





17th March 2023

## **Classroom News**

During our theme of A Knight's Tale, Acorn Class have enjoyed the story of Princess Sue. We loved designing and making our very own knight shields out of pizza! It was tricky and we even had to make the sweetcorn turn blue to match our shield colours. We are looking forward to doing a Princess and The Pea science experiment.

Oak Class are exploring the world of the Smeds and the Smoos and have enjoyed writing diary entries, pretending to be Bill or Janet. We have been investigating materials, in science, to choose the best materials to build a rocket to get us into space! We are looking forward to being creative with junk modelling to build our rockets!

This half term, Elm Class have entered the wonderful world of Peter Rabbit! We have been busy becoming authors, writing our own Beatrix Potter story, adapting The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies. In our computing lessons, we have also learned how to become coders, using the laptops to program algorithms on Turtle Logo.

In Ash Class, we have been learning all about Extreme Earth. My favourite lesson is when we had to describe and understand earthquakes. When two plates rub together, it can cause an earthquake. Another of my favourite lessons, in theme, is when we wrote all about the different parts of a flower: the stem, leaves, roots and the flower.

### by Hannah R

In history, Maple Class have been learning about Ancient China. The first Shang King was known as Tang. I would now like to look at where different cities are in China. I love reading, so I am really enjoying our English lessons, because I am enjoying The Firework Maker's Daughter, which is based near China.

by Krishaa S

Elder Class are learning about The Marvellous Maya. We have learned about the classes of society in a hierarchical structure and about some of the gods and their powers. I particularly enjoyed making a Maya timeline, because we learned about important events that I had not heard of before and it is lots of fun learning about new things!

by Darcey A

# **Hoghton Tower Visit**

We went to Hoghton Tower in our king and princess outfits to be kings and queens of the castle! We made crowns and looked underground, where people who were servants went, because they weren't allowed in the castle. We liked being knights and learned how to curtsey and bow.

by Rex M, Erin C and Erin W (Acorn Class)

### **Brownedge Taster Morning**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, at Brownedge High School, Year 5 did trampolining on Olympic trampolines. We learned how to do: tuck, pike, straddle and seat drop half turn. Then we looked at their garden, which had five sections with names: worship, wellbeing, wilderness, working and wildlife.

by Florence LS and Cicely LS

#### Sale Sharks Schools Programme

We have been doing lessons about how to stay happy and how we feel and have been going outside to do rugby related physical activities. My favourite game was sharks and fishes where we ran away from defenders. I would like to use tag belts in the future.

by Fraser AK

### **Mad Science Club**

At Mad Science Club, we have done cool, wacky experiments and have made fire with the teacher. We got science names and have learned about new things every week, including structures.

by Sophia H and Olivia B

#### **Table Tennis Club**

In table tennis, we did lots of challenges like: bouncing the ball on your paddle, seeing how many you can do in a row. We chose our own partners and did rallys, either 2 v 2 or 1 v 1. In Summer, I would like to play table tennis outside to spread out a bit more. It's been really fun and we did lots of games.

by Brooke P

# **Friends of Coupe Green**

Successful Grant Applications

You may have noticed the two new bins in the school playground. We would like to thank all at Glasdon UK Ltd for this generous donation, worth over £500, which has helped to kick start our Waste and Recycling Project. Extra thanks go to Councillor Gareth Watson for confirmation of an additional £800 towards this project which will help with indoor recycling and further aid our vision for improving our environmental impact.

Further successful funding applications have this week been received, and we have confirmation from The National Lottery Community Fund, of a £600 donation towards the King's Coronation Celebrations which will be a fantastic community event.

More details will follow soon.

Extra special thanks go to our FOCG Co-Chair, Sarah, who spends hours upon hours completing endless paperwork to apply for grants and funding. We all appreciate your hard work and it's fantastic when it pays off, as it has with the above successful applications. Thank you Sarah!

### Non-Uniform Day - 21st March

The next non-uniform day is to help us collect donations for our Rainbow Raffle hampers (please see below for class colours) which will be prizes for our Easter Bingo & Raffle Evening at The Oak on Saturday 25th March. We have sold 70 seats already, so only a few remain. If you haven't paid your £2 for a place, it's £2 cash to be paid at The Oak beforehand to reserve your place.

Rainbow Raffle class colours for suggested donations:

Acorn - Red	Oak - Orange
Elm - Yellow	Ash - Green
Maple - Blue	Elder - Purple

Ideas: Food (non-perishable), drinks, toiletries, household items and gifts (e.g. smellies & candles), books, games, vouchers in coloured envelopes etc.

## **Class Photographs**

Class photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Please read the email sent out on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March for full details.

#### Summer Term

During our Summer Term, we look forward to welcoming parents into school to celebrate learning with your children. More details regarding these events will follow.

Thank you to all those who are now arriving at school for registration between 8:40am and 8:50am, when the school gates now close. From Monday, 17th April, any pupils arriving after 8:50am will receive a late mark and must be brought to the school office by an adult.

School lunches for April and May are now available to book on ParentPay. Please ensure that all lunches for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April are booked by 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Our first special theme lunch of next half term, being served on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, is a picnic buffet lunch for our celebration of The Coronation of King Charles III, when the kitchen will be decorated with flags and bunting. Please book your child in on ParentPay for this special celebration.

Please note that the extra Bank holiday for The King's Coronation is one of three days when school will be closed at the start of May.

School will be closed on:

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May - INSET Day Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May - Additional Bank Holiday

Diary Dates	
Monday,	Year 5 Bikeability (Day 2)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Table Tennis Club (Week 5)
Tuesday,	FOCG Non-Uniform Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mad Science Club (Week 5)
Wednesday,	Class Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents Evening (1)
Thursday,	9:00am Easter Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	Football Training with Steven
March	Gerrard Academy – Ash
Saturday,	FOCG Easter Family Bingo
25 <sup>th</sup> March	at The Oak
Wednesday,	Parents Evening (2)
29th March	
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	Golden Merit Assembly
March	3:15pm End Of Term
Monday,	8:40am School Opens for
17 <sup>th</sup> April	The Summer Term
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Provisional Date: Coronation
May	Celebration Street Party