



Parents Consultations

The Parents Consultation Evening letter was sent out yesterday. Please remember to book your appointment.

Clubs update

Details of the new clubs will be sent out today, Friday 6th October at 4.00pm. The closing date to join is Tuesday 17th October at 10.00am, or when the club is full.

KS2 STEM assembly

KS2 pupils were fortunate to welcome Ian Gilbert, an aeronautical engineer, to lead an assembly. This covered how the evolution of technology has meant that mobile phones can now do all the jobs we used to need all of these much larger, slower, mechanical devices to do.



Ian encouraged and inspired APPS pupils to pursue careers in **science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)** as he said that the world needs more creative,

critical thinkers to solve problems of the future!

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Harvest assembly

APPS welcomed Major Val from The Salvation Army to lead an assembly about harvest.

Harvest festivals are celebrations of the food that grows below, on and over the land. They happen at different times of year around the world when crops are harvested.



Harvests are celebrated in different ways in different places.

Thank you to all the families who have donated food to The Salvation Army's food bank, an excellent community resource.

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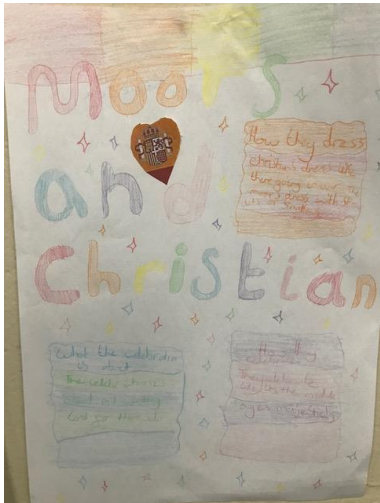
European Day of Languages

For the European Day of Languages, KS2 were

tasked with researching a different Spanish festival.



Year 3 looked at Las Fallas, Year 4 La Tomatina (The Tomato Fight), Year 5 researched Moors and Christians and Year 6 learned about Semana Santa (Holy Week). This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to broaden their understanding of the Spanish culture and traditions.



In groups, the children had to find out where and when the festival takes place, the origins of the

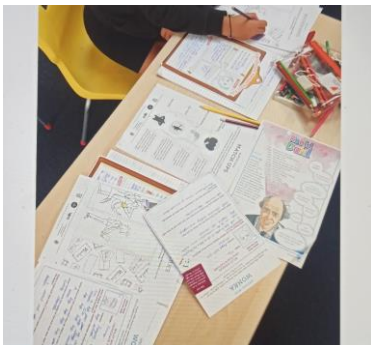
festival and how often it takes place.

Everything Roald Dahl Day in Year 4

Isobel (Kingfisher Class):
"The morning activities were amazing as we got to read about Roald Dahl."



We had so much fun colouring the bookmarks and filling in the fact file about him."



Kaiden (Kingfisher Class):
"It was fun because it was different than other reading activities that we normally do, such as working on our bookmarks and filling in the job applications for the chocolate factory."



Lilly (Kingfisher Class):
"I liked the matching activity the most because it was about matching the Roald Dahl's characters to their silhouettes and their description. I liked the BFG the most because they mentioned his big ears."

KS1 Dance Workshop

Year 1 and Year 2 had a brilliant time during our school Spanish Day and had a great time during the dance workshop.



Our session started by learning some key facts about Spain, sharing our knowledge and even learning some Spanish phrases. We then participated in learning a Spanish flamenco dance.



We learnt each part step by step in time to the music, we even got to create our own dance moves adding a Spanish flare!



Once we had learnt the whole dance, we performed it to our peers and then completed one final whole class performance. We had so much fun and enjoyed watching our performance back!

Surrey County Council Bikeability Cycling Instructors

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If you are interested in finding out more, please follow the link below:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=29155>

Secondary school applications

If your child will reach age 11 between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2024. You can apply for a secondary school place from 1 September 2023.

The **closing date** for on-time applications to secondary schools is **31 October 2023**.

Admissions suggest that you submit your application by Friday 20 October, before the half term holiday.

For more information and to apply online, please visit:
surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Achievement

Star Writers KS1

Gabriela S, Parker B, Varshini V-K, Nathaniel S, Rita P and Gurmaan T.

MAC – Making Attendance Count

Whole School Attendance 94.4%

Congratulations to the Top Ted winners last week being Fox Class with 99.3%.

Congratulations to the Top Dog winner being Heron Class with 97.1%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2023/24

30th October
2nd January 2024
19th February 2024

October

6th – PTA Quiz Night
10th - New to EYFS Parent Tours 9.30 - 10.30am
12th – Year 1 Brooklands Museum trip
17th & 18th – Parent Consultations for Dormouse, Squirrel, Deer, Hedgehog and Owl Class
18th & 19th Parent Consultations, for all other classes
19th –EYFS African Drumming Workshop
20th – Last day of half term, children finish at normal time 3.15pm
23rd – 27th Half term
30th - INSET Day
31st - Children return to school

November

2nd – Individual photographs

4th – PTA Firework Display, gates open at 4pm, blast off at 6pm

6th – 17th Year 6 Bikeability AM only

9th – Year 4 Mr Egypt workshop in the hall

9th - New to EYFS Parent Tours 6.00 -7.00pm

13th & 14th – Whole school flu vaccinations

13th - Odd Socks Day, to raise awareness of anti-bullying

16th – Parents Information Evening for 2024 Stubbington residential trip 3.30 & 5.30pm

15th – Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in classrooms

15th – 17th – Year 3 First Feet Training (Road Safety) - optional for parents to sign up

16th – Year 4 Stubbington 2025 (current Year 3 children) Information Evening 3.30 & 5.30pm in the hall

28th - Year 6 Lincolnsfield trip

December

5th – PTA Christmas Discos

2.00 - 3.00 Acorn,
3.30 – 4.30 Year 1,
4.45 - 5.45 Year 3,
6.00 – 7.00 Year 5

6th - PTA Christmas Discos

2.00 - 3.00 Reception,
3.30 – 4.30 Year 2,
4.45 - 5.45 Year 4,
6.00 – 7.00 Year 6

Year Reception to Year 2 can come to school dressed in their party clothes