



### News & Events

Our children attended the Longridge Towers Cross Country this week and, despite muddy conditions, competed well with Fletcher gaining a second place finish. Well done to the team!

Our Easter Bingo is coming up and we have received a few donations of prizes. If you could contribute please send in a donation of chocolate or Easter themed prize as soon as possible. Further information will follow.

### Star of the Week

Nursery Maliah

Class 1 Corbin

Class 2 Sophie

Class 3 Harry J.

Class 4 Gracie

Class 5 Bowen

### What have we been learning this week?

#### Nursery and Reception

This week in Nursery we have been listening to the delightful story "Farmyard Hullabaloo"! We practiced our best animal impressions, mooing like cows, oinking like pigs, and neighing like horses! It was a symphony of farmyard sounds! We journeyed through the story together, remembering all the farmyard characters and their adventures. We learned the names of all sorts of farmyard animals, from the cuddly sheep to the busy hens. We even talked about the yummy products they give us, like milk from cows and eggs from hens! We discovered that farm animals have families just like us! We learned the names for their babies, like chicks for hens and calves for cows. We lined up farm animal pictures from largest to smallest, creating a farmyard parade. We then extended this activity by making repeating patterns. The older nursery children were able to use three different animals in their patterns. The children particularly enjoyed our sensory tray filled with corn kernels, feeling the texture and imagining ourselves on a real farm.

This week Reception have continued to enjoy 'The Tiny Seed'. We have been looking at the seeds we planted last week and some have already begun to sprout! We discussed the different parts of a plant and have used magnifying glasses to observe different flowers. In maths we have been comparing and ordering objects of different lengths and used mathematical language to describe what we were doing. Everyone enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. We made puppets of different book characters and watched a video from local author and illustrator Helen Stephens. Helen then read her story, 'How to Hide a Lion'. In art we used the painted tissue paper we made last week to make beautiful Mother's Day cards. Everyone chose their own pieces and collaged them to make a card.

### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 parents' phonics information session 3 p.m.

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Comic relief; Dress up in red!

#### Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March

Parent's Evenings

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter.





### Class 2 and 3

Year 1 has used the possessive apostrophe and made fact files about different eggs. The children made notes and then put these into full sentences that included adjectives. In Numeracy the children have been placing numbers on number lines to 50 and have begun to estimate the position of numbers on a blank number line. In History the children learnt about houses through time and placed these on a timeline. In RE the children found out about the Mezuzah and why it is important to the Jewish faith. The children enjoyed using the new glockenspiels in Music. They found the note 'C' and used this to tap out different rhythms. To finish the week the children completed directed drawings of spring flowers and used watercolours to finish them to a high standard. A lovely week, well done!

Year 2 have retold the story of 'The Bear Under the Stairs' in Literacy this week. They have included questions and exclamations in their work and started to use alliteration. They looked at using the apostrophe for contractions and included these in their writing. In Numeracy the children have continued work on money, making amounts using coins and comparing amounts using the greater than, less than and equals sign. In History they have found out about the astronaut Neil Armstrong and his Apollo 11 space mission and in RE retold the Palm Sunday story and made their own palm leaves. The children enjoyed using the new glockenspiels in Music. They found the note 'C' and used this to tap out different rhythms. To finish the week the children completed directed drawings of different rockets using a variety of lines. A lovely week, well done!

### Class 4 and 5

This week in literacy we have looked at using conjunctions within sentences and we have created our very own tea plantation which is inspired by our book 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. In numeracy we have started learning how to measure everyday objects in millimetres, centimetres and metres. In R.E we have looked at Jewish festivals and the importance of these to Jewish families. Specifically we have looked at Passover and how some Jewish families prepare for Shabbat. In P.E we have continued developing our sportsmanship and resilience in invasion games. The children are now starting to see the benefit of communication and resilience in team games. We have also celebrated World Book Day where we dressed up as our favourite book characters. Some year 3's also took part in the annual cross country competition at Longridge Towers. Everyone who took part represented the school admirably and were perfect role models.

Class 5 are very much enjoying reading 'Cinnamon' by Neil Gaiman. They have been improving their reading comprehension skills using the text and have also been working on recognising different types of sentences and sentence punctuation. In maths we are starting to explore the tricky topic of improper fractions and mixed numbers. In geography the children have been identifying the countries that make up Europe and developing their map skills. In P.E. we've been developing our gymnastic skills. The children have done some wonderful artwork featuring Berwick in the style of L. S. Lowry.