

Weekly Highlights

28th March – 1st April

Inside the Classrooms

I've spent quite a bit of time in FS1 this week and amongst other experiences have enjoyed sharing milk time with the children. We've discussed how milk gets into the cartons! In FS2, Miss Hamer encouraged the use of lots of positional language as she got the parachute out – the children had to lift their arms above their head, below their knees and they had to run under and through before creating ripples on top!

Year 1 have been using Purple Mash to develop their computer skills, whilst also using their place value knowledge to add large numbers and count in 10s, 5s and 2s. Year 2 have completed their topic work about The Great Fire of London as they took on the role of journalists and published newspaper reports about the event. They also used paint to create pop artwork – I learnt lots as they taught me about primary, secondary and tertiary colours! Year 3 are the TTRockstar Champions! When I popped to see them this week they were updating the class leader board – there are some super scores from games they have played. In between snow flurries, Year 4 managed to get outside and explore sound as part of their science work. They have also been busy rehearsing for the Easter Service, we are looking forward to taking KS2 back to church at the end of this half term – look out for my letter regarding all things Easter.

The Spelling Bee was in full flow when I nipped into Year 5. There was some tough competition as many of the children made no mistakes! It's a difficult skill to orally spell out words, perhaps you could help the children rehearse this skill at home. I joined Year 6 in a hockey and a volleyball game during their PE lesson, it was a positive break from their SATs preparation and there's some definite sporting talent amongst our eldest children.

All children have taken part in assessment week and I am so proud of the ambitious way in which they have approached this challenge, all children showing responsibility in wanting to achieve the very best they can. Teachers will now use the information these tests provide to plan for future learning opportunities.

Gem Jar

The school gem jar is slowly filling, Mrs Rose's collective worship reminded the children of our school values and drivers, and how the children's actions in demonstrating these will earn gems to fill the jar! Once the jar is filled, the whole school will get a reward. Remember, we promote Excellence, Truth & Grace by being...

Safe & Ready, Respectful, Reflective and Aspirational! Who will add to the jar this week?

Positive Citizens

In school we promote the children's social development by enabling them to engage with others, to develop understanding of their communities and society, and providing opportunities for responsible and active citizenship. It is fantastic to know our families also promote active citizenship and this week we've been proud to hear of groups of children taking time to support others. Some children completed a ten mile walk for Make a Wish (Miss Duncan, Miss Charlesworth and I joined them for the first 2 miles, we had to stop then as we just couldn't keep up!) whilst other children joined in the Blue Run with Manchester City! The Parish Community has donated to the Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal organised by St Leonards – thank you. A massive well done goes out to everyone who understands the needs of other and takes action to help!

Reading

Promoting a love of reading is important to us, we've transformed books corners to make them a little more inviting and we are buying new titles that will engage even the most reluctant of readers. Thank you to the staff who are reading some of the new titles to make personalised recommendations – Mrs Whiteman is our Master Reader so far! You can help at home by taking some time to share books with your children and please remember to log your child's reading activity on Go Read. This really helps our home school communication and earns children avatar points!

That's it for this week! A big thank you to the sun for shining brightly earlier this week, it gave us the opportunity for lots of outdoor learning! I hope the snow stays away as I'll be watching both my son and nephew in different rugby matches this weekend. Whatever you are up to, please relax and enjoy.