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Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

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The staff and children wish to send huge thanks to the PTA and everyone who has helped raise funds, for paying for the science week rocket workshops. See below and on the school app for more details of science week activities.

Well done to Sparrow class for a fantastic assembly this morning, retelling the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. Everyone spoke so confidently, although I think Milind's impression of Hades, God of the underworld, may give me nightmares tonight!

The whole of KS1 also had a wonderful time visiting Foyles bookstore in Westfield this week. Here they were able to buy a book or two using money kindly donated by Parmiter's Educational Fund. The journey back to school on the bus was decidedly quieter as they enjoyed getting started on reading their new books!

Rocksteady pupils will be performing their concerts on Wednesday 20th March, so check your emails to see what time your child will be performing.

Following the success of our World Book Day parade we have decided to do the same for our show of Easter bonnets at 9am on the 27th March. EY will be in their playground and the rest of the school will walk round the block displaying their Easter-themed hats, headbands or scarves. **Gemma Anidi, Headteacher** These children will receive a praise postcard this week: Blackbird: Kaylan & Isla Buzzard: Abel & Ariadne Magpie: James & Arthur Merlin: Ianthe & Aria Goldcrest: Erin & Madina Goshawk: Ayra & Truman Sparrow: whole class for their amazing assembly Swift: Akram & Hayley Crossbill: Kason & Zacki Chiffchaff: Maryam & Michaela Waxwing: Bobby & Zaynah

Science week poster competition

At lunchtimes the library has been full of children working on their science week posters. This is a national competition and the children are invited to make a poster about science – this year the theme is time, but they don't have to focus on that. Finished posters to class teachers by Friday 22nd March. The best five will be sent to the final to be judged by the panel. You can also submit yourself if you prefer. More information here: <u>https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-youractivities/poster-competition/</u>

Early years painting weekend of 23/24th April Some parents will definitely be in school painting the Early Years playground next weekend – email Ruth if you would like to help

Dates for your diary Wednesday 20th March – Rocksteady concerts

Wednesday 27th March, Easter Bonnet parade from 9am, parents welcome EASTER HOLIDAYS: School closes on Wednesday 27th March at 2pm and reopens Monday 15th April Friday 19th April, from 3.30, main playground, PTA Eid celebration SCHOOL CLOSED ON THURSDAY 2ND MAY FOR POLLING – EXCEPT FOR YEAR 6 Saturday 6th July, from 11am, Summer Fair Class assemblies in the top hall at 9am: Swifts 22nd March; Goshawks, 10th May; Goldcrests, 24th May; Merlin 7th June; Magpie,14th June; Blackbird, 21st June; Buzzard, 28th June.



Year 1

For science week, Year 1 had an amazing time investigating how to melt ice and free the frozen dinosaurs! They discovered that warm water was the best option. They also enjoyed finding out what happens to an egg when left in vinegar and they loved exploring using the torches in a dark room.



Years 3 and 4

LKS2 had an exciting science week! We investigated how force and pressure help scientists create rockets during our Wonderstruck workshop. Poor Charlotte (teacher) was made to set a man's jetpack on fire. Luckily she survived with only minor burns!

Year 3 shared other children's exciting home sciences as they brought in a microscope and they also made their own skeletons and did research on muscles for their personal trainer clients!

Year 4 explored optical illusions and challenged ourselves to plan, construct and test a bridge with limited resources during in a STEM challenge.

"I really enjoyed when we made the rockets because we got to shoot these on the playground and see how far it would go!" - Year 4 "I really like Science week because you get to do loads of cool experiments and it is really fun." - Year 3

Year 2

Science week in KS1 has been a whirlwind of wonderful activities.

Year 2 explored the world of animals in with Now Press Play, reached for the stars with our Wonderstruck workshop and got our observing skills sharpened with some exciting chemistry experiments too.

Years 5 and 6

This week in UKS2 Y6 investigated how the size of shadows change when the distance between the light source and object is increased or reduced.

In Y5 we were creating our own lava lamps out of cooking oil, water, food colouring and learning that when we add an effervescing tablet it causes a chemical reaction and the lava really started flowing.

We also all really enjoyed the Wonderstruck Science Workshop where we watched George try to flatten the presenter and then created our own rockets and tested them in the playground. What an amazing week!

