



We are very mindful that some of our children are aware of the worrying news from the Ukraine, either through watching it on the news or overhearing conversations about the invasion.

In response to a number of older children discussing the invasion of Ukraine this week, we held an assembly on Thursday morning for our key Stage 2 children.

In the assembly we focused on the impact on the families in Ukraine and how we could help support the Ukrainians.

The children were extremely keen that we do our part to help support the families in Ukraine and together we decided that on Monday we will be having a Non Uniform Day to raise funds to send to the Ukraine via the British Red Cross. The children are invited to come to school in blue and yellow (the colours of the Ukrainian flag) in exchange for a donation.

The children were also keen to organise a cake sale next week at playtime and after school. They have designed a flyer and are asking for donations of small cupcakes, brownies or biscuits to sell on Friday 11th March. Please support their efforts by donating cakes and/or buying some at the end of the day on Friday. The Newsround website is always really good at explaining current affairs to children, and we recommend that if your children are interested, then you can watch the news link together.



BBC NEWSROUND – CLICK HERE – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60417806>

Newsround also have a link to watch with your children, if they are worried about what they are seeing and hearing in the news: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

Here is a link to further guidance for families:

<https://www.familyeducation.com/life/wars/talking-children-about-war-violence-world>

NON UNIFORM DAY – MONDAY 7th MARCH

The children are invited to come to school in the blue and yellow clothes in exchange for a donation for the British Red Cross to support Ukraine.



Friday 11th March - Cake Sale - Playtime and after school

Small cakes will be available for the children to purchase for a special snack to eat in school at playtime. If you would like your child to take part, please send 50p in a named envelope or purse on Friday morning so your child can shop at playtime.

Foxes will also be selling cakes to the grownups after the assembly on Friday afternoon.

Hot Meals

Due to continued supply chain issues, Chartwells have had to change the **jacket potato topping from Tuna to Coleslaw** on Tuesday 8th March, there are no allergy implications with this change.

WELLBEING AND FOOTBALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Head Teacher's Award



Week ending: 04/03/2022

Halle (Hedgehogs) – for having a positive attitude and always being cheerful.

Dulcie (Squirrels) – for having a great attitude to learning.

Elliot (Badgers) – fantastic violin playing in front of the whole class - super concentration too!

Bert (Foxes) - for his detailed, descriptive and imaginative story.

WELL DONE!

Pupil of the week

Week ending: 04/03/2022

Hedgehogs: **Tabitha**

Squirrels: **Isla**

Badgers: **Edith**

Foxes: **Laila**

Well done

Bronze Star Awards

Week ending: 04/03/22



Alice (Y1), Ben (Y1)
Charlotte (Y1), Isabella (Y1)
Rafferty (Y1), William (Y1)
Willow (Y1), Sophie B (Y3)
Albert (Y6)

Congratulations

Birthdays



**Elliot (11), Emilia (6)
Edith (8), Laila (10)
Elsie-Brooke (8)**

Many Happy Returns

Silver Star Awards

Week ending: 04/03/22



Elsie T (Y2), Joanna (Y2)

Well done

Marvellous Maths

Lilly (YR)

Ethan (Y2)

Dolly (Y3)

Isabelle (Y4)

Karis (Y5)

Paddy (Y6)

Ryan (Y6)

Congratulations

Wonderful Writers

Charlotte (Y1)

Ivy (Y2)

Jacob (Y4)

Reuben (Y4)

Dexter (Y5)

Elsie (Y6)

Learnimal Awards



Week ending: 04/03/2022

Milo for being a Noticing Newt

Alice B for being a questioning Queen Bee

Eliza for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Lilly C for being a Reasoning Robin

Ernest for being a Reviewing Rabbit

Harry F for being a Reasoning Robin

Phoebe P for being a Questioning Queen Bee

Elliot WW for being a Concentrating Camel

Rory for being a Persevering Penguin



Well Done

Attendance

Week ending 04/03/22

Hedgehogs – 96.4%

Squirrels – 93.3%

Badgers – 98.8%

Foxes – 97.6%

This week the winners are

Badgers



House Point Scores

Sandways

390

Chaffeymoor

345

Queen Oak

395

Hedgehogs News

We have had an exciting time back in Hedgehogs this week. We are starting our new topic 'Up, Up and Away' so were lucky enough to use some helicopter toys and balls during PE so we could find different ways of getting things in the air. We were very good at getting the balls and helicopters very, very high!

