



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

17th March 2017

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Topaz Class for your magnificent assembly! A day in the life of Topaz Class - my goodness after all you do in school I wonder you have any energy left! Beautiful singing of all your songs and what lovely art. Well done Topaz you are terrific!

Governor Monitoring Day

Next Wednesday is our second Governor Monitoring Day. The Governors will be spending the day in school observing the children and their experiences. One of the ways they will be gathering information about us is by talking to parents and carers. Governors will be present in the morning and in the afternoon to speak to you. You will recognise them by their black and white lanyards and badges. If you can spend a few moments talking to them they would be very grateful and your comments can then be fed back into school development.

Living Eggs

10 out of 10 for the chicks! The chicks will now be visiting each classroom next week for the children to look at and carefully hold. They are coming to my house for the weekend and my daughter's reaction when she found out was "yes, yes, yes! My first ever pet! I am so excited!". (Not sure my husband agrees.)

RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday the children can come to school wearing their Red Noses in return for a donation towards Comic Relief. They will also be able to wear their noses to our celebration assembly ☺

Attendance Tea Party and Mufti Day

This will be held this term for the winning house on Tuesday 28th March. The children in the winning house can come to school in their own clothes on that day as well ☺

Attendance

The House that has the best attendance this week is Spike the Spiritual Spider house with 99.7%! Brilliant ☺

Birthday Books

Thank you to Adam, Jack P and Henry for choosing a birthday book to share with their classes.

Thought for the week: 'You can find at least one thing to appreciate each day. Psychological research has shown that gratitude is actually one of the keys to being happy' *Carla Loving*

Hope you make this weekend wonderful ☺

Mrs Paines

Nursery

What an “egg-citing” week with the eggs arriving. The children really enjoyed predicting which egg would hatch first.

Well done to the children, and you the parents, for supporting them in their learning this week with their sounds - and some very tasty “rock bun” baking with Mrs Sloan and library with Amy. In PE this week the children followed the sequence and positional language in Rosie’s Walk, and they have enjoyed watching and learning about our frog spawn and seeing the tadpoles hatch.

Your child will have brought home some homework sheets to keep their handwriting and phonics going, and following parents’ evening, some patterns and ideas for strengthening your child’s pencil grip. Some numeral formation has also been included.

Next week we will be talking about the meaning of Easter and also observing the life cycle of the hen. Using vocabulary such as chick, egg, egg tooth, feathers, downy feathers, and looking at the food they eat. We will be talking about spring and the letter sounds j, y, w, and v. We will be baking cheesy worms and looking forward to the Life Bus coming on Wednesday for Emerald class and Thursday for Jade class. In the bus there will be a character called Harold, who will be talking about ‘caring for myself’ e.g. cleaning our teeth.

The chicks leave on Friday 24th March so please make sure any younger siblings pop in and have a look at our 10 chicks while we still have them!

Easter Assemblies: these take place on Tuesday 28th March at 9.15am (for Emerald) and 2.15pm (for Jade). All parents/carers and siblings are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 29th March is our last day and also the day of our ‘surprise egg hunt’ with the Reception classes, should the Easter Bunny decide to pop by!

Thank you to Jake and his family for looking after our fish Nemo and Bubbles for the Easter holidays. We will also need someone to look after our tadpoles for Easter, please.

Next Term we will be focusing on ‘Journeys’.

Does anyone work in transport, on the buses, trains, a pilot? We would like to hear about your job next term.

The Nursery Team ☺ ☺ ☺

Reception

Well done to Topaz class for their amazing assembly, we are sure you will all agree that the children did a fantastic job!

This week has been so exciting, the living eggs have arrived! We have been looking at them very carefully to observe the changes that have happened and they have all now hatched, we will continue to monitor them closely next week.

In Maths we have been busy finding the correct coins needed to buy books from our pretend class book shop, and looking closely at the size, colour and value of the different coins in a variety of ways.

We have been looking closely at various pictures in literacy and writing descriptions for each different picture, using adjectives to describe.

Next week we will be using the chicks as a focus for our learning. In Maths we will be sequencing the pictures of the life cycle of a chick and then in Literacy we will write a short sentence describing what we have observed.

In PE we will be using the wall bars in the hall, and climbing over, under and through the equipment.

Key vocabulary:

- sequence, order, eggs, chicks, hatch, fluffy, yellow, small, egg, crack, egg tooth

Show and tell group:

- ‘Badgers’ something that reminds them of spring

Please note: The children need to continually practise coins and their values, so it is a great idea to get them to help you with the shopping, sorting coins into piles and making different ways to pay. e.g how many ways can we make 5p?

