



Tweseldown News

Thursday 1st February 2024

Diary Dates

February 2024

Friday 2nd	PTFA Mufti Day—£1 donation—wear your own clothes
Monday 5th	Cherry & Willow Mufti Day Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 7th	Year R Chinese dance workshop—letters have been sent home 15.45—18.05 Parents Evening
Thursday 8th	17.00—19.30 Parents Evening
Friday 9th	Year R Chinese Themed Cake Sale—after school Last day of term
Half Term—Monday 12th February till Friday 16th February	
INSET DAY MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY—SCHOOL IS CLOSED	
Tuesday 20th	Pancake races — children only for this event
Thursday 22nd	World Thinking day

PTFA Mufti Day — Friday 2nd February

On Friday children are welcome to come into school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a £1.00 donation. This money will be donated to our PTFA.



Mufti Monday

Well done to Willow and Cherry house, you have reached 1000 house points!
Please come to school on Monday in your own clothes.



Odd Sock Day—Monday 5th February

As part of our Mental Health and Wellbeing week children are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks. The more colourful and wackier the better! This is to celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique.

Celebrate Talent—Thursday 8th February

On Thursday children are encouraged to express themselves and show us their talents, skills and celebrate what makes their individuality. For example they might like to bring in a piece of art work, play an instrument, tell a joke, do a magic trick or just be the best at giving hugs. They are welcome to bring in outfits to get changed into for example if your child is the best at keepy uppies in football they may wish to bring in their football kit and football to demonstrate their skill.



Important Information

Mufti Day for Young Minds Charity—Friday 9th February

Rounding off our Mental Health and Wellbeing week will be a mufti day for children with donations going to Young Minds Charity. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to send money in with your children.

Year R Chinese Themed Cake Sale—Friday 9th February

After school on Friday there will be some cakes for sale that the children have made. These will be available for 50p each.



We are pleased to share with you that Mrs Cockram and her husband are expecting a baby girl in the summer. Mrs Cockram will remain in Squirrel class until May half term. Mr Barratt will be teaching of Squirrel class until the end of the academic year..

Spring Fair donations

Collections for the spring fair have begun this week! Your child will receive a token each time they make a donation, which can be spent at the spring fair. Please have a look at the list below and send your items into the office.

2nd February— Soft toy/ teddy

9th February— Easter egg

23rd February- Bottle or wine/alcohol

8th March- Good condition children's games or books

15th March Final donations to stalls—anything from the list above!

22nd March- Homemade or shop bought cake (Nut free!)



Animals for mental health week

We are have a selection of teachers pets in school for our mental health and well being week, if you child has allergies or is nervous around pets, please discuss this with their class teacher.

Worries and concerns

Please remember to speak to your child's class teacher if you have worries or concerns rather than discussing on a group chat.



Coco the Rabbit



If anyone would like to have Coco for a few days over the summer holidays, weekends or any other school break, please email pets@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk and ask to be added to the list. Coco is very well behaved, and loves going on holiday!

Important Information

Storytelling Week

This week the children have been celebrating Storytelling Week. They have enjoyed hearing the stories, 'My Mum is a Lioness' and 'My Dad is a Grizzly Bear' by Swapna Haddow, as well as taking part in a virtual storytelling event with the Author. The children have used these texts to think about their own version, choosing an animal to compare to a member of their family.

On Tuesday the children had 'Open the Book' come to visit, who told a Biblical story using some very interesting props! The children also enjoyed a Storytelling Assembly in which they joined in with a dramatisation of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as well as enjoying a story about a very hungry worm who turned into a rabbit! We talked about how you don't always need books for stories, you can make them up and base them on a story you already know.

On Wednesday some of the Year 2 children went to Bourley Grange Care Home to share stories with the residents. The residents were very impressed with the children's reading!

A big thank you to the grown-ups who came into classes to read a story, we really appreciate you taking the time to do this and the children had a lovely time listening to the stories. Please do have a look on the School Website or our Facebook page to watch some of the staff telling stories.



Tweseldown Choir

If your child comes to choir on a Monday they are learning the words and actions to "Fight Song" to perform during our wellbeing week assemblies.

World Book Day

We have some exciting plans for world book day, all to be revealed shortly. Please don't buy your child an outfit.



