them a chance to experience what it will be like during SATs week. The children have worked really hard and have given their best efforts. In the afternoons, children have enjoyed creating their own versions of Inuit art and learning about adaptation in science. Last week you will have received a letter about the end of year production Year 6 will be doing in July. If for any reason your child is unable to attend the evening performance, please ensure the letter is returned by Monday 25th March so we can assign parts accordingly.

If anyone has any rolls of wallpaper at home they no longer need (part rolls are fine) these would be greatly received by Year 6 in preparation for covering displays for SATs.

Mrs McLean

LKS2 News

Year 3 this week have been learning about fractions in maths. We now know the words 'numerator' and 'denominator' to refer to the numbers in the fraction. We also know that when the numerator is one, this is called a unit fraction. The children have been working very hard to use the correct vocabulary when identifying, ordering and comparing fractions. We are also getting ready to imagine we are working as scientists, geologists and volcanologists as we are beginning to plan our writing to the city council in Ecuador to explain why knowing where the plate boundaries are is so important in order to keep the city safe. We are continuing to enjoy reading the story 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' in reading lessons too.

Year 4 this week have been learning about time in maths and practising reading clock times to the nearest minute. In English we have finished writing our explanation texts about the water cycle - and done a stunning job of including lots of year 4 writing skills along with some scientifically accurate information about how water moves around the world. We are now getting ready to write our own mountain adventure stories, with some inspiration from our book 'The King of the Cloud Forests'. Koalas will have their DT day on Friday and Kangaroos on Monday. This time we are researching William Morris (who worked along the River Wandle) and designing our own William Morris inspired fabrics.

Mrs Iroala

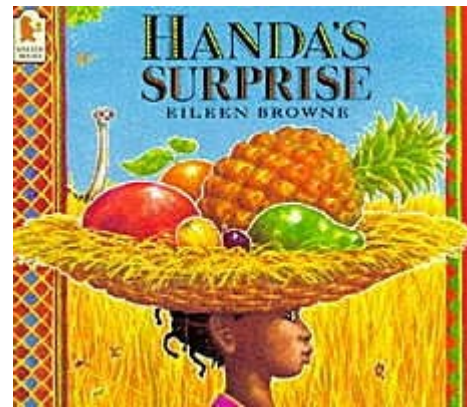
Foundation Stage

In Reception the children have been reading the story book called 'Hana's Surprise' written by Eileen Browne. They have enjoyed acting out the story in the playground with their peers and thinking about how the different animals might move.

In Maths this week, the children are learning about number bonds to 10 as well as odd and even numbers. Using their satsumas from their snack, we have been using the segments to help us develop our understanding of this. Keep practising your number bonds and odd and even numbers at home!

We have been talking about being healthy and one way to be healthy is that we need to eat lots of fruit and vegetables every day. We have been looking at lots of different types fruit and trying to see how many we could name. At the art table, we have been painting observational pictures of the different fruits which Hana and her friend Akeyo had left for us.

In Literacy this week, the children have been describing the textures of the fruits. The children have enjoyed writing sentences about the fruit that they can see using their Phonics to help them. At home, can your child write a simple sentence to bring into school about something they did to be healthy at the weekend? Have a good weekend!



Miss Digman

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 1 have been learning about animals and their classification. They have been using their new knowledge to classify animals as mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. They are now compiling this information to write their own information texts. During maths they have been learning to tell o'clock and half past times. They are now learning to count in twos by grouping objects.

Year 2 have continued with their learning about non-chronological reports, this week they have been looking at the coastal town of Woodby and are making comparisons. During maths they have been learning about fractions, identifying halves and quarters, they are now beginning to identify thirds.

Both year groups thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day, especially dressing up and going to other classes to listen to stories read by different teachers.

Miss Thirtle

Hat Parade

We will be holding this year's Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March 2024. We are encouraging all parents and carers to help their child make a hat at home, ready for the parade.