The Reception Team ☺.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy week and the arrival of the chicks has provided lots of excitement. The children have been learning how to write a non-fiction report about the Life Cycle of a Chicken. First the children planned their report and chose which subheadings to use and which key facts to include, and then they used this to help them write up a detailed report, making sure the information was under the correct subheading. In Maths the children have been recapping their knowledge of doubling, have been applying their knowledge of time and have been looking over multiplication and division. In ICT the children have been coding. They had to input a code to make the different fish swim in different directions. The children enjoyed a small game of hockey in outdoor games and have also been developing their rugby skills. In RE the children have been learning all about Easter, we have tasted hot cross buns, explored the different symbols and discussed the meaning behind Easter celebrations. In Art the children have finished their fantastic pictures in the style of David Hockney and have used different materials to create different textures.

Home Learning:

- Can you explore a range of different reading material – books, newspapers, magazines, dictionaries

Key Vocabulary:

- subheadings, non-fiction, lifecycle, doubling, division/divide.

Show and Tell: Lions

Year 2

Our Amazing Animals topic has continued this week with the arrival of the cute chicks! Year 2 have been so excited about watching the eggs hatch into chicks. In Literacy we wrote newspaper reports to share the exciting news. We included contractions and adjectives to make our reports extra egg-citing! We then looked back at our work and used our own better bubbles to add improvements.

In Art this week we were also thinking about how to improve our drawings. We learnt that by listening to the advice of others, looking carefully and thinking about the shape and patterns we see, we can always offer improvements. There were some fantastic drawings across the year group of animals ranging from sting rays to racoons.

In Science we've been learning about microhabitats. Did you know that a microhabitat can be as small as a rock or a fallen branch? We learnt about why different insects are suited to their microhabitats.

In Literacy we've also been learning about different types of sentences. We know that there are questions, commands, statements and exclamation sentences. Questions always need a question mark, exclamations always need an exclamation mark and commands sometimes do too. Commands tell you to do something e.g. Don't touch the chicks! Exclamations show emotion like excitement, anger or shock. We're looking forward to using different sentence types in our writing from now on.

In Maths we have continued learning about fractions. We can now identify fractions of objects and length.

Home Learning:

- Please complete the adverb sheet in your home learning book.

Key Vocabulary:

- divide, exclamation, questions, chicks, improvements.
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School Office

Comic Relief: One more box of red noses coming at the beginning of next week!

Friends

Hi everyone

Just a few things for today:

Don't forget to order your **quiz tickets** from your class reps, always a great night out! *Cont'd/...*

Friends (.../cont'd)

Request to all you bakers and faux bakers (like me!) - we are having a **Mother's Day cake sale** on Thursday 23rd March (and maybe Friday too if any cakes left!). Our suggestion, as a special Mother's day treat is to raid a piggy bank, buy your own cake and pretend it was a generous gift! If you'd like to donate a cake or sweet treat on Thursday 23rd March, please bring along to the bike shed at drop off in the morning. We will be selling them after school, along with some fab bath bombs (so you can lie in a lovely bath eating your cake if you like!)

The **Spring fair** is going to be on Saturday 20th May, watch this space for a meeting date if you are interested in helping out.

Have a great weekend.

Friends

ACHIEVEMENTS

Value Stars: Love



George
Betty
Ava S
Maisie
Jess P
Ishaan
Immi

Golden Certificates:

Alfie
Oscar
Amelie
Fleur
Bobby
Myah
Casper
Ayşe
Aiden
Harry
Aron
Freddie
Ava O'C
Jack H
Jan
Aydin
Lucy B
Alana

Credit Card:

Zarif

Birthdays:

Henry – 5
Jack P – 6
Joseph R – 6
Harry S - 6

Outside Achievements:

Alana achieved Avondale gymnastics club badge 6
Ava A achieved badge 3 at her gymnastics club
Sophia has passed the Avondale pre-school award 6 for gymnastics
Lucas completed his first rugby tournament at the weekend and received a medal
Iris was awarded Class Award Pre-Primary in Dance
Heidi was awarded 'Rainbow of the Week'
Lara was awarded Red Level certificate from Tolworth Gymnastics Club

DIARY DATES

March 2017

Wednesday 22nd

Visit by Life Bus

Thursday 23rd

- Visit by Life Bus
- 2.15pm RockSteady Concert (for those who participate in RockSteady)

Friday 24th

- Chicks depart
- Comic Relief Red Nose Day – wear your red nose to school in return for a donation to Comic Relief.

Monday 27th

Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field

Tuesday 28th

- Yr 2 Crystal class to Stokes Field
- Nursery Easter Assemblies

Wednesday 29th

- Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field
- Nursery finishes for Easter Holidays

Thursday 30th

- 9.15am Easter Assembly at St. Mary's Church – all welcome
- 1.30pm School finishes for Easter Holidays

Friday 31st

Inset Day – school closed

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3rd-17th April

Easter Holidays