We have also been lucky enough to have Izzie visit from Chance to Shine and got to test out some cricket skills, we definitely have some good cricketers in Hedgehogs!

We have started looking at Artists who create sculptures out of paper. We started this week learning the art of origami and made lots of kites! Hopefully they don't all fly away in this wind!

We hope you have lovely weekend.

Mrs Ramage and Mrs Nicholls

Squirrels News

A great return to learning with lots of fun activities filling our week. We kicked off our new topic 'Up, Up and Away' by going outside and flying our own little flying spinners. It was particularly windy and a few flew off! In English, we started our 'Wishing Tale' unit, reading the story 'Ollie and the Wind' and drawing a storymap to sequence the events. In maths we have been practising how to share numbers using counters and arrays to help us. In Art we will be looking at all things paper this term and began by learning how to fold carefully, in order to make very simple origami kites. The children had a cricket coach from Chance to Shine join us in PE to teach them a variety of cricketing skills, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children have been very keen during book week to complete their 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions, marking down how many pages they have read as well as enjoying taking part in the Picture Book World Cup.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Toy & Mrs Milsom



Badgers News

In Badgers, we have launched straight into our new topic about predators. In English we read a poem called 'How to make a wolf' and discussed all the images used to describe different features of this animal. We then watched a short video about crocodiles and used a range of adjectives to describe it. We then wrote a class poem, 'Recipe to make a crocodile' by using a range of comparisons to help us describe each part of the animal.

To introduce our Design and Technology project, we explored with lots of different toys and games which are powered by air. We had balloon powered cars, helicopter balloons and even used party blowers to knock down the bugs! We are hoping to use some of these ideas to make our own predator which has an opening jaw powered by a balloon.

Mrs Shears & Mrs Welshman

Foxes News

On Wednesday, Foxes went to Wincanton Racecourse and participated in a Maths Day run by the charity "Racing to School". Firstly, the children looked closely at a jockey's kit and had to add up the weight of the different items. Next, they visited the parade room and made estimations on its length, before they measured it using trundle wheels. After all the children had measured, they found the mode by selecting the most common result. After that, the children visited the track and worked out the number of furlongs and miles around the track before measuring the height of the jumps and hurdles. Finally, the children enjoyed watching the first race of the day. Everyone had a great time and it was a pleasure to take them. Well done Foxes. Mr Abbott



Well done to all the children for their hard work collecting house points last half term - it was such a close competition this time! The results were:

Sandways: 791

Queen Oak: 820

Chaffeymoor: 896

Well done Chaffeymoor!

Next week you will have an additional playtime and games to celebrate.

House challenge Pancake Day Races

On Tuesday the rain held off long enough for us to all get outside and enjoy pancake day races. Each house competed together with every child taking part. They had to run with their frying pan and then flip their pancake three times before handing over to the next runner. We had lots of Concentrating Camels and great fun. The results were as follows:

1st place – Sandways

2nd place – Queen Oak

3rd place – Chaffeymoor



Football Match report

On Monday 14th February, Albert, Paddy, Sam, Kenan, Josh, Oscar, Ollie, Noah and Dexter went to an eight-a-side football match at Gillingham Primary School. In the first half it was really tight and the result was 0-0 with their goalkeeper making a couple of good saves. Luckily, in the end of the second half, Dexter made a great save and unfortunately Paddy hit the crossbar. The end result was still zero zero. Therefore, we went into extra time and luckily, Albert scored an amazing goal and we won one to zero. This meant that we were through to the next round of the cup. Thank you so much to everyone who committed to bring us there and back and also a big thank you to Mr Abbott for arranging the match. We all had an amazing time!

By Dexter and Albert

Athletics Competition report

On Thursday 17th of February, Phoebe P, Phoebe S, Lydia, Ruby, Oscar, Albert, Charlotte, Paddy, Elliot, Ollie, Dexter, Honie-May, Emily, Maisie-Grace, Noah and Billy went to Gillingham School to participate in an indoor athletics competition in their main sports hall.

The events included: an obstacle relay, the vertical jump, the triple jump, the long jump, the chest push, a 6 by 1 relay, a 1 by 1 relay, a 2 by 2 relay, the speed bounce and the javelin. Everyone did really well and lots of children won their event. After they had added up the points, we had finished 3rd.

Well done to all of the children who took part and a big thank you to Mr Abbott for organising the event and for all the parents who drove.

