



# Tweseldown News

Thursday 18th April 2024

## Diary Dates

### April 2024

Friday 19th	PTFA Mufti Day—£1 Donation
Monday 22nd	7.30 PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 23rd	PTFA Special Person Day Sale
Wednesday 24th	Squirrel Meet the Teacher coffee morning
Friday 26th	13.00 Year R Fairy tale Workshop

### May 2024

Wednesday 1st	9.00am Deer Class Assembly Owl and Woodpecker Winchester trip
Thursday 2nd	Robin and Kingfisher Winchester trip
Monday 6th	<b>Bank Holiday</b>



## Mufti Monday!

Well done Willow and Cherry house for reaching 1000 house points, please wear your own clothes on 22/4/24



## Squirrel Class coffee morning

On 24th April after drop off please come and meet Mr Barrett who will be teaching in Squirrel class when Mrs Cockram takes her maternity leave.



## Daily attendance

Please let us know if your child is unwell or if you are running late. Contact the office on 01252 628843 and press number 1 to leave a message or send us an email at [absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:absence@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

## Coco the Rabbit and Bert and Barry the Guinea Pigs

Coco is booked up for the rest of the school year! Please email if you would like to look after our guinea pigs [pets@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:pets@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk).



All our pets are very well behaved and love going on holiday. If you would look after our school pets in the summer holidays or for a weekend, please get in touch and add your name to the list.

# Important Information

## Equality and Diversity questionnaire

Thank you so much for taking the time to give us feedback. We were pleased to hear that 88% of parents agree that we are an inclusive school.

From the comments received we are looking at the whole year calendar, for the next academic year, to plan trips and events and consider when payment is required. As a staff we have reevaluated our behaviour policy and are looking at rewarding more intrinsically.



## Can you help?

We are looking to invest in some outdoor audio equipment, if you can offer any help or advice it would be very welcome, please contact the office.

## For sale!

After school on Tuesday 23rd April Mrs Dear is selling tin can Bug habitats. All funds raised will go back to Beyond the Gate.

Items are £1 or £2.



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# What have we done this week?

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## Year R News

Welcome back from the Easter Break! We hope you had a fantastic Easter filled with joy, laughter, and maybe even some chocolatey treats!

This term our topic is "Once Upon a Time" and this week we have started with the classic tale of "The Three Little Pigs." From huffing and puffing to building sturdy houses, Reception have been immersed in the magic of storytelling!

During our Explore and Learn sessions, we have been on a mission to construct the sturdiest houses. We have explored and experimented with various materials. But beware of the big bad wolf! We have also made our own playdough, following a simple recipe and created the characters from the story, we talked about the features of our characters and complimented each other's playdough creations!

Reception have also been busy re-enacting the tale of the Three Little Pigs, stepping into the shoes of each character to explore the story and using actions for, 'first', 'next' and 'finally'.

In Maths lessons this week, our focus has been on counting larger amounts. Through careful counting and great discussions, we've been exploring various strategies to conquer even the biggest of numbers!

We can't wait to continue our journey through fairy tales and learning adventures this term and have lots of magical moments planned!



## What have we been doing this week?

## Year 1 News

This half term our topic is 'Bright Ideas'. To hook us in, we started by being Scientists, Explorers, Artists and Engineers. Each class tried the dancing raisins experiment with Mrs Hilton, built bridges using uncooked spaghetti and sticky marshmallows with Mr Goulding-Stewart, explored how to grow a rainbow with Mrs Currie, and did blow art with Miss Barker.

In History this week we have been learning about The Great Exhibition, an international exhibition which took place in London in 1851. We talked about how The Great Exhibition was a grand event in the Victorian Age, when Queen Victoria reigned over England. The children were very excited to learn that Queen Victoria became Queen when she was just 18 years old and she was also very short!

In Maths this week we have been measuring length and height. We began by comparing our own height with each other and working out who the tallest pupil in the class was.

In English this week we have enjoyed the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels', by Quentin Blake. In the story Mrs Armitage adds parts to her bike to make it better. We retold the story in a number of different ways.



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## Year 2 News

What a fantastic start to the Summer Term! The children all came back enthusiastic, well-rested and taller!!

In English this week we have written a recount about things we did during our Easter holiday, we have clearly had lots of fun and also been able to relax! We have read 'The Koala who could' and made predictions about how the story might end. We have also sequenced the story and acted out parts of it, which we really enjoyed.

In Maths we have been learning how to measure accurately using a ruler and making sure that we start measuring from '0'. We had fun measuring objects around the classroom and comparing these lengths using  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$ .

We have begun our topic on Australia and have enjoyed learning a song about the features of Australia during our Music lesson. We have been able to compare the population size and this prompted a lot of discussion about what we know already.



# Beyond the Gate - Forest School

It has been lovely to see the Year One children back Beyond the Gate in the spring sun.

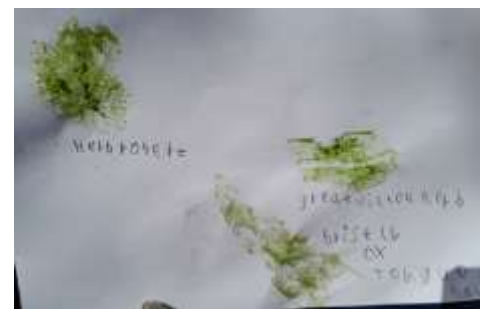
Mrs Dear challenged the children with a flora scavenger hunt. First of all, they were given a map of the site and used map reading skills to locate features such as the bell tent, shed, swamp, mud kitchen and bug skyscraper.



Each map had a star on it - in a different location – and the children had to follow the map to find the correct place. They then had to identify the plant which was growing in that location by reading a name label. They had to tell Mrs Dear the correct plant name for that point and then were given a different map. They loved this challenge and hopefully can tell you the name of some plants found around our site!

After this, the children were free to play and explore as they wished. Some children chose to continue their plant identification by leaf bashing and labelling, or collecting a leaf, cutting it in half and drawing the other half.

Amongst many different forms of free play, Mrs Dear observed one group of children making a seesaw and heard their independent risk assessment discussions: “be careful – I don’t think it is safe yet!”; “We need a team to help make it safer!”; “we need 4 people to lift that,”; “let’s be builders and build a park!”



**Volunteers:** To really appreciate and get a full flavour of how enriching Forest School is for the children, why not come along and volunteer for a session. Follow this QR code for the link to the sign up form (you can help with any class!)



# PTFA NEWS



## Special PERSON SHOP 23RD APRIL

The PTFA will be running a shop with gifts that children can purchase for a person of their choice, mum, dad, grandma, grandad, sister etc as a way of saying they are special to them.

The shop will stock items ranging from 50p to £2. Please send up to £6 cash, in an envelope with their name on and who they are buying for.

They can purchase up to 3 items.

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