The parade will begin in the main playground with Nursery at 1.30pm and finish with Year 6 approximately 20 minutes later. Children will be finishing school at 2pm, **there will be no late club on that day.**

There will be a mufti day on Friday 22th March 2024 where children can bring in Easter eggs, chocolates and sweets for the Easter Tombola **(please remember we are a nut free school)** and any money raised will go towards buying equipment for the school. **Please note, no football shirts are allowed on mufti day.**

Sports News

The boys' football team recently played their final league match, at home against Barrow Hedges. Barrow Hedges, a three-form entry school and regular winners of the Sutton league, always prove tricky opposition. So it proved again on this occasion, with the visitors leaving with a well-deserved 6-2 victory. The Tweeddale boys kept playing hard until the end though, with Riley scoring twice, the last 2 goals of the match in fact. The league season for the Tweeddale boys ends with a respectable 4th place finish, in their 7-team league, with a record of P6, W3, D1, L2. The mid-table effort certainly represents a great improvement on last year - well done boys!

Mr Dix

School Uniform Reminder - Footwear

Please can we remind parents that acceptable footwear for school shoes must be plain black trainers or plain black ankle boots. Boots that come past the ankle will not be accepted. On PE days, the children need to wear plimsolls or trainers. Football boots with studs will not be accepted.

Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

Additional Inset Day

There will be an additional Inset day after the May half term on Monday 3rd June so the school will be closed to children on that day.

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

School Holiday

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December

School Holiday

Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January

SPRING TERM

School Holiday

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

School Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

SUMMER TERM

School Holiday

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 4th December

Monday 8th January

Monday 3rd June

Wednesday 24th July

Sutton School Streets



A new school street zone is coming to Tweeddale Primary School and Tweeddale Children's Centre

Tweeddale Road will be restricted between Winchcombe Road and Paisley Road.

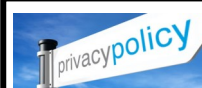


Term time only - starting **4 March 2024**.

Monday - Friday: 8.15am - 9am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm

Roads will remain open to pedestrians, cyclists and those with exemptions.

For more information visit sutton.gov.uk/schoolstreets




Details of our policies and procedures can be found on our website including Data Protection and our Privacy Notice. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the School Office.

CAMHS Education Wellbeing Service

At our next parent's evening, professionals from Sutton CAMHS Education Wellbeing Service will be present to speak to anyone who is interested to know more about the interventions and support they can offer to parents/carers of primary school aged children.

Their service offers two guided self-help interventions to skill up parents/carers to support their child with

- 1) managing fears and worries and/or
- 2) manage behavioural struggles.



EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 3-11?

IS IT DIFFICULT TO GET YOUR CHILD TO FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE REGULAR TANTRUMS?

DOES YOUR CHILD FEEL ANXIOUS IN NEW / SOCIAL SITUATIONS?

IS THE BEDTIME ROUTINE A DAILY STRUGGLE?

DO YOU FEEL STUCK IN A NEGATIVE CYCLE WITH YOUR CHILD?

DO YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES OR FEARS IMPACT ON YOUR FAMILY'S DAILY LIFE?

DO YOU STRUGGLE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS?

AN NHS WELLBEING PRACTITIONER MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!

**I'M LEVINE
I'M BASED AT TWEEDDALE ON THURSDAY
FEEL FREE TO SAY HI AND ASK ME ABOUT THE WORK WE DO.**

WE OFFER:
1:1 GUIDED SELF HELP TO PARENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILD'S ANXIETY OR BEHAVIOUR
6-8 WEEKLY SESSIONS TO HELP YOU REFLECT ON HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF YOUR CHILD AND LEARN TO PUT EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES IN PLACE SO THAT FAMILY LIFE CAN FEEL CALMER AND HAPPIER.

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OR ASK MS QUAILE FOR OUR APPLICATION FORM.

