



Tweseldown News

Thursday 8th February 2024

Diary Dates

February 2024

Thursday 8th	17.00—19.30 Parents Evening
Friday 9th	Mufti Day for Young Minds
	Year R Chinese Themed Cake Sale—after school
	Last day of term

Half Term—Monday 12th February until 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
Tuesday 27th	Finkley Down Farm—Hedgehog and Squirrel
Wednesday 28th	Finkley Down Farm— Rabbit, Mouse and Dragonfly
	Kensington Palace— Owl and Woodpecker
	Robin Assembly

March 2024

Saturday 23rd	11.00—14.00 PTFA Spring Fair
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Mufti Day Young Minds — Friday 9th 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.

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.



World Thinking Day—Thursday 22nd February

We are celebrating World Thinking Day this year, if you child attends Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs we would love them to wear their uniform to school with pride that day!

Important Information

Beyond the Gate

Please [click here](#) to volunteer to help with Beyond The Gate after half term.

The following classes will be enjoying forest school; Please ensure your child brings suitable clothing and footwear.

Tuesday morning - Badger

Tuesday afternoon- Kingfisher

Thursday morning- Deer

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!)



Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please call 01252 628843 and select option 1 or email absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk.

Advertise with us!

Would you like to promote your company on our newsletter or outside school, please contact the office to discuss your options.

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

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.



Spring Term School Trips for Year R & 2

Please return your consent form and log into Arbor to make payment by **Friday 9th February**.
Packed lunches can be ordered via the Pantry online.

Tuesday 27th Feb	Finkley Down Farm	Hedgehog and Squirrel
Wednesday 28th Feb	Finkley Down Farm	Rabbit, Mouse and Dragonfly
	Kensington Palace	Owl and Woodpecker
Wednesday 6th March	Kensington Palace	Kingfisher and Robin



Thank you
for taking part in our

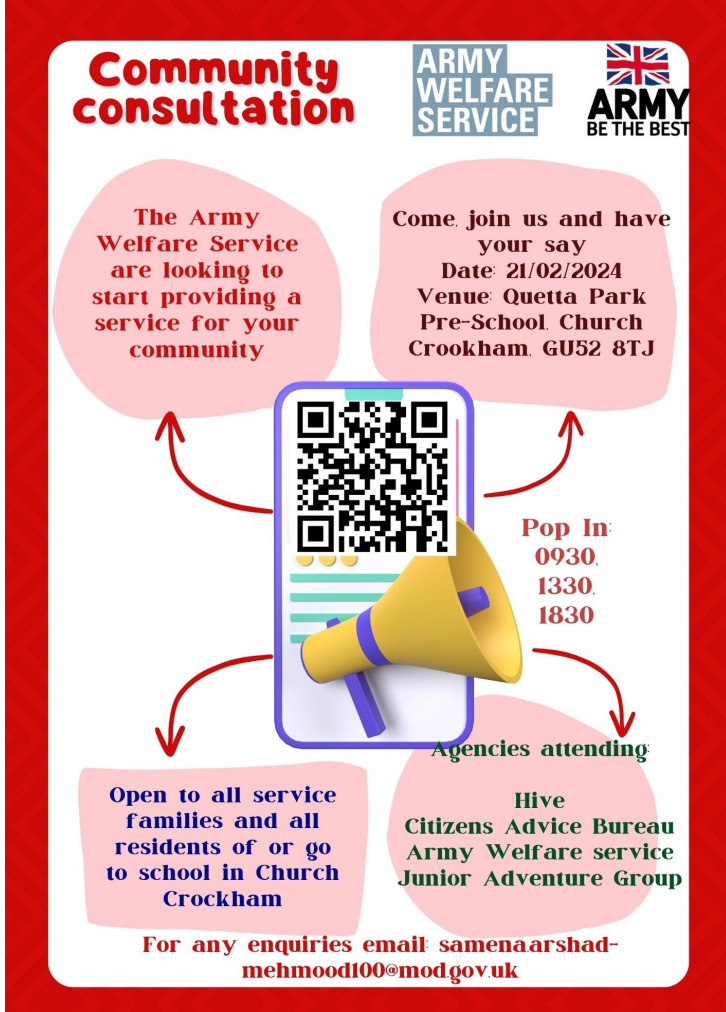
Usborne Book Fair

We have

£1,085

to spend on books
for our School!

