

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you all for the huge effort made for the imaginative costumes worn for World Book Day on the 2nd March 2023. 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.

Unfortunately there have been a number of incidents reported in Tweeddale park after school. They have involved some Tweeddale pupils and some from other schools. If your child plays in the park, please speak to them about keeping safe. If you witness an incident please call the police on 999 or 0208 649 3591. If children misbehave while wearing school uniform, they could be sanctioned according to the Behaviour Policy for bringing the schools name into disrepute.

Mrs Jerrom

## Red Nose Day - Crazy Hair Day!

On Friday 17th March we will be celebrating Red Nose Day with a Crazy Hair Day! Children can come to school with a crazy hair style of their choice!

## Wet Weather

Can we please remind parents that children are brought to school with appropriate footwear for wet weather. We have had a lot of children come to school with wet shoes and socks over the last couple of days.

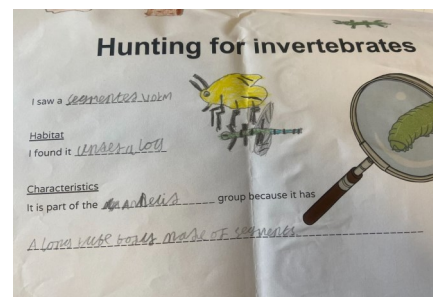
## Lost Property

The lost property box is filling up again. Please make sure that all items of clothing, shoes, lunch boxes and water bottles are named so that they can be easily retrieved if they do get misplaced.

## LKS2 News

Year 4 have been enjoying their 'Playlist' topic. They have been listening to soundtracks from ET, Jaws, Star Wars and Harry Potter to learn about suspense music. This has also inspired them to write some exciting suspense stories. They are learning to use a range of sentence lengths to build suspense.

In Science, year 4 has also been to visit the school pond to hunt for invertebrates. The most exciting find was a frog (although not an invertebrate!), but lots of snails, worms and beetles were found in their microhabitats.



Mrs Iraola

## Headteacher Awards

Well done to the children who worked so hard to achieve their awards.

- Ginny Y6 - For a fabulous portrait of Queen Victoria
- Frankie Y6 - For great effort in English
- Lexi Y5 - For great homework about Ancient Egypt
- Amelia S Y5 - For great homework about Ancient Egypt
- Marley Y2 - For getting 20/20 in a reading test
- Louie Y4 - For writing a sound poem
- Robyn Y3- For making a fabulous model of a volcano
- Jaxon Y3 - For making a wonderful collage of a volcano
- Oliver Y3 - For working hard in maths on inverse calculations
- Connor Y2 - For joining in enthusiastically with PE



### Foundation Stage

In Nursery this week, the children have been reading the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children have been making lovely pictures using pasta and have been helping Jack count out the correct amount of beans for his pots.

This week in Reception, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a daffodil. During carpet time they looked at the diagram and the process of how a daffodil grows and what a flower needs to grow. As a class, they discussed the different seasons and that soon it will be Spring. They talked about how the weather in Spring is different to Winter and discussing plants/trees i.e. blossoming, budding.

Reception have been reading the story 'The Secret Path' by Nick Butterworth. This supported their learning by writing invitations to Percy the Park keeper. They have also been independently drawing and creating their own daffodil pictures and using their newly learnt language i.e. stem, roots, flower, to write about their daffodil.

On the D.T table the children have been exploring their cutting skills by cutting out different parts of a daffodil and then fitting them together to create their own flower.



Miss Digman

### KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year 2 had a lovely time visiting The Tower of London last Friday. This week's Key Stage 1 news has been written by Sofia in Year 2.

We went on a bus then we went on a tube. Then we crossed Tower Bridge and finally ended up at the Tower of London. Next we saw a Beefeater. The Beefeaters wear blue, red and grey clothes. We went inside a building to see The Crown Jewels. They were very pretty. We went in the White Tower. There were 204 steps! The guns were very long. There were lots of guns. Some guns were small and some were big. Christian and Emmanuel took a picture with King Edward the VI armoury. King Edward the VI became king when he was 9! We saw a metal dragon. It looked very scary. The dragon's name was Keeper! Then we saw the black Ravens and then we took a picture of our class.

Miss Thirtle

### UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Year 6 have had a busy couple of weeks with girls and boys football matches, World book day celebrations and intra-house sports events. However, this has not stopped them from working really hard in all their lessons. In science in particular, they have been learning about electricity and have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own electrical circuits. They have also been experimenting to find out what happens to the brightness of a bulb when they add more voltage to the circuit, whilst also learning how to remain safe around electricity. In art Year 6 have created some fantastic portraits of Queen Victoria, look out for some of these on our school Facebook and Twitter accounts as we will be sharing them soon.

Over the past few weeks, the children in Year 5 have been learning about Ancient Egypt and how people lived thousands of years ago. We have been writing a diary from the perspective of the eminent archaeologist Howard Carter and his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings. We have also been looking at hieroglyphics and mummification, including creating amulets to (allegedly) protect the mummy in the afterlife and recreating the experience by 'mummifying' one of the children in the class. To support our learning, we have been reading *The Ancient Egypt Sleepover* by Stephen Davies, the author who visited us last year for World Book Day. We have also been learning about reading and interpreting graphs in mathematics and putting these skills into practice in science lessons where we are studying the human life cycle.

It has been great to see some real effort being put into homework and that the children have been enthused by our new topic.



Mrs Moat & Mr Rudd



### Dates for your Diary

Wed 15th Mar - Class Photographs

Thurs 16th Mar - Parent Target Setting Meetings

Fri 17th Mar - Crazy Hair Day for Red Nose Day

Mon 20th Mar - Parent Target Setting Meetings

Mon 27th Mar - Boys football vs St Mary's

Thurs 30th Mar - Girls football vs Barrow Hedges

Fri 31st Mar - Break up for Easter

Tues 18th Apr - Children return to school

Thurs 20th Apr - Yr6 Height & Weight Check

### Class Photos

On Wednesday 15th March, the children will be having their class photos taken. Please make sure they come to school dressed in correct full uniform and school shoes.

### Sports News

Tweeddale's footballing Lionesses continue to impress, with their latest victory coming against previously unbeaten Hackbridge. After a poor training session in the week, and with Mr Dix's deservedly critical words still ringing in their ears, the girls started in determined fashion, keen to make amends and show the best of themselves. Result: Hackbridge were blown away in a 4-goal first half blitz! Hailey and Johnoya scored 2 goals each, with one of Hailey's goals another spectacular long-range effort, which was in off the underside of the bar before the goalkeeper could even move! Tweeddale also had to show defensive organisation and determination, as Hackbridge had a number of corners when the score was still just 1-0. Team captain Kelsey kept encouraging, while defenders Lola and Tamara showed excellent decision making ability, recognising when to try and control the ball, and when to just hoof it clear! The second half was a closer affair. Hackbridge had plenty of possession and did score a good long range effort of their own, but goalkeeper Abbie didn't actually have too many saves to make. Midfielders Izzy and Amelia played their best games yet, showing improving composure on the ball, while debutant Harriet looked calm and fitted in well. Final score: Hackbridge 1- 4 Tweeddale. Well done girls!

Mr Dix

### World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March the children had a great day celebrating World Book Day. They got to hear other teachers read great stories and also went on a book hunt and a costume parade. We were also lucky to have an amazing author visit from Josh Lacey who signed each child's book.



A special mention to Miss Thirtle and Miss Miller who were the best dressed teachers!



Miss Dhillon