By Phoebe P and Phoebe S

Uniform Update:

Thank you, to everyone who has sent their child into school this week in full school uniform – they look very smart. **ALL children are now expected to be wearing full school uniform every day** except Hedgehogs who are able to come to school in Forest School Clothes on a Thursday.

Our uniform does not include trainers or jogging bottoms except for during PE lessons. We also ask that all children have a pair of welly boots in school all the time so they can access outdoor learning and wear them on the field during playtimes.

As a reminder our uniform is:

- Blue Blouse or school polo shirt
- Navy blue V-necked jumper, school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy blue, Black or Grey trousers or shorts
- Navy blue or Grey skirt or pinafore
- White, Blue or Black socks
- Blue check dress [Summer]
- Sensible black shoes, plain sandals in the Summer

Field footpath update:

As you may have noticed work on the field footpath has come to a halt this week due to the weather and a shortage of the materials. However, Kingsmere Surfacing are planning to be back on site over the weekend and we are keeping our fingers crossed we can get out and use the footpath from Monday. It is going to give us a far more useable space all year round.

St George's School Lent Challenge

As part of our assembly on Wednesday with Revd Ben we chose a whole school challenge; something we could all work towards during the period of Lent. We decided rather than giving something up we would work to change a habit instead. Together we chose to increase the number of times we say "please" and "thank you".

Already lots of children have earned extra house points for saying thank you when someone holds the door for them, or when they have been given their hot lunch. Or please when they are asking for something.

We decided this challenge matches in with all 3 of our core Christian Values!

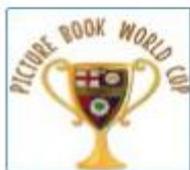
Book Week Activities

A big thank you to Mrs Toy (our school reading leader) for planning and leading a fabulous book week. We have all enjoyed taking part in the Picture Book World Cup, drop everything to read sessions, and seeing everyone's decorated story spoons. They were all wonderful.

If anyone has any giant rectangle pieces of polystyrene, we could use to drill holes in so we could display the spoons in the library we'd be grateful. Today we announced the winning book 'There's a Dragon in your Book' which won with a total of 68 votes.



Book Week



This week, as part of our Book Week, we have been taking part in a Picture Book World Cup. We started the week with 16 picture books and all week the children have had two stories read to them for them to vote for their favourite. As I write this, we are down to the final two... Simon's Sock and There's A Dragon In My Book. The winner will be announced in today's Achievement Assembly.

Below is a photo of all the amazing character spoons that the children made for World Book Day. They were absolutely amazing! Including characters such as Superworm, Red Riding Hood, Pippi Longstocking, Harry Potter and the Owl Babies to name but a few. Thank you to all those who got their whole families involved. Well done everyone.



Finally, our sponsored read is going well and the children are dropping everything to read at random times throughout the day. Today they will receive a certificate to say how many pages they managed. Please drop your sponsorship monies in to Mrs Hudson next week.

Thank you everyone for taking part.

Happy Reading!



Parent Consultation

Meetings

Week beginning 21st March 2022

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents into school for face to face meetings to look at the work the children have been completing along with speaking to the class teachers.

Further details were emailed on 28th February 2022

Please send in your appointment requests by Wednesday 9th March so we can plan the evenings

Dates for your Diary

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| 7 th Mar | Dress in Blue/Yellow for Ukraine |
| 8 th Mar | 7pm PTFA Meeting @ White Lion, Bourton |
| 11 th Mar | Foxes Cake Sale |
| 16 th Mar | Yr3/4 Football Festival @ Gillingham School |
| w/c 21 st Mar | Parent Consultation Meetings |
| 30 th Mar | Governors Meeting |
| 6 th April | Yr5/6 Football Festival @ Mere Primary |
| 7 th April | 6pm PTFA Easter Bingo – more details to follow |
| 25 th April | Last day of Spring Term |
| 27 th April | First day of Summer Term |
| 27 th April | Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School |
| 2 nd May | Bank Holiday |
| 4 th May | Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School |
| w/c 9 th May | KS2 SATs |
| 9 th May | Governors Meeting |
| 17 th May | Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School |
| 30 th May – 3 rd June | – Summer Half Term |
| 6 th June | School Closed |
| 29 th June | Yr6 to Okehampton |
| 6 th July | Yr4/5 to Leeson House |
| 21 st July | Last day of Summer Term |

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