In partnership with
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Community consultation

ARMY WELFARE SERVICE

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BE THE BEST

The Army Welfare Service are looking to start providing a service for your community

Come, join us and have your say
Date: 21/02/2024
Venue: Quetta Park
Pre-School, Church
Crookham, GU52 8TJ

Pop In:
0930,
1330,
1830

Agencies attending

Open to all service families and all residents of or go to school in Church Crookham

Hive
Citizens Advice Bureau
Army Welfare service
Junior Adventure Group

For any enquiries email: samenaarshad-mehmood100@mod.gov.uk

Important Information

What have we done this week?

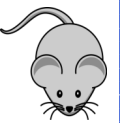
What have we been doing this week?

Year R News

What an action packed week we have had! The children have been learning about Chinese New year, and thoroughly enjoyed the dance workshop. It's been great to learn about different cultures and make comparisons for how people celebrate across the world.

As well as dancing, the children wrote some fabulous recounts of the workshop. They learnt about customs such as cleaning for preparation and have really enjoyed exploring dragon imagery and Chinese symbols.

This week has also been well-being week, where the children have completed a special booklet linked to ways we can look after ourselves.... Keep an eye out for these coming home to see what we have been learning. A particularly favourite activity was making and using telephones from paper cups and string; we had such fun testing them out!



What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News

What a lovely last week of this half term. The children have completed wellbeing activities each day and really enjoyed drawing a great friend, sharing their talents, and thinking about what makes them amazing. We have also enjoyed creating our final pieces of artwork inspired by Claude Monet's Waterlilies painting. The children have used a range of techniques to create these.

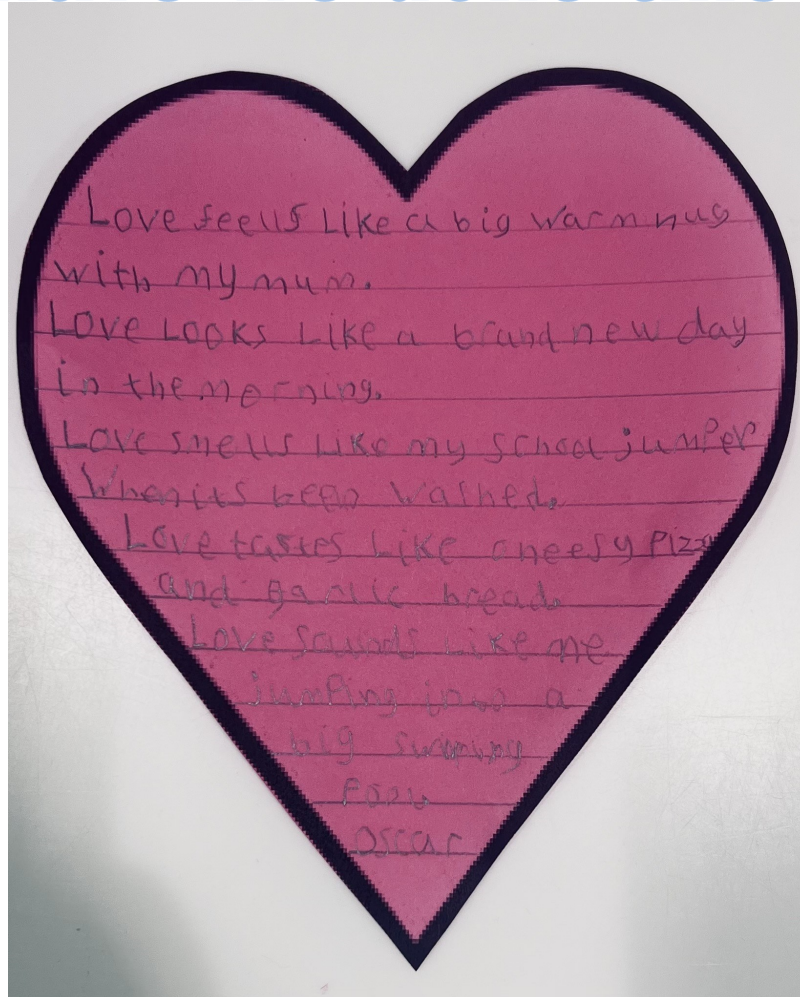
In English, we have continued writing about animals. We have started the week researching facts about different animals. We then looked at different adjectives that could be used to describe these animals. We then discovered that some of these animals had gone missing, oh no! The children used all of their writing knowledge to create missing animal posters.

