

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Our Values - Ambitious - Positive - Respectful

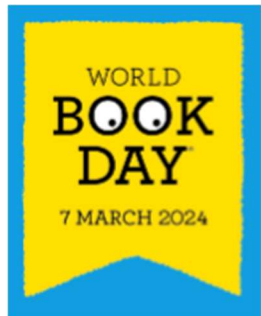


Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic half term we have had at Jenyns School. Lots of fun learning, lots of friendship and lots of hard work and progress. May I wish you all a wonderful half term break with your family. I do hope you manage to enjoy some fresh air and get to spend time with family and friends. Let's hope the weather is kind to us. We shall look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 26th February.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs King
Headteacher



On the 7th of March it is World book day. Last year, the children were asked to decorate a toilet roll tube as a favourite book character and this was a great success. The entries were amazingly varied and creative. Instead of the children dressing up, we would like to repeat the idea, but open it up to decorate either a cardboard tube or if they would prefer, a wooden spoon. The choice is yours. The entries will be displayed in the library and a winner will be chosen from each class.



CLASS 1



This week we have enjoyed being outside despite the wet weather. We've been stepping in muddy puddles and finding out how umbrellas can keep us dry. While learning about Chinese New Year the children have had fun with chopsticks and tweezers, finding coins and counting. We have also been matching numbers to quantities and ordering numbers too.

Our stars of the week are Erin for being a Perseverance Superstar and Lottie who is an incredible Improver in phonics.

CLASS 2

PE

We had so much fun last week in our Speed stacking session! The children tried a range of challenges ranging from how quickly they could stack and unstack the cups into different arrangements; how many towers of cups they could knock down; working as a team to build the tallest tower and then knocking it down after and trying to get a ping pong ball to land in one of the cups.



Computing

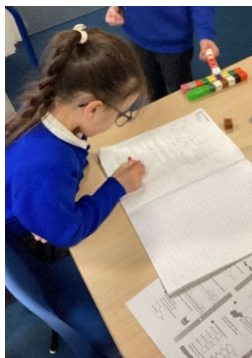
This term we began tinkering with the BeeBots to explore the different functions they have and also used a virtual Beebot ([Bee-Bot Online Emulator \(terrapinlogo.com\)](http://Bee-Bot Online Emulator (terrapinlogo.com)))

We also enjoyed an unplugged session where we worked in groups – someone had to pretend to be the Beebot, while one person was the programmer and the other was the judge. We had to use very precise instructions and also had to remember to clear all the previous instructions. The judge was there to make sure the Beebot followed the exact instructions and also to help avoid any crashes if our instructions were not clear! This helped us to develop our own algorithms to program the Beebots.



Maths

Year 1 have been busy looking at subtracting numbers this week using numberlines and cubes. They have also been learning how **finding the difference** between two numbers links with subtraction, Year 2 have been continuing their work with multiplication and division, looking at how to group and share numbers and with focus on multiplying and dividing by 2 and linking this to doubling and halving.



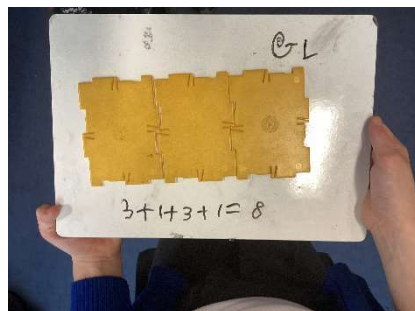
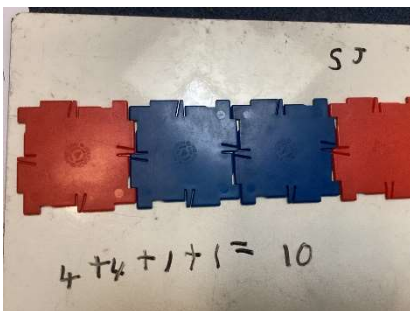
Our stars of the week are Ettie and Ben.

CLASS 3

In Geography, class 3 have been learning about biomes. We chose a biome and created it (using the challenge of having only paper). We researched the plants and wildlife within the biome also.



In Maths, we have been exploring perimeter. We created rectangles (using polydron) and calculated the perimeter by counting the sides.



In DT, we created our own volcanoes and then created a chemical reaction (using white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda) to watch them explode.



Our certificate award winners this week were Maryanna and Max – well done both of you!

This week, Eco-Committee have been hard at work during their lunchtimes – collecting litter around the school grounds. We will be doing a whole school litter pick around Braughing on Earth Day in April.



Speed Stacking

Class 2 and 3 had a fun-filled morning taking part in a speed-stacking workshop. Thank you to our community sports coach Danny for leading the sessions.



Useful dates

- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February – Half Term
- Friday 1st March – Dance Festival
- Wednesday 6th March – Bags2School – 9 a.m.
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – FOJ Book sale at pickup
- Friday 8th March – Whole school Science workshop a.m.
- Thursday 14th March – Year 1 & 2 Multi skills at Edwinstree School
- 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
- 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.

Our after school clubs are now live for parents and can be booked via the following link;

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

Alternatively parents can book by scanning the QR code on the poster (see below).

Please be aware that Tuesday after school club will be Gymnastics for this half term, Thursday will be staying as Football.

Many thanks,

**Alfie Bryant
Community Coach
Royston Town Football Club**

JENYNS

After-School Clubs

Tuesday: Gymnastics
Thursday: Football

3:20-4:20

Scan Me!

£5 Per Session
Book Online

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com>

Bags2School will be collecting bags on the morning of Wednesday 6th March.

This is a great opportunity to clear out those unwanted items in your wardrobe while making money for our school!

Please leave bags by the school hall doors before 9am on the above date.

Thank you!

BAG 2 SCHOOL
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
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Jenyns First School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 6 March 2024 by 9:00am

 01609 780 222  www.bag2school.com  helpdesk@bag2school.com

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HPCI AIS Parent Carer Webinar

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 10.00am-12.30pm