

Ashford Park Primary School Newsletter
15th March 2024
Inspiring a love for lifelong learning



**Safeguarding hotspot
Road Safety**



Please could parents and children use the pedestrian footpath, not the road on Rowan Close - the path runs alongside the school field.

The residents are driving in and out at school gate opening times and some children are unsupervised and are at risk of being hurt.

Please also remind children to look both ways when crossing the end of Rowan Close as they approach the gates.

URGENT - Keeping young people safe near the railway

Due to recent incidents of trespass on the railway near our school, we are asking that you urgently view the relevant **FREE** 15 minute safety video which can be accessed via the links. Parents - please watch the video at home and speak to your children.

Over 20 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant

decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the safety videos.

NEW Primary school version:
Suitable for KS1

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version:
Suitable for KS2

<https://learnliveuk.com/netw-ork-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

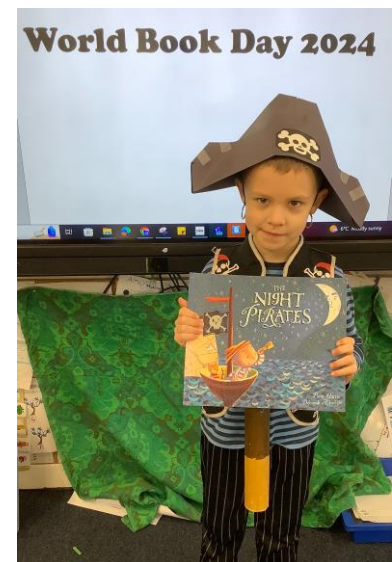
Reception Share our Learning and World Book Day



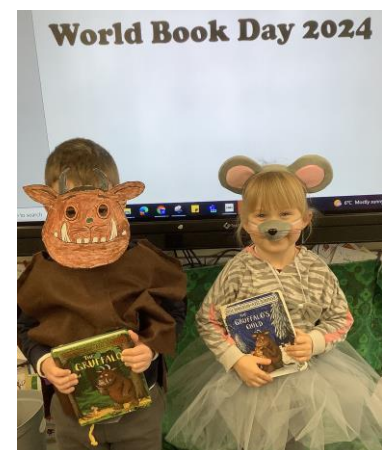
Reception parents came to see all the wonderful work the children are doing and also tried out our 'book tasting cafe'. Everyone was able to look at a range of books, test them out and if they liked them write the name of the book on the paper plate. We suggested that those books could be found at the local libraries.

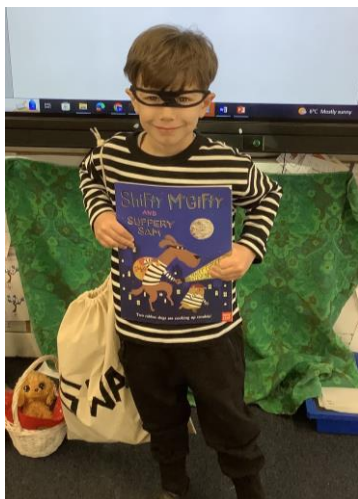


There were some amazing costumes to be found in Reception!



The children brought in their favourite book and dressed up as that character.





Reception went to Year 2 to become 'Reading Buddies'. Thank you Year 2, Reception loved hearing your stories.



We also had a fashion show to show off all the wonderful costumes, there were some very confident models!



In the afternoon, Reception enjoyed an online lesson from Axel Scheffler the illustrator of the Gruffalo amongst others.



Everyone loved dressing up and sharing their favourite books. Even the adults in Reception joined in as all the dogs from Hairy Maclary and even Scarface Claw came!

Book Week 2024 News



Here at APPS, we had lots of fun during Book Week 'Reading our own way!'



Throughout the week, the children took part in a multitude to encourage a lifelong love of reading. We would like to share some of these with you:

1. Classes paired up to become 'Reading buddies'. Our older children enjoyed sharing stories, modelling excellent reading behaviours and generally sharing their

love of reading with our younger children.

2. The children enjoyed 'Book Tasting' sessions at class 'Reading Cafes' where they tried books they had not encountered before from a reading menu.

3. There were lots of opportunities to study author craft and learn how to illustrate books through specialist workshops.

4. All classes had the opportunity to visit our new Library Pod.

5. The children enjoyed parading in the hall and outside classrooms in their story character outfits.

6. Classes took part in lots of activities in class including making book marks, writing character descriptions, designing book covers and lots more.

7. Competitions, quizzes and challenges kept us all on our toes!!



Here is just some of what the children had to say about Book Week:

Quotes from Year 2

"I really enjoyed the parade and seeing all of the costumes"

"I like reading with the older children and sharing stories."



Quotes from Year 4

"I loved that we got to read a range of books"

"I loved reading to the younger children as they were cute and smiling"

"We loved tasting new books at the Reading Café. I will definitely try more non-fiction now"



Read for Good Readathon

A quick reminder that as a school we are taking part in the 'Read for Good' Readathon. The money raised by our school

provides books and storytellers to all of the UK's major children's hospitals and funds projects encouraging children to read for fun. A love of reading improves a child's life beyond measure. Thank you for helping to make this happen. The closing date for any sponsorship money is the 19th of April.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Scholastic Book Fair next week where the reading fun continues!

Parking – information from the Ticket Warden

The Ticket Warden visited on Tuesday morning and mentioned that if parents park on the new zigzag / keep clear area, it is an instant fine. Please see attachment.

Smart Schools Council

Please click on the image below to read this week's Smart School Council News.



A message from Surrey County Council

We are delighted that the Family Learning summer course offer is now live on our website.

All our FREE courses can be found on our website here: [Family learning adult learning courses - Surrey County Council](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/family-learning) ([surreycc.gov.uk](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk))

Expansion of Funded Early Education and Childcare

Please see link below for information regarding the expansion of funded early education:

<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/154804?source=Newsletter&uid=0C64A2DB-0749-4526-AC86-837EAA191168>

Achievement

Pobble Published Authors

Cameron P, Colin C, Liam R, Sofia T, Aiden S, Amreet M, Arham G, Lexi L, Ahanya A, Aoife A, Lewis E, Amelia M, Zoe K, Anish S, Poppy C, Blake W, Charlotte D, Athul A, Rida C, Nikita B, Dina GP, Wesal N, Georgie P, Arham K, Raheem M & Jonathan S.

MAC – Making Attendance Count Whole School Attendance 94%

Congratulations to the KS1 winner last week being Hedgehog Class with 97.4%

Congratulations to the KS2 winner being Woodpecker Class with 99%. Fantastic!



INSET Days 2024/25
2nd & 3rd September 2024
14th February 2025
21st & 22nd July 2025

March
19th – 22nd – Book Fair in hall after school
20th – Year 6 SATs Evening in classrooms