



Tweseldown News

Thursday 29th February 2024

Diary Dates

March 2024



Friday 1st	Year 1 Survey due back
Wednesday 6th	Kensington Palace— Owl & Woodpecker 9.00 Mole Class Assembly
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 8th	PTFA Bunny Bounce 2.30pm Coffee and Conversation with Mrs Tottem
Monday 11th	2.45pm PTFA Second Hand Uniform sale (Postponed from 4/3/24)
Wednesday 13th	9.00 Robin Class Assembly
Friday 15th	Poetry competition at Elvetham Heath Primary School
Saturday 23rd	11.00—14.00 PTFA Spring Fair
Monday 25th	2.30pm Phonics Screening Information talk for year 1 parents



1st March—Year 1 Survey

We hope you have all received your feedback questionnaires, thank you to those who have already returned these. Please return them by 1/3/24.

7th March—World Book Day—The Colour Monster

Please come to school dressed as a monster or a colour from the book. During the school day children will have the opportunity to buy an old book from the library, they can choose up to four books for £1.



8th March—Coffee and Conversation

This coffee and conversation session will be focused on communication. Please join Mrs Tottem and give your feedback on what we do well and ideas where we can improve.



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

Spring Fair Donations

Collections for the spring fair are in full swing! Your child receives 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.

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| 8th March- | Good condition children's games or books |
| 15th March | Final donations to stalls
(Easter egg, bottles, toys, teddies) |
| 22nd March- | Homemade or shop bought cake (Nut free!) |



Easter trail

For fun in the holidays we are setting up an Easter letter trail around the area close to school, if you would like to have a poster in your window email your name and address to adminoffice@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk

We will hand out sheets before the holidays and all colouring entries returned will receive one house point!



Help with cooking



We would like to give all the children the opportunity to cook more during the school year. If you would be able to give a regular or ad hoc slot to take a small group, please email cooking@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk. We need all volunteers to have a DBS check and basic food hygiene certificate, please contact the office to apply for one.

Multi Sports at Elvetham Heath

Ten children were selected to showcase a variety of sports in a friendly competition on Wednesday, thank you to the children who took part and their parents for helping with transport.



Important Information



World Book Day

7th March 2024

The Colour Monster

Please come to school in a colour, all the colours or as a monster to celebrate everyone being an individual on World Book Day. We will have lots of fun activities on the day and each child will receive a book token.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year R News



We have had a fantastic week in Year R! We continued our learning about springtime by visiting Finkley Down Farm. We were able to see lots of different animals such as sheep, goats, horses and reptiles. We loved brushing the pony and feeding lots of different animals. The soft play was very popular too! Thank you to all of the grown-ups that helped out on the trip.



We used our farm trip to write recounts of the trip using words such as first, next, then to sequence our ideas. We also created our own maps of the farm and used our phonic sounds to label these. We used positional language to decide where we wanted to find each animal e.g the horse is next to the pig. Can you draw a map of your walk to school?



In maths we have used the song 'one, two, three, four, five, once I caught a fish alive' to find different ways of making those numbers. For example, we discussed that you can make 7 with a 5 and a 2. We have also looked at putting the correct amount of animals into the barns and adding these together.



We can't wait for another great week of learning next week.



What have we done this week?

What have we been doing this week?

Year 1 News



This week in Year 1, we have boarded the train and started our journey along the tracks. In English, we have been reading the story 'The Runaway Train'. The children have been learning how to adapt root words by adding the suffix '-ing' and the prefix 'un-'. They have created words such as undo, unzip, unhappy and speeding, zooming and jumping. The children have then used these to write a diary entry in role as Duffy the Train Driver.



In maths, we have been learning all about coins. The children have been recognising 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p and finding the total amount of money in different purses. The children had great fun in our classroom shop where they role played buying amounts using the different coins. It was great to see the children working out how to use different coins to create a total.



The children have been developing their paint skills on the laptops and have been developing their skills to change the brush size, style and colour. Additionally, they have been adding in shapes and text. As part of our All Aboard learning, we have been learning about George Stephenson, who he is and what he was known for. Can your child tell you some facts about him? They were very excited to learn about how long ago in the past he was born using our timeline.



What have we been doing this week?

Year 2 News



In English this week we have had fun creating wanted posters for one of the Queens we have been studying. We have enjoyed using our imagination and were able to use some really interesting vocabulary to engage the reader.

In Maths we have been continuing with our work on fractions, we have been learning to recognise and find a third of shapes and quantities.



In History we were able to sort pictures of inventions and events that happened during each Queen's reign and had a good discussion about each one. We loved looking at the clothes worn and finding out how the first TV looked and worked!



We are really looking forward to our first Fix It Friday session this week and can't wait to get stuck into a project.



Beyond the Gate - Forest School

The weather for our Beyond the Gate sessions seems to be totally different on Tuesdays and Thursdays this half term! The Tuesday classes are getting the dry weather, and the Thursday classes the rain (British weather in all its glory!).

If they wish to, the children have been getting involved with making products to sell at the PTFA Spring Fayre (Sat 23rd March). This week, some children have been busy painting tin cans to make into bug habitats. Other children continued to paint the outside of bird boxes. It has been lovely to see their creativity.



Recently, the Men's Shed made us some multipurpose stands and Mrs Dear managed to get hold of some guttering. This equipment has been a hit, with groups of children working together to create different water structures and enjoying pouring water. Without realising they are applying their science and maths learning and the discussions they have been having while playing with these resources has been so rich.

One child in Kingfisher class commented that the Minibeast Skyscraper, which we built in the summer, did not have a sign. So, Mrs Dear provided him with a piece of wood and, with a friend, he made a brilliant sign for it. What a great child-led opportunity.



The children have been learning (or for year 2 revisiting learning) about Lords'n'Ladies - or cuckoo pint - which are beginning to grow in abundance. They are a toxic plant and so the children have been learning how to identify them (by looking for the vein which goes around the edge of the leaf). By helping them identify these plants, they can apply their own risk assessments when exploring and know not to touch them. We want to keep them growing as Blackbirds and Thrushes love eating the berries in the Autumn!



Donations: Mrs Dear would like to get the children involved in planting seeds Beyond the Gate. We have lots of seeds but no compost! If you have any spare peat free compost (or able to donate a bag), we would be grateful of this.





PTFA NEWS

SPRING FAIR 23RD MARCH



**Volunteers
needed**

We still need more volunteers if you can just spare 1 hour please sign up

Volunteers will get a free family ticket. Use link below
volunteersignup.org/9YFE4

Bridges Sponsorship boards, we are looking for 30 households to volunteer to have a sponsorship board outside their house for two weeks before the spring fair till the Monday after. This will raise more funds for the school.

email:

PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk



**MORE EASTER EGGS NEEDED -
PLEASE SEND IN ANY DONATIONS**

BUNNY BOUNCE 8TH MARCH



The children will take part in a bunny bounce around the school with bunny ears and a treat, Sponsorship forms coming this week, please tick gift aid if you are a tax payer

