



Newsletter – March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Where has March gone? I cannot believe how quickly the Spring Term has flown by and as every month it has been filled to the brim.

March commenced with World Book Day. Despite the inclement and rather unpredictable weather we all managed to get dressed up and participate in a range of activities. I have to say I was extremely impressed by the costume parade and we have collated a gallery which is on display in the hall.

The following week was World Maths Day and it was lovely to see many of you joining in at the games afternoon. I know that children in Reception thoroughly enjoyed making their own Jack and the Beanstalk board games and over those snowy days I am hoping you managed to play some board games as a family.

On Friday 9th March we celebrated Mother's Day. Once again it was lovely to see so many of you at the assemblies and the children did you all proud with their special messages.

On Wednesday 14th March many of you joined us again as we sung Be the Change as part of the Sing Up Day. As previously mentioned we are currently in the process of gathering the evidence against the Silver Sing Up Award. Something we are aiming to achieve by the end of the academic year.

As part of our World Religions and Festivals theme week several classes have been 'out and about' to visit places of worship. Year 1 and 2 went to the Church to participate in the Easter Trail, Year 5 visited the Masorti Synagogue in St Albans and Year 3 went to the Hare Krishna Temple.

Our World Religions and Festivals week was formally launched with Bhangra dancing which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I am hoping that you all enjoyed the 'religion through art' session – I know how much you all enjoy getting 'hands on' with art and craft activities.

Also this month Year 5 and Year 1 have led class assemblies and we have had a visit from the Technology bus – no wonder the month has flown by!

At this moment in time the teaching team have been particularly busy writing the main school reports. We produce these reports at this time of the year as this enables us to identify 'next steps' and together we can work on these over the Summer Term.

The Reports will be given to parents on Friday 27th April and you will be able to discuss the contents with the Class Teacher at Parent Consultations the following week.

May I take this time to wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you all have an enjoyable break. School returns on Monday 16th April with doors opening from 8.45 am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tracy Prickett

Policies

The school is currently in the process of reviewing the 2018 Spring Term policies. The Complaints Policy has been ratified by the Governing Body and a copy is available on the website. As always if you have a worry or concern please come and speak to us directly so that we can work together on the matter.

Thank You from Mrs Cill

Thank you to all of you for your kind wishes, gifts and cards. It is not often I am lost for words but last Friday I was speechless. The new job is going well – I have survived the first week. Thank you once again.

Mrs Cill

KSI Trip to Church

Year 1 and 2 visited St. Benedict's Church in Bennett's End on Wednesday, 14th March 2018. The children completed a seven stage Easter trail, each stage teaching them different facts about Easter and what it represents to Christianity. At each stage the children were given keepsakes to remind them of their journey through the trail. Key Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



World Book Day

Despite the weather conditions resembling a scene from *The Chronicles of Narnia*, both children and staff braved the elements and came dressed in a variety of wonderful costumes to celebrate World Book Day. The children enjoyed showing off their costumes in assembly as well as sharing and enjoying books with a partner class. We also began to write a whole-school story which is currently in the process of being sent around the school; we look forward to publishing the final version! Additionally, the school raised an amazing £280 through our recent Scholastic sponsored reading event. Well done to all who took part!

On behalf of the school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who enabled your children to participate fully in the day. Your efforts are enormously appreciated by us all.

Mr Rawes



Paralympics

On Friday 16th March children in Year 6 headed to the Snow Centre to be part of the Channel 4 Paralympics television coverage. Having undertaken extensive research they were fully prepared with a list of questions for presenter Jonnie Peacock. Recorded on Friday the footage was aired on Saturday with *The Reddings* making their television debut. This was a lifetime experience and who knows this may be the first of many appearances for our eloquent young ladies and gentlemen.



Royal Albert Hall Gala

On Sunday 11th March a group of Year 6 children headed into London to perform at the Royal Albert Hall. This was the first time I had been in the audience and our children performed to an incredibly high standard. The school is purchasing the DVD and we intend to hold a screening event for parents and children in Year 6 to see themselves in action. More information to follow.

James Dickinson – Head of Hertfordshire Music Service

“On behalf of the Hertfordshire Music Service I would like to thank each and every performer and school that participated in the Hertfordshire Schools’ Gala 2018. Your level of commitment and musicality shone through. You should be very proud of what you achieved – well done!”



Sing Up

On Wednesday 14th March 2018 the whole school went onto the upper playground to sing Be the Change to the parents. This was for Sing Up day and people from all around the world joined in as well; America, Thailand, Australia and Cameroon to name a few. Even though it was a bit cold, we were lucky it did not rain. The children did us proud with their singing once again and the parents got to go “Ahhh” at their cherubs once more.



