



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Collective worship

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Today we celebrated the beginning of Lent in assembly, following our Ash Wednesday mass. We shared the story of Jesus spending forty days in the desert, with learners feeling sand, heat and being tempted with items they like. Learners were asked to bring things they will give up for Lent and explored times when they have been tempted. The half term ended with a very happy singing practice.

Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Dates for the Diary

**Return to school Monday 26th
February**

**CAFOD soup day Friday 1st
March**

**World Book Day Wednesday
7th March**

Head Teachers Message

We have come to the end of another half term and what fun we have had. This week we have been busy learning about Pancake Day, Ash Wednesday, Lent and Chinese New Year. The centre had its very first centre wide pancake race, and I am pleased to announce that Ollie and Larissa, pictured below, two of our amazing teachers brought home the first ever gold trophy!

Beacon:

What a thrilling week it's been at Beacon Class! As we ventured into Cycle 3, our excitement peaked with our new theme, "Spring into Action." We enthusiastically embraced our fresh curriculum, diving headfirst into the captivating world of our new sensory story, "The Wind in the Willows," and familiarising ourselves with its delightful characters. In our cognition lessons, the kitchen became a hub of excitement as we carefully measured ingredients for baking a cake on Wednesday and crafting cheese straws on Friday. Our collaboration with The Drawing Room ignited our creativity as we painted a canvas background ready to receive vibrant spring scenes on. Over at Ash Vale, we counted and organized eggs into their designated boxes, primed for sale. Amidst our busy schedule, we cherished moments of amity at the Love 2 Talk Valentine's event, and delighted in the exhilarating pancake race.



Bramley:

This week in Bramley we have started cycle 3 and our new topic is Spring into Action! We have been reading The Train Ride and looking at the different places that the characters visit on their journey. We have been celebrating the religious traditions of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We chose what we wanted on our pancakes, and thought about what we could give up for lent. On top of this we went to chapel for Ash Wednesday celebration and explored the different resources linked to the day. We also had a visit from the drawing room and we started our spring project!

Have a great half term all!



Darcy:

As cycle 3 begins, we've been exploring 'The Light Fantastic' across our curriculum and we've had the most fun embodying this in our science lesson this week. We observed that not only do different musical instruments make different noises but they all can be played loudly and quietly.

This also gave us plenty of opportunities to practice sharing and continue to develop those all-important social skills!

Finally, a big congratulations to everybody in Darcy class for working together to get through our first Half-Term together; we're looking to many more successes in the future.

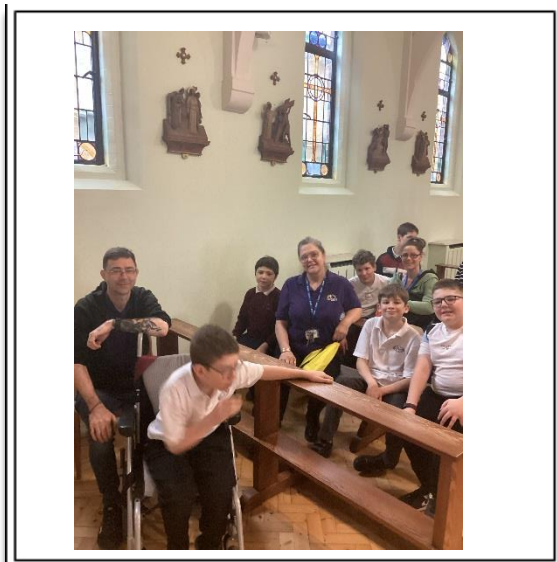


Discovery: Discovery have had a wonderful last week of half term by welcoming our new cycle topic Light Fantastic! We have been learning all about Chinese New Year as well as Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday! It's been an immersive week of practical activities and involved lots of tasty treats including of course...PANCAKES! We were captivated by the centre's pancake race, we made banners and cheered on our teachers. We were SO proud that the school teachers won! We've learnt lots this week and had so much fun doing it! The star of the week this week is Matilda for her resilience in all of the tricky learning we have done this week!



Jubilee:

Dear family and friends. We have had a full week with Shrove Tuesday and a pancake race and the school won! On Ash Wednesday we all went to the chapel and we learnt about palm crosses that are burnt to form the ashes. Father Paul made a cross on our foreheads and blessed us as part of the service. We enjoyed taking part in assemblies and learning about traditions. Have a good half term! We will see you back on 26 02 24. Team Jubilee.



Pippin:

Pippin class have had a great week exploring our new topic 'Spring into Action'. Our sensory story 'The Wind in the Willows' brought a fantastic start to the week with everyone especially enjoying using the big ostrich feather dusters to spring clean and tickle like Ratty and Mole! In Maths we have been investigating filling, tipping, pouring and emptying and everyone showed fantastic persistence in opening up their eggs, exploring and emptying the contents. We have also been developing our awareness and appreciation of summer and animals in RE this week and had a wonderful time using our senses to explore butterflies. Our star of the week goes to Destiny this week, for her concentration when using multiple senses to explore her favoured story props.

We wish everyone a wonderful half term break.



Stirling: This week Stirling celebrated Shrove Tuesday in style with a centre wide pancake race in which students got to cheer on staff as they raced with pancake and pan in hand for their respective departments. Stirling students thoroughly enjoyed the chaos of the race. After this they took on two cooking challenges. The first was to create their own sourdough bread as part of our first food tech lesson for the cycle and to make pancakes using raw ingredients. The pancakes needless to say, went down very well. This was also the first week of our new cycle titled 'Bright lights, big city', where for our literacy study, learners have embraced the story of Chris Gardner, made famous by the film, 'The pursuit of happiness'. Learners have also been enhancing their maths skills with multiplication and division sums and every day word problems. Stirling also delivered their assembly this week based on Lent and the tests we face and how overcoming these, we are all stronger moving forward.



Winston:

This week in literacy, Winston Class have started reading their new story, 'The Pursuit of Happiness'. In numeracy, the students continued working on their understanding of money. The students worked with different coin values to develop their multiplication skills. During our topic lessons, Winston class have been looking at the differences between cities. In food tech, the students made pancakes in celebration of Pancake Day. This linked with our RE lessons where we worked on our understanding of the importance of lent and sacrifice. In P.E., Winston class practiced their cricket techniques.



Wonder:

This week Wonder Class have been reflecting on the half term and how much progress we have all made settling into our new routines. This week we enjoyed making smoothies and using the switch to work the blender. In RE we focused on Valentine's Day, we thought about those we love and then coloured hearts. We enjoyed the new sensory story, and exploring the objects, as we begin our new cycle "Spring on up." We are looking forward to the rest over half term.



Friday's Prayer

Lord,

You challenge us with your uncomfortable truths and make us think again about what we spend our time, money and energy on.

Bring your light into the dark corners of our lives.

Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our minds and give us courage to act on what we find.

Amen.



Class	Star of the Week
Beacon	Bobby
Bramley	Mathew
Darcy	Harry
Discovery	Matilda
Jubilee	Joe
Pippin	Destiny
Stirling	Roan
Winston	Remi
Wonder	Sofia

