

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have had another jam-packed week at Jenyns School and this half term seems to be flying past already.

On Monday we welcomed back into school our School Improvement Partner. She led us in a Deep Dive into our Art and Design curriculum this time. She was most impressed with the children's enthusiasm, creativity and skill. Mrs Wright, our Art and Design subject lead, has worked very hard this term, alongside our other teachers, in re-energising our curriculum. It was a good day for our school once again and I am grateful to all the classroom staff who demonstrated such skill and dedication working with the children. As I visited each classroom, I actually felt like I wanted to join in and be a child in the lessons. We also discussed Reading for Pleasure with each class teacher and looked at the classroom libraries and book corners. This seemed particularly relevant in World Book Day week.

The following day we had another exciting visitor to school, Mr Sadler. The children are clearly really looking forward to welcoming him as their new Headteacher next term. As we went around the classrooms Mr Sadler was greeted with the warmest of smiles from everyone. I shall look forward to working with him in the coming weeks to help him settle in. He will pop out next Tuesday afternoon to meet with you in the playground so do come and say hello.

Mrs Wild, our new teacher for Tuesdays in Class 3, thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of you on the school gate on Tuesday. She had a lovely morning working in Class 3 and getting to know the children. She was very impressed with their hardworking attitudes and their politeness. She is to join us every Tuesday from now on.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our parents/carers consultations on Thursday 14th and Monday 18th. Please make sure you sign up if you haven't already. The children have been assessed this week so we can measure their progress this term since Christmas.

Thank you for your support for World Book Day. This is always such a brilliant day celebrating reading across the whole country in every school. The winners of our book character competition were Olive in Class 1, Finn in Class 2 and Daisy in Class 3.

May I respectfully remind all parents and carers that school staff need time each morning to set up for the day ahead. Like all schools, we have such a packed curriculum and learning begins the moment the children get into class. If classroom staff are held up on the gate, then learning for the whole class will begin late. Our classroom staff will be there to greet you when they open the gates at 8.45am. If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, please ask Mrs Turner and she will arrange to make an appointment for you. (Obviously we welcome short messages being relayed to us on the gate).

Red Nose Day is Friday 15th March. To raise money and awareness of the Comic Relief cause, the children are invited to wear red to school. This may be a little bit of red, a red jumper or could be a totally red outfit. If children do not wish to do this please wear school uniform as usual. To donate for such a good cause please follow the Just Giving link –

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jenyms-first-school-and-nursery-1709733840550>



I do hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day weekend. It is such a special time of year of family celebrations. I hope you have a happy time celebrating, sometimes remembering those who have mothered us and, although they may not still be with us, they remain in our hearts.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs King
Headteacher

Useful dates

- Thursday 14th March – Class 3 Netball skills at Roger de Clare School
- Thursday 14th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Monday 18th March – Parent Conversations 3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Thursday 21st March – Rocksteady Music Concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 22nd March – Whole school P.E. Enrichment Day
- Thursday 28th March – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.
- Monday 15th April – Term begins
- Tuesday 16th April – Class 2 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
- Wednesday 24th April – Multi skills event for Class 3 at Roger de Clare a.m.
- Thursday 25th April – Class 3 Edge Outdoor Trip
- Tuesday 30th April – Football Festival for Class 2 at RTFC a.m.
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May – Dance Days workshop
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – Half Term
- Wednesday 12th June – Class photos
- Thursday 18th July – Rocksteady Music concert 10 a.m.
- Friday 19th July – Term Ends 12.15 p.m.

CLASS 1

Class one were visited by Mrs Sweet's dog Bruno who is a boxer dog this week. This stimulated lots of creative activities as the children used collage, playdough and watercolours to make pictures and models of dogs. They also produced some amazing independent writing afterwards. Lots of book related activities followed later in the week as we celebrated World Book day. In Maths we have been exploring symmetry and doubles. Our stars of the week are Lottie and Toby.



CLASS 2

Forest School

We have been enjoying our forest school sessions this term and have been busy practicing tying different knots these include a simple knot, clove hitch and square lashing. We had a go at making giant noughts and crosses using sticks; we made some fantastic dens.



PE

This term in PE we are doing invasion games. We enjoyed a game of two team tag and Cops and Robbers, one team had to defend their area of beanbags whilst the other team tried to steal them.



Maths

In maths we have been looking at units of length and height and measuring using non-standard units such as cubes and counters and also with centimetres and metres. Year 2 had great fun taking their learning outdoors measuring chalk lines in metres.



Our certificate winners this week are Betsy and Rio! Huge well done to you both!

CLASS 3

This week, class 3 have worked extremely hard during assessment week. We have been busy completing reading, maths and spelling papers. Well done all of you.

In art, we have been exploring the work of Andy Warhol. We recreated his 'blotted ink' technique using a template and then used tracing paper to print the picture onto card. The results were very impressive! We also did a self-portrait – tracing our faces and then used tissue paper and paints to add detail.



For World Book Day, we all created our own comic book strip – creating our own characters and story. We also had amazing entries for the toilet roll/wooden spoon characters. Well done to everyone who took part.





Our certificate award winners this week were Caelan and Isaac. Well done both of you