Year 3 Trip to Hare Krishna Temple



Year 3 visited the Hare Krishna Temple on Tuesday 27th March 2018. They had a brilliant day filled with many fun and exciting activities. First they had a talk and a lady named Alison explained all about the Hindu religion. The children got to dress up as Hindu gods and goddesses which they thoroughly enjoyed! Then we went on a cart ride pulled by 2 bulls to the cow sanctuary where the children got the opportunity to feed the cows. After that the children went back into the temple and all got an opportunity to dress up in Indian costumes and have their faces painted. The children also got to visit the shrine and then to top it all off we all had a lovely Indian lunch which the children thoroughly enjoyed. All in all it was a fantastic trip!

Dacorum Dance Competition

On Friday 23rd March, we set off to compete against 13 other primary schools in Dacorum for the title of the best dance act in Dacorum. The theme was circus and a group of children have rehearsed tirelessly since January on the routine choreographed by the fantastic Elle. Prior to the evening, a lot of work was put in by people regarding costumes, hair and make up so a huge thank-you to everybody who helped out. The performance itself was nothing short of outstanding. The performance was ranked 4th overall which is the highest place the school has ever come in the event. A huge congratulations to everyone involved and everyone should be incredibly proud of themselves.



Girls Football

Both girls' teams (3 and 4 & 5 and 6) set off to Cavendish for the girl's football tournament. Hopes were high after a strong finish to the girl's league from the 5 and 6 girls and they took this form into the group stage by scoring 17 out of 20 points! Unfortunately the girls were knocked out in the semi finals but a stand out performance from Emily was the highlight! The 3 and 4 girls also made it out of their group with only 1 defeat but got knocked out in the quarter finals. Again the girls showed great potential on the football field and long may it continue!

Year 4 Football Tournament

On the 27th March Year 4 football team set off for Cavendish for a football tournament. Drawn in a tough group, the children got off to a great start with a Luca wonder strike giving us a 1-0 win in our first game. Unfortunately, this was the only win we managed but more goals followed from Luca and Hashim in a 2-1 and a 4-1 defeats. The team showed excellent resilience plus positive signs for next season.



Head Teacher Merit Awards:

Bronze:	Lillie – Year 1 Ibraheem – Year 1 Adam – Year 3 Vince – Year 3 Max – Year 3 Dylan – Year 3	Silver:	Vagleis – Year 5 Pharren – Year 6 Keane – Year 6	Gold:	Alexander – Year 6 Kamile – Year 6 Oakley – Year 6 Sophia – Year 6
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Exemplar Learner: Valeria – Year 3
Vince – Year 3

100% Attendance for Spring Term 2018

The following children achieved 100% attendance during the Spring Term:

Ella – EYFS1	Freya – Year 1	Alex G – Year 3	Tia – Year 4
Wa jeeha – EYFS2	Ibraheem – Year 1	Caleb – Year 3	God'sfavor – Year 5
Safia – EYFS2	Lillie – Year 1	Amelia – Year 3	Caitlyn – Year 5
Jacob – EYFS2	Mutaqi – Year 2	Italia – Year 3	Vagelis – Year 5
Leena – EYFS2	Azaan – Year 2	Isabelle – Year 3	Ryan P – Year 5
Surina – EYFS2	Mason – Year 2	Valeria – Year 3	Kenneth – Year 5
Ollie – EYFS2	Freya – Year 2	Adam – Year 3	Taylor – Year 5
Maya – EYFS2	Karla – Year 2	Max – Year 3	Keren – Year 5
Isla – EYFS2	Brooke – Year 2	Carrie – Year 3	Kamron – Year 6
Kristopher – EYFS2	Alex B – Year 3	Maliha – Year 4	Kristiyan – Year 6
Zayn – EYFS2	Zakaria – Year 3	Ali-Reza – Year 4	Humaira – Year 6
Azan – Year 1	Raisa – Year 3	Jack – Year 4	Oakley – Year 6
Eva – Year 1	Prudence – Year 3	Aahana – Year 4	Josiah – Year 6
Evie – Year 1	Frankie – Year 3	Luca – Year 4	Emily – Year 6
Deena – Year 1	Joshua – Year 3	Ella – Year 4	Mariabella – Year 6
		Dylan – Year 4	Anastasia – Year 6
			Feriel – Year 6

Spring Term Backbone Certificates

Ella – EYFS1	Azan – Yr 1	Kaleem – Yr 3	Faheem – Yr 5
Maya – EYFS2	Rosabella – Yr 1	Alex B – Yr 3	Caitlyn – Yr 5
Jorgi – EYFS2	Samha – Yr 1	Raisa – Yr 3	Kenneth – Yr 5
Hasan – EYFS2	Ali-Mutaqi – Yr 2	Prudence – Yr 3	Inas – Yr 5
Romir – EYFS2	Ali-Haider – Yr 2	Amelia – Yr 3	Keren – Yr 5
Bailey – EYFS2	Dylan – Yr 2	Adam – Yr 3	Ailya – Yr 6
	Angel – Yr 2	Mara – Yr 4	Humaira – Yr 6
		Luca – Yr 4	Oakley – Yr 6
		Tia – Yr 4	Mariabella – Yr 6
			Anastasia – Yr 6
			Summer – Yr 6