



## Newsletter 12 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### ‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

Our pioneers have embraced a whole variety of new experiences over the last few weeks; from puppet shows to maggots, there really was something for everyone!

Please see our Facebook page for more information on all our events.

### World Book Day 2024

We are thrilled to report that this year’s World Book Day was a resounding success! Children and teachers alike fully embraced the spirit of the day, dressing up as characters, snuggling up with stories in their pyjamas and participating in a variety of book-related activities throughout the day. From West-End theatre workshops to pre-loved book sales, the enthusiasm for reading was palpable across the school. We were amazed by the fabulous entries to our ‘Story-In-A-Jar’ competition; there clearly are some great imaginations and skilled artists among our pupils.



Thank you to all who helped make World Book Day 2024, a memorable and enriching experience for our school community.

### Choir

We are thrilled that our choir has become so popular, and it is an absolute delight to see so many happy smiley faces filling our hall with song every Friday morning. Thanks to THE amazing Mrs Kuckelhaus, who kindly volunteers her time to direct the choir – their performances go from strength through her highly interactive and engaging sessions.

There are however, some pupils who do not wish to participate in the singing, so please can we ask you to talk to your child and do not bring them along, if they don’t want to join in as we do not have staff available to supervise them. Alternatively, our Breakfast Club runs on Friday mornings and there are currently places available.

## Science Week

The theme of National Science week this year was 'Time' and our children have been involved in hands-on experiments, interactive demonstrations and educational workshops that have sparked their curiosity and fostered a love for the sciences.

We were thrilled to see our young scientists eagerly exploring, asking questions, and making exciting discoveries. From learning about decay to extracting their own DNA, there was no shortage of enthusiasm for all things Science and without fail, our 6C's were demonstrated throughout.



A highlight of the week was our STEM day, where all our pioneers experienced a range of workshops led by our highly skilled volunteers. Our lucky pupils worked with a paramedic, electrician, scientist, and games designer and gained completely new knowledge and skills in a fun and practical way.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for giving up their time to make our Science Week such a huge success.

## A sticky situation!

Since the dawn of time (or at least since its invention) Blu-Tac has been a source of endless fascination for children of all ages. However, the Blu-Tac situation is becoming an epidemic at The Pines – not only are displays mysteriously falling down (after all the carefully applied adhesive suddenly disappearing), but children are also bringing in balls of Blu-Tac from home to trade/mould/share.

Please could you support us to break the supply chain by not allowing children to bring any into school, and if they bring any home, feel free to dispose of it. Our carpets and displays will thank you for it!

## Attendance

As you will be aware the government is having a greater focus on school attendance and will be issuing their latest guidance in the Summer Term. However, some changes have already been announced.

To continue to support and improve our systems we have launched an online form to enable you to report absences quickly and at any time. Please find the link [here](#). You can also find this link on our website (on the home page, and under Lates/Absences on the Parents tab) and on Facebook. Please continue to report all absences **before 9.15am**.

## Packed Lunch

We have noticed an increase in pupils emptying their packed lunches into our school dinner food waste bins. We kindly ask that all children take their uneaten packed lunch home with them to allow parents to be able to see what has been consumed and ensure that our food waste recycling is not contaminated by plastic waste. Thank you for your support with this.

## Headteacher's Awards

Back soon.....

## Dates:

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Trip to Mildenhall Museum
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags4Schools due
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y1 Phonics Information Event
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Fairy-Tale Houses Workshop Last Day of Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term