

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
10th March 2023
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



Safeguarding hotspot
Please do not bring dogs onto school site

Please can we ask that parents / carers do not bring dogs onto the school site. Some children are wary and becoming anxious.

Thank you for your support and please be reminded that both Storm and Ozzy are trained therapy dogs and are exceptionally calm around our children.

World Book Day



Axel K - Reading Ambassador for Skylark Class

On Friday 3rd March 2023, it was Ashford Park's World Book Day. We completed several merrymaking activities involving adding decorative touches and book cover recreation.

Firstly, we jumped straight into a relaxing activity in which we copied or designed a book cover onto a t-shirt having first designed the cover on paper. This was a very nice challenge that I

would definitely like to do again. Then we dived into a potato decorating challenge in which we decorated a potato using craft materials to transform the potato into a book character of our choosing. That concluded World Book Day at Ashford Park.



Reading Buddies Year 5 and Year 1



Potato Designing and Making Year 3

Noah W – Reading Ambassador for Robin Class

On World Book Day, I had the best day at school. We watched a Michael Rosen workshop, we made t-shirts and potatoes, and then I put

my t-shirt on and went home.

Michael D – Reading Ambassador for Osprey Class



I enjoyed reading to younger children because it was not something we had done before and it was very enjoyable. From the quiz we took part in, I learnt that some people are drawn in by illustrations which would make our book areas



more welcoming.

T Shirt Designs Year 1





T-shirt Designs Bumblebee Class

Arvin U-K & Maggie S Reading Ambassadors for Moorhen Class

Painting the potatoes was so much fun as we could choose our favourite book characters. Arvin We enjoyed the catwalk of our costumes after the activities. Maggie

Kingfisher class

We enjoyed activities, such as designing our t-shirts, painting and decorating the potatoes or watching the clips of famous authors and their love for reading. It was great fun. We were also given reading challenges, bookmarks and reading tokens to take home.

Tilly D – Reading Ambassador for Owl Class

World book day was amazing! It was so fun the activities were perfect. We painted potato characters and made our own World Book day t-shirts. We watched a BBC World Book Day live event which taught us about non-fiction, science fiction and adventure stories. We also got to make our own

story. World book day was the best.

Reception – T-shirt design

The children enjoyed designing their own t-shirt with their favourite book characters including the tiger who came to tea and Harry Potter.



Laura G – Reading Ambassador for Swift Class

World Book Day was so much fun in Swift Class. First, we were making designs on white t-shirts and drawing our favourite book characters. All of them were absolutely amazing and unique. After lunch, we were making porachters! – if you don't know what they are, well

basically a potato dressed as a book character. I did Luna Lovegood from Harry Potter. Across our class there were many different characters, including Paddington, Cho Chang and Dogman. Nearly at the end of the day we were taken to Reception to read books to the children. My Reading Buddy was Daisy and she was absolutely adorable. I really enjoyed every activity, but my favourite one was.... ok, I can't decide, I liked them all!

PTA reminders

Here are some reminders from the PTA:

PTA Survey - complete for a chance to win £20 Amazon voucher.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0c0uGSiso79Xx9yKMPu9I32L7fJITNKcmzSAjP_a_WjBOW/viewform

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 21st April. Tickets on sale now:

<https://buytickets.at/ashfordparkprimaryschoolpta/845445>

Surrey Free online guides

Bringing up children is a lot of fun but can also have its challenges and understanding your child's emotional development can help to support your relationship and your child's behaviour.

Families living in Surrey can get access to FREE online guides that

include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.

The following guides are available:

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby: for women couples
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your relationship

[Free guides: understanding your baby, child or teenager :: Children and Family Health Surrey \(childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk\)](#) (click on link)

Surrey families can get free access to the online guides by using the code **ACORN**

Achievement

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 93.5%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Dormouse Class with 99%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Kestrel Class with 95.9%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2022/23

3rd July 2023

Items in purple are newly added to the calendar

March

13th – Year 5 Space VR day workshop

13th – Year 3 Human Body VR day workshop

15th – Year 4 trip to Watts Gallery Heron Class

16th & 17th – Reception height and weight checks

16th – Year 4 trip to Watts Gallery Kingfisher Class

16th – Badger Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

21st – 24th Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall, 3.15-4.15pm

23rd – Mole Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

23rd – Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Information Evening in classrooms, 3.30 and 5.30pm

24th – Acorn Celebration Morning, parents invited to share their children's learning 9.00-10.00am

30th – Fox Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

31st – Children break up at 2.00pm

April

3rd – 14th Easter holidays

17th – Fantastic Fred (NHS Mental Health Performances) throughout the day for children

21st – PTA Quiz Night, in the school hall 7.30 – 10.00pm

26th – Choir in Primary Music Festival Concert

May

1st – Bank holiday

3rd – Year 3 Roman workshop onsite

4th – Swift Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

5th – MUFTI Day for School Fund, £1 donation would be appreciated

8th – Bank holiday, the Coronation of King Charles

9th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

15th – Year 6 trip to Thorpe Park

15th & 16th – Year 4 Bikeability Level 1

18th – Skylark Class Assembly at 2.40pm (gates open at 2.30pm)

18th – Year 6 Hooke Court residential trip meeting in hall at 5.30pm