This week in maths, we have been developing our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have answered questions such as how many wheels on the bicycle, how many pairs of shoes or how many fingers can be spotted. Could you practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s when walking up and down the stairs?

Have a fantastic rest over half term and we look forward to your child joining the Year One Express after the break. All Aboard!



What have we done this week?



What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News

This week is Children's Mental Health week and it is entitled 'My Voice Matters.' The children have been enjoying their week so far and there is lots more to come to support them in understanding how to improve and nurture their mood, their focus and their wellbeing. They have been learning that their voice is so important and matters greatly. They have also played games to encourage good listening skills.

They have been welcomed into school with relaxing music and there have even been pets in school, other than Coco the rabbit! They have also enjoyed completing a page a day of their Wellbeing Booklets that they will bring home on Friday to share with you. They have made positive affirmations, discussed and drawn their favourite things and we all really enjoyed our 'Express Yourself' day on Thursday.

The children have been sharing and writing their own poems, in English lessons. They have written a funny poem about animals and we have laughed a lot at their ideas! They worked in a pair to gather their ideas and each line of the poem begins with a different letter of the alphabet! They have also read some list poems and they have written their own poem about love.



Beyond the Gate - Forest School

In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous (Aristotle)

What better place to help your mental health than being outside in nature. The children are so lucky to have such expansive school grounds and the amazing Beyond the Gate area.

The children of Otter, Mole, Robin and Woodpecker class have enjoyed mindfulness within their Forest School sessions. Each class began by find a "nature sit spot" for mindfulness meditation – paying attention to what was happening in the moment. They found a space in the site, away from others, where they could sit in silence and tune into the



natural world, using their senses of sight, sound and feel. They sat in their spot for a minute and relished the beauty and serenity.

The Earth has music for those who will listen (William Shakespeare).

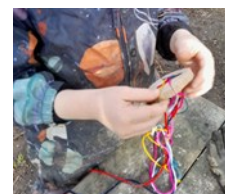
Mrs Dear then provided a few mindfulness activities for the children to take part in if they wished too. These are activities which are simple and repetitive to allow the mind and body to relax.

Many children enjoyed learning to weave on a weaving disc, using wool. This took concentration and helped their fine motor control. Once the children had learnt the technique, they took they could take their disc to sit wherever they wanted in the site.

Other children took a mindfulness colouring sheet and again, sat all around the site, colouring in peace.

The class teachers (and Mrs Tottem) enjoyed their relaxing time as well - a great opportunity for them to switch off from the classroom, and technology for a while.

Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience (Ralph Waldo Emerson).



Donations: After half term we will be busy planting seeds Beyond the Gate. If you have any spare peat free compost, we would be grateful of this.





PTFA NEWS



SPRING FAIR 23RD MARCH

**Volunteers
needed**

For the day to be successful we rely on volunteers if you spare an hour or more we would be most grateful. There are some specifics below on two stalls that need a lot of volunteers



We need a team to do our BBQ making burgers, hot dogs and veg option to sell. We will provide training for food hygiene. We need someone to lead this and volunteers to give their time throughout the day



We have a great Lead for face Painting who has created 4 great simple designs that volunteers can easily follow. It was so popular last year we just need enough volunteers to make it happen.

Face Painting



Volunteers will get a free family ticket. Click below to sign up.

CLICK HERE



Ticket Sales Now OPEN
Family Ticket £2.50
Adult £1.00
Child £0.50p



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- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

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and search for: Tweseldown Infants

