

1ST MARCH 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

Last Saturday we held our Spring Term Open Day and it was wonderful to see it so busy! I love taking prospective families around our school to see the Prep Department, talk to staff and learn about the wonderful opportunities our children have. The common theme from feedback is always the warm, family feel that our school has and the passion of all the staff that they encounter. Open Days are not only for prospective families. I highly recommend, whatever year group your children are in, that you take the opportunity to join a tour, either on Open Day or privately, to see our Senior Department and meet key staff. If you have any questions regarding this please do come and ask. As previously posted on Class Dojo, I thought it would be useful to share the phone number for my office. I will be sending something out in the coming weeks which will help with regards to systems for reporting absence etc. The number is 01626 771527. If I am unable to answer it will go through to voicemail and I will monitor any messages. Finally, I would like to wish the best of luck to our Prep runners who will be making the long trip up to Worksop College on Saturday for the ISA National X-Country Finals. An amazing achievement and enjoy the experience!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4th March

Reception Transition Afternoon.

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March

U11 Inter-House Netball & Football.

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day.

U9 Football v St Peter's (A).

U9 Netball v Blundell's (TBC).

Friday 8th March

Author Visit.

U11 Netball & Football @ Exeter School.

Around the classes

The Lodge

By Miss Hulbert

This week in the lodge the children have been making leeks and daffodils for St David's day using some recycling materials and lots of paint! We have had a couple of new children starting with us and the children have been building good friendships with each other, doing lots of group play and sharing. We have had lots of fun in sensory trays too with flour, magic sand, the water tray with bubbles and boats and rice and pasta, using the children's judgements of amounts.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have been learning and finding out about St David's Day. We have watched a CBeebies Let's Celebrate St David's Day clip where a little girl told us how she prepares for and celebrates with her friends, we have done some hand printing to make some daffodil bunting that is displayed around the room and the children have looked at a real daffodil and drawn their very own for our wall display.



Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

Reception thought their teachers were bonkers, this week, when they asked the children to walk barefooted on the muddy grass! However the children embraced the idea and enjoyed the freedom they felt and feeling close to nature. There are so many benefits to walking barefooted on a variety of surfaces, why don't you try it at home 😊



World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March. We would like all pupils to come into school wearing pyjamas where they will take part in various book related activities including a shared read between different age groups. We also ask that all children bring in a book from home that they don't mind being used as part of a Prep Department book swap. On Friday 8th March we will be joined by a local author Anne Parsons. Anne will be sharing the story of Archie, Go! with our classes and will be leading activities and offering the chance of buying a signed copy of her book for £5. Order slips can be found in Mr Lovett's office.



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

We have enjoyed several poems about dinosaurs this week. We explored language related to how dinosaurs look, move and eat and had some fun generating rhymes. The children then chose dinosaurs, from their Dinosaur World, and created their own rhyming poetry about them. Many of these poems have been learnt off by heart already!



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Over the last couple of weeks, Prep 2 have been thinking about personal Lent challenges and have had different degrees of success. We have now decided to focus on performing acts of kindness and every child has three challenges to achieve before next week, ranging from helping family, giving compliments, leaving water out for wildlife and smiling. I think we're going to be very successful with this one 😊

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in Prep 3, as part of our surveying the land geography topic. The children went for a walk around the school grounds. The class looked carefully at the features of the school grounds including buildings, facilities and also the landscaping. The children then used this knowledge to draw fantastic sketch maps, well done Prep 3!



Work of the Week Friday 1st March

Emma Leveridge
Mena Rowlands
India Bunney
George Reynolds
Alastair Barr
Huey Magill
Issy Jones
Teddy Jeffery
Cosmo Bingham
Eli Lewis
Eliza Morgan
Harry Jeffery
Jakob Williams
Jenny Pinsent
Mali Eykyn
Rose Hooper
Thomas Pring
Finn Jones



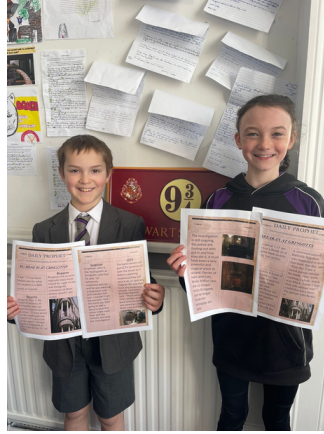
Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

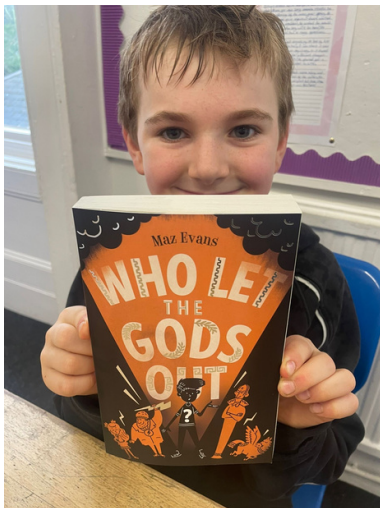
This week Prep 4 enjoyed starting their new class text. In contrast to the themes in Edward Tulane this book is totally hilarious, silly and full of mischief! It is great to see how engaged the children are with the story and how they are embracing some challenging language whilst doing sustained reading in English lessons. Lots of great writing to come!



Prep 5

By Thomas Pring

This week in Prep 5, we have been writing newspaper reports for the Daily Prophet about a Gringotts break-in. Some people went to a cross country race at Stover. Finally, we finished our Maths unit on percentages, fractions and decimals.



Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 have been honing their maths skills through the use of board games during class time. It has been fantastic to see them use their calculation skills whilst playing Monopoly and there was certainly a competitive element to the games. There was also the opportunity to play chess tournaments against one another with some great problem solving on show.



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP

Alice Colville



KS2 X-Country



A select group of KS2 runners travelled to Stover School on Wednesday afternoon to take part in an inter-school X-country event. In a large, tough field including schools such as Mount Kelly, St Peter's, Plymouth College, Maynard, St Christopher's, Stover & St John's our runners performed incredibly well and put their all into each race - as was evident by their flushed faces at the finish line. The conditions were tricky being very wet and muddy underfoot. Standout performance went to the U11 Boys team who won their competition with Henry Lovett taking 1st place in the Year 5/6 race. Well done to all!

Prep Life Gallery

