



PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

This week we celebrated Book Week. All classes used the structure of an existing story to change and innovate with their own ideas. Strips of wallpaper were seen across the school inspiring children to create distinctive journeys into imaginary worlds. Our Book Week Theme was also taught through other subjects such as Music, Science and Art.

Jan M Bless - Headteacher

P4C - Philosophy for Children and Communities

The children from Nursery up to Year Six have spent this week exploring the book 'The Magic Wallpaper' by Frank Francis. Books are a wonderful starting point for a P4C enquiry. In KS2 children begin their 'big writing' with a P4C enquiry based on a story. Many families enjoy reading time and talking about stories with their children too. Therefore, we are sharing some P4C questions that you could use at home with your child when reading. Maybe you and your child could have your own 'mini enquiry' into a story...in the spirit of 'book week'?

What concepts does the story deal with?

What tensions/issues are raised in the story?

What do you think when you look at the pictures in the book, and why do you think...?

What does the story make you think about humanity, values and morals?

What arguments does the story raise?

We also welcome any feedback from parent/carers and pupils about how you used these questions to explore a story this weekend. Any feedback can be addressed to me, and your child's class teacher will pass it on. Thank you in advance. We hope to share your feedback in subsequent newsletters.

Mrs Stylli – P4C Co-ordinator.

e-Safety session for parents

We would like to invite you to a parent session on Thursday 13th March at 2.30pm about keeping children safe when using the Internet, including social media, in school and at home. This is an issue which concerns both parents and teachers and will address recent incidents in schools. There will be a chance to ask questions.

Mrs Fletcher -ICT Coordinator

Value of this Month: ENTHUSIASM

This week we are enthusiastic about READING in particular.

These children received a certificate and baton for demonstrating enthusiasm at Prince of Wales this week, well done: Boran 1M, Alfie 1N, Riley 1S, Blake 2C, Ammina 2G, Christian 2R, Senay 3D, Georgia 3G, Polat 4F, Aiden 4H, Kai 4S, Namo 5H, Fatma 5S, Aliysha 5T, Gulcan 6A, Sevai 6B.

Attendance this week

Years 1,2,3 Family

Years 4,5,6 Families

1M 95.00%2C 97.66%*3D 96.33%4F 88.27%5H 99.28%6A 99.31%*1N 92.33%2G 96.66%3G 96.00%4H 91.07%5S 94.48%6B 98.38%1S 94.33%2R 95.33%4S 95.18%5T 94.48%

Well done to **2C** & **6A** for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95.5%

Overall attendance since September: 95.14%



Veliler için e-güvenlik toplantıs Biz internet kullanırken okul veya evde, sosyal medya da dahil olmak üzere, çocuklara güvenlik için, 13 Mart Perşembe günü saat 14:30 da, yapılacak olan toplantıya velileri davet etmek istiyoruz. Bu aileleri ve öğretmenleri ilgilendiren önemli bir konu okullarda olan son gelişmeleri konuşabilmek için önemli. Soru sormak için önemli bir şans olacaktır.

Bayan Fletcher-İCT Koordinatörü

Bu Ayın Değeri: Coşku

Bu hafta özellikle konu okumanın önemi!

Öğretmen grev eylemi - Çarşamba 26 Mart 2014

Bazı öğretmenler, 26 Mart Çarşamba günü, greve katılabilir. Grev Hükümet tarafından, öğretmenlerin çalışma koşulları ve maddi emeklilik konularıyla ilgili. Okulumuz grevden etkilenebilir. Biz öğretmenlerin bazılarının 26 Mart tarihindeki greve katılacağını tahmin ediyoruz. Biz sizlere daha önceden bilgi vermeye çalışacağız. 21 Mart, Cuma günü, (örneğin, bir sınıf o gün okula gelmeye bilir) okulun tüm veya bir kısmı kapalı olabilir biz sizlere gerekli bilgileri vermeye çalışacağız. Okul ile ilgili olabilecek olan gelişmeler için sizlere mümkün olan en kısa sürede bilgi vermeye çalışacağız.



This week 1S explored the story of 'The Magic Wallpaper'. We practised imitating the story and Riley became the storyteller.

"I liked being a storyteller because it was like being a wizard" Riley.

We also invented our own stories based on having magic wallpaper.

"My magic wallpaper had footballers on it...they helped me because I got lost." Jayden

"My magic wallpaper has fairies, castles and a crown...we had a magic time." Mei-lien.



Teachers' strike action – Wednesday 26th March 2014

You might have seen in the news that some teachers will be taking strike action on Wednesday 26th March.

The strike is about changes to teachers' terms and conditions of employment by the Government. The argument is not with the school. However, there is a chance that our school will be affected by the strike.

I anticipate that some of our teachers will be taking strike action on 26th March. I will have more detail about whether we will need to have a full or partial closure of the school (eg. have a class not come into school on that day) by Friday 21st March, when I will write to you again.

I know that making alternative arrangements for your children will be difficult for some parents, which is why I am giving you as much notice as possible.

Science Corner

For book week we have all been reading 'The Magic Wallpaper' by Frank Francis. In FS2 we have been learning all about the jungle and safari animals that appear in the story. We have enjoyed looking at non-fiction books about the animals and made observational drawings of them which we then labelled with their characteristics. We have also been exploring different animal habitats and have built our own habitats for the animals to live in. Miss Balmforth – Orange Class teacher



Reception children retell the story together with Pauline, story teller, and her puppets.



Book Week ART

Year 5 have started to make their own magic wallpaper in art. They have designed their own pattern, scored it in to a polystyrene tile and used printing ink to print it on to wide strips of paper.

Year 5 have also made animal masks and used them during a storytelling session with Year 1 pupils.



Dates for your Calendar

22.05

13.03 e-Safety session for Parents 2.30pm

21.03 Sports Relief

26.03 Partial school closure due to STRIKE ACTION
28.03 Report Cards
01.04 Parents' Evening
03.04 Easter Bonnet Parade
04.04 End of Term
Easter Break: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2014
22.04 Start Summer Term
12.05 Y6 SATs Week

Polling Day – school closed

Book Week and Music

Year 3 have been composing lion and tiger music. They looked at how these animals stalk and pounce upon their prey and their music reflected this. They thought about the musical elements of dynamics and tempo. Mrs Redmore - Music Leader

