



NEWSLETTER

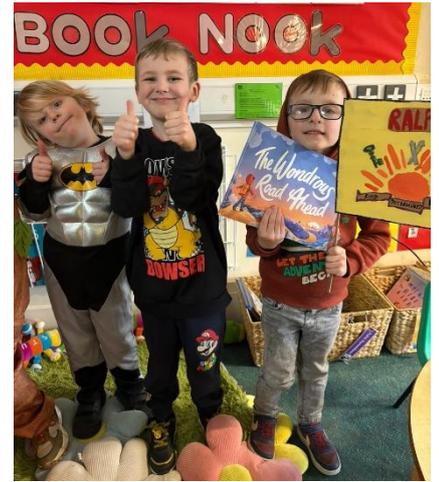
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Dear Parent/Carers,

World Book Day:

Last week, our school proudly celebrated World Book Day, a wonderful opportunity for pupils and staff to come together and share their love of reading. In this National Reading Year, we've continued building a culture where stories are valued, voices are heard, and every child can discover the joy of books. This year, many children and staff enjoyed exploring stories from different cultures, celebrating the rich diversity of books from around the world.

Thank you also for supporting our KS1 Mothers' Day 'Share a Story' event today. Moments like these remind us how powerful it is when school and home work together to nurture a lifelong love of reading. It's been inspiring to see our pupils so enthusiastic and we look forward to keeping this momentum going throughout the year.



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Mercury's class book was an Australian Aboriginal book called 'Tiddalik'.

Calipso staff and Miss Sime shared the story *Handas Surprise* - linked to Kenyan Culture.



Chinese New Year follow up:

Linked to their class book 'The Magic Paintbrush', Oberon continued learning about Chinese traditions and culture. They created their own bookmarks using Chinese symbols. Designs were chosen then linked to either their birth year, this year or a favourite animal. Children had to follow instructions from a partner to create a Chinese lantern, testing their listening skills and problem solving!



Look Who's Talking Oracy Competition:

Every year we take part in the Gloucestershire *Look Who's Talking* competition. In the second round, three of our finalists Dante, Theo H and Lily competed against other pupils from across the Forest of Dean for a place in the Grand Final at the Guildhall in Gloucester.

We are delighted to share that Dante won his age category - a fantastic achievement, especially given the exceptionally high standard of speaking across all schools involved. Across our Federation, we also had a winner in the lower juniors from Parkend. This means that for the Grand Final, we have two out of the three Forest of Dean representatives - an incredible result!



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House Points:

Week ending 11th February = Green 191, Blue 169, Yellow 160 and Red 135

Week ending 27th February = Red 309, Yellow 220, Green 206 and Blue 202

Week ending 6th March = Blue 184, Green 176, Yellow 154 and Red 141

Star of the Week:

Week ending 9th February



Finley, Noah, Jaxon, Declan, Alfie, Reuben and Ralph

Week ending 27 February



Amayah, Olivander, Paddy, Edith, Indie, Beatriz and Alfie

Week ending 6th March:



Maisie, Clay, Roe, Jovan, Serena, Elodie and Logan

Apollo Scientists:

Apollo Class had a great time in their science lesson exploring different materials and their properties. The children investigated which materials were waterproof by carrying out an experiment where they sprayed water onto a variety of materials to see which ones would keep them dry. They showed fantastic curiosity and enthusiasm throughout, making thoughtful observations just like real scientists.



PSHE - Making Healthy Snacks:

Linked to their PSHE learning, Phoenix created a range of healthy snacks and explained why these foods are good for their bodies and give them energy. They worked brilliantly to make awesome avocado, fruity scones, fruit kebabs and veggie dips. Using a range of D&T skills - including spreading, cutting, mashing and peeling - they prepared their



snacks with great care.

They also

enjoyed tasting some of the creations made by other groups.



International Cochlear Implant Day - 25th February



Charlie was excited to come into class and share all about International Cochlear Implant Day. He spoke confidently about his own journey and how his implants have supported him. The children loved hearing his story, and it was a lovely reminder of how everyone's experiences are unique and valued in our school community. Well done, Charlie!

Sporting News:

Mrs Hutchinson and seven of our children had an amazing time at the Panathlon event at Hartpury College. They returned proudly wearing medals, which absolutely made their day!