Important Information

To all the pupils and staff at
Tweseldown Infant School

Congratulations

and thank you for raising an amazing

£2814.69

by taking part in Christmas Runs
in aid of

Phyllis Tuckwell[®]
Hospice Care
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What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News

This week, Year R have been looking at real life superheroes and jobs where people help others. The children have enjoyed exploring the role of doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, vets and dentists. They have learnt all about the importance of brushing their teeth and even got to practise brushing a giant set of teeth!

For story telling week, we have read the stories 'My Dad is a Grizzly Bear' and 'My Mum is a Lioness' by Swapna Haddow. The children explored the characteristics of different animals and each class wrote a version of the story called 'My Teacher is a...'. The children came up with some great characteristics to describe their teachers!

Next week we will be learning about Chinese New Year celebrations and are looking forward to our Chinese Dance Workshop on Wednesday 7th February.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News



This week in Year One we have enjoyed creating our own stories as part of Storytelling Week. We started the week reading the book 'My Dad is a Grizzly Bear'. The children have enjoyed thinking about the different adjectives they would use to describe different animals and then considered which were the most appropriate. They have then chosen their own family member and created a character to go somewhere exciting with them. Can your child tell you about their character and where they went?



In maths, we have been working hard on learning how the numbers between 11 to 20 can be partitioned into tens and ones e.g $13 = 1 \text{ ten and } 3 \text{ ones}$. We have been creating these teens numbers practically. We have also been looking at odd and even numbers and doubling numbers up to 10. On your journey to school can you look at door numbers and decide if they are odd or even?



We have been looking at the artist Yaya Kusama and have learnt that she created her images using dots. The children have had a go at creating their own images using dots. Next week in school, we will be learning about mental health and everyone's talents. Please could you chat with your child about what makes them unique.



What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News



We have loved Storytelling week in Year 2! On Monday we enjoyed reading the book 'My Mum is a Lioness.' We had lots of fun acting out different animals and we thought about what animals are friends and family are like. We have designed a dream world for our animal and we will be using our ideas to write a story. We have loved looking at each other's amazing imaginative worlds – so many creative boxes and pictures!



In Maths, we have continued to use our knowledge of counting in 2, 5 and 10s to solve division questions and word problems. We have worked hard showing our answers in lots of different ways.



In Art, we are looking at the artist Robert Wyland and we have used watercolours to paint our drawings of under the sea creatures.



Beyond the Gate - Forest School



It is National Storytelling Week and so to begin the sessions Mrs Dear orally told a story about how the robin got it's orangey, red breast (by getting fire from a volcano to warm the other birds up). While she was storytelling, our friendly robin played around us – listening to the story too! Can your child retell the story at home?

Mrs Dear also read some children the story of "Fiery Fox" and some of our parent helpers also read to children during the sessions.



To continue the bird theme, the children had the opportunity to make a bird from clay. They could make it 2d or 3d and then add foraged natural resources to create the feather, beaks, legs, and other features. We loved their creativity!



In Robin class, one child has been very interested in making boats over the last few weeks. Following this interest, Mrs Dear provided this class with a range of resources to allow more advanced boats to be made. The children used bark (testing whether their piece would sink or float), drilled holes and added masts and sails. The child who had instigated this

activity thoroughly enjoyed creating his own version of The Titanic! Great child-led learning.

To support the Year 1's science learning about food chains, they had the chance to create food chains for the animals which might be found Beyond the Gate.

In Mole class, the children have been fascinated by the marble oak galls they have been finding. Therefore, this week, Mrs Dear showed them how we could use them to make ink! It needs a week to transform - we wonder if it will work?



PTFA NEWS

Mufti Day
2nd February 2024
£1.00 donation
Payments can be made via
QR codes on class
windows, bank transfers or
cash.



LIFT YOUR LIBRARY!

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Thank you all for purchasing some great items from Usbourne Books, we have already raised over £1001 in book credits for the Library. There is still an opportunity to purchase online till midnight tonight.

There will be more initiatives to get us to our target coming soon. The PTFA will be adding the MUFTI day donations to the pot this week.

£3,501

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SPRING FAIR 23RD MARCH

For the fair to be a success we need volunteers, next week we will send out a sign up sheet please consider supporting even for just 1 hour slots every little helps.



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Ticket Sales Now OPEN

Family Ticket £2.50

Adult £1.00

Child £0.50p