Kind regards,

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Executive Headteacher

Forest of Dean Community Schools Federation

Out of School Celebrations:

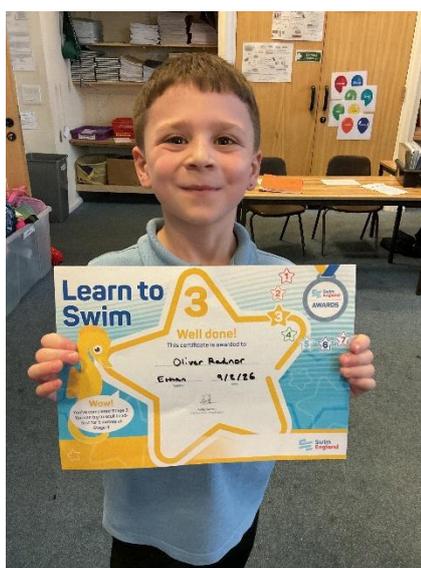
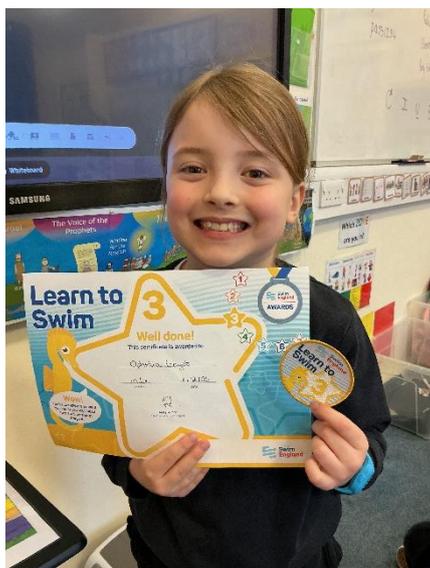


Congratulations to Reuben who won the most valuable player of the match for his football team Ellwood.

Well done to Felicity for winning the Star of the Class for her karate lessons.

Amazing effort Paddy, as he won two trophies in his motorcross competitions over the weekend. The large trophy was a competition called 'All around the World' and he came 9th. On the second, he had to race on the sand and came 19th. With both of the competitions, he was against professionals. He said his most favourite part was going on the jumps.

Congratulations to Izzy achieving level 2 at swimming and Oliver and Ophelia achieving level 3.



Reminder - please complete our swimming parent questionnaire so we can plan what you would like for next year

[Link: Swimming Feedback Survey - Fill in form](#)

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Jake completed his 11th Junior Park Run (2km) over half term and achieved the blue band. He also got a PB of 9mins and 50secs. He's now working towards the Yellow Band.

For anyone interested - FoD Junior Park Run is held every Sunday at the Coverham Enclosure at Five Acres at 9am.

Community Links:

Mrs Adams attended the service for the licensing and installation of Revd Joe Knight as Transitional Minister at Parkend Church, representing the Federation at this important moment in the life of the church community. It was a warm and meaningful occasion and we are delighted to welcome Revd Knight into his new role. We look forward to working closely with him in the months ahead and strengthening the partnership between the school and the church as part of our curriculum.

Join us for some outdoor fun at Wild Explorers

£5 off when booking all three sessions

31/03 | 01/04 | 02/04 | 8:45am-3:00pm

taking place @ Bream CofE Primary School

for children aged 5-13 years

Bookings must be made by Friday 20th March

£25 per session

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Wild Explorers - Forest School and Outdoor Activities

Bream Gardening Society with Bream Community Library

FREE Workshops for Young Gardeners

2026

Activities at West Dean Centre and Bream Community Library - for primary children and above

Thursday 2 nd April 2.00 – 4.00pm * West Dean Centre, Bream GL15 6JW	Wildflowers in the Forest of Dean Find out about the plants and how to grow them. Make seed balls and seed paper.
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Places are limited so..... Booking is essential

To join in - email breamgardeningociety@gmail.com Remember to tell us your name and age

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IMPORTANT DATES: - New dates in Red

DATE	EVENTS
Mon 16 th - Fri 27 th March	Big Walk and Wheel fortnight
Thurs 19 th March	Year 4's In the Net - Internet safety session
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform & Donation
Tue 24 th March	Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30
Wed 25 th March	Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30
Friday 27 th March	End of Term 4 - normal finish time
Monday 30 th March - Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 13 th April	Start of Term 5 - Children in
Tues 14 th April	Dental Survey - selected Reception & Year 1 children
Thurs 16 th April	September Reception Allocation Day
Fri 17 th April	Look Who's Talking Final - Guildhall in Gloucester
Thu 23 rd April	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight check
Fri 24 th April	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill
Mon 27 th April	Mercury Trip to Slimbridge Wetlands - letter to follow
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th May - Thurs 14 th May	KS2 SATs week
Wed 20 th May	Oberon trip to Caerleon (letter to follow)
Fri 22 nd May	End of Term 5
Mon 25 th - 29 th May	Half Term
Mon 1 st June	Start of Term 6 - Children in
Thurs 4 th June	Scholastic Book Fair arriving
Mon 8 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week
Mon 15 th - Weds 17 th June	Year 5 & 6 London Residential - Federation
Fri 19 th June	Father's Day - (Infants) share a book with a special person
Wed 24 th June	Year 6 Transition Day at Wyedean School
Thur 2 nd July	Year 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy
Fri 3 rd July	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill
Mon 6 th - Tues 7 th July	Year 6 Transition Days at The Dean Academy
Fri 17 th July	End of Term 6