

## e-news @ Leigh & Bransford

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**This week was all about World Book Day, after all, the best kind of worm is always a bookworm!**

**Coronavirus Update** – We have continued to work with the children to underline the importance of handwashing and the correct protocol for a wash that is successful in removing all the germs. Please can you reinforce this at home. We will continue to update you when we hear anything else from Worcester County Council or Public Health England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

**Parents' Evening** – Thank you for a great turn out, for being timely and for all your input. If you require any more information or contact time with your respective teachers then please do let us know. We are always happy to help.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** – These have returned to normal this week except for Eco Club which will not be running but returns next week on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Yoga starts back on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March as per your original club letter.

**Lost Property** – Have you lost some property? Why not come and have a look through our ever growing pile in the front reception area to see if we can reunite you. We also have cake tins you may be missing.

**Bus Register** – Please make sure you let us know if our child is on the bus on a weekly basis. We cannot release your child onto it unless we have confirmation.

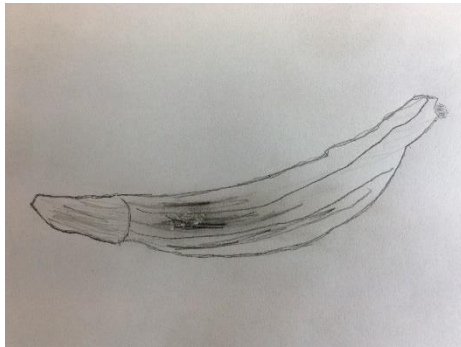
**World Book Day & The Big Book Swap** - What a resounding success! Huge thank you to George Perry and his mum, Sam, for such a great idea. They have spent the afternoon with the help of Class 5 enabling the children to swap old books for new. We will be doing this again for sure. George will be joining Mrs Tedds on the Reading Ambassadors Committee as her deputy. Each class voted for a representative to be the 'go to' person for book recommendations, reading ideas and knowledge of authors. They will have an ongoing role in developing a love of reading with Mrs Tedds here at school. Our book worms are Dylan in Reception, Esmail in Class 1, Dexter in Class 2, Daisy in Class 3, Amber in Class 4, Will B in class 5 and Georgie in Class 6. It has been great to see the children interacting with each other, there has been a fabulous array of onesies around the school that have kept us smiling all day.



**Reception, Mr Powney** - It has been another week of excitement and magic in class R! We had some magical beans delivered outside Tinkerbell's fairy door, which we planted outside! The next day they had grown into an enormous beanstalk which provided inspiration for our next talk for writing module on Jack and the Beanstalk. In maths we have been exploring every day language related to time, specifically today, tomorrow and yesterday. We also had a fantastic time dressing in our PJ's for World Book Day and enjoyed listening to lots of different stories and designing our own book covers.

**Class 1, Miss Knight** - This week in Class 1 we have been learning all about the different places that Paddington visited in London. In maths we have had lots of fun learning to tell the time and have been solving some problems using time. As part of our topic work we are looking at the four seasons in the UK and have thought about what we might need to pack if we went on a winter holiday. We have also looked at Vivaldi's four seasons and thought about how music can paint a picture in our heads. We also had lots of fun on World Book day thinking about our favourite books and Authors.

**Class 2, Mrs Tedds** - Another busy week here in Year 2. We have continued our work in Art on shading and we have used fruit and vegetables to try still life drawing. We have begun looking closer into the life of Edward Elgar and we are looking forward to going on a trip to his birth place in Lower Broadheath. The children have enjoyed playing percussion instruments and composing their own rhythms. We have had a go at being conductors to conduct the Class 2 Orchestra. See Class Dojo for photos. In ICT, the children have been learning about internet safety and thinking about important factors to keep them safe when they are online. Why not ask them to sing you the song they learnt to remember what to do if they are worried about anything while online - 'Before you tap and click, we need to STOP and think, and tell someone!'



**Class 3, Miss Radford** This week in Class 3 the children have been working extremely hard writing their own version of 'How to Train your Dragon' by inputting their dragon into the story. They have created some wonderful dragons and persevered with the planning and writing of their story. We have also been finishing off our artwork based on dragon eyes. The children have been practising their sketching and painting skills as well as refreshing their knowledge of the colour wheel and learning about tertiary colours.



**Class 4, Miss Albutt** This half term Class 4 are exploring the work of Artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children have researched facts and information about his life, his achievements and his famous art works. The children have worked together to create their first response to his work. They decided that they would explore collage and the use of alternative materials also used in Andy Goldsworthy's work in order to create their own creations. In addition, the children focused their art work surrounding journeys to school, as many pupils, friends, family and teachers have been effected by the recent flooding. The children explored this theme further and investigated the journeys that children endure across the world when travelling to school. In particular the children recreated a little girl from Bolivia's journey, detailing the challenges she faces on her two hour walk to school

**Class 5, Mrs Sage** - We had a fantastic class trip to the Wyre Forest on Wednesday. This was in connection with our learning in Geography and PSHE. We learnt essential map reading skills and applied these to our orienteering of a nature trail through the forest. Even though we had to ascend a very slippery and muddy slope, we all conquered the challenges and the 12 stages of the trail. After a much needed lunch, by a lovely warm log burner, we were given a lesson in constructing a bivi. This is a survival shelter made from wood and foliage in order to shelter people from the elements. We were being tested on how they were constructed in order to be as watertight as possible. During the afternoon session, we were taught how to light a fire using a flint and we then got to sit in the fire circle and toast marshmallows. Through the course of the day, we had to show good team working skills, determination, resilience and problem solving skills.





**Class 6, Miss Hutchinson** - This week in class six we have been looking at algebra in maths. This has been a fun but challenging area, where we have worked hard to identify the value of missing numbers and write our own formula based on a given equation or sequence. The children have worked hard together, using their problem solving skills and knowledge of inverse strategies to help them work out complex problems. In literacy we have been looking at descriptive writing. We have examined different features which allow us to describe characters and settings through inference, resulting in some gripping character descriptions of our own! In art, we have explored pastels and blending techniques used to create different moods and times of the day. We look forward to applying this technique in our next art project.

### **The Friend Zone**

**Book Fair** – Thank you to all who supported the recent book fair, we raised £302.40 to spend on new books for the school library.

**Easter Tombola 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020** – As in previous years we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs in return for raffle tickets if you are able to make a donation please leave your eggs at the front reception (where we shall lock them away from ourselves!)

**Dates for your Diary – There is lots to look forward too.**

**27.03.2020 – Jubilee cake sale**

**03.04.2020 – Easter Hunt & Easter Egg Tombola**

**01.05.2020 – Movie Night**

**15.05.2020 - Sponsored Walk**

**22.05.2020 – Midsummer Cake Sale**

**27.06.2020 – Summer Fete**

**03.07.2020 - Beacon cake sale**

**10.07.2020 – Leavers Disco**

### Our very best reasons to feel proud!

Lainey B – Helping others

Sam J – Effort with his portrait.

Ella W – A detailed self portrait.

Edey G – Thinking carefully about her writing.

Freya D – For being a kind and caring member of the class.

Charlie S – For excellent effort with his writing.

Oliver H – Progress in reading.

Ashleigh MW – progress in writing.

Lilly D – Excellent effort in all areas.

Evalyn B – For excellent painting of a dragon eye.

Jay Jay Barnes – For working really hard with his phonics and reading.

Oliver C – Imagination in literacy.

Megan C – Increased confidence and settling in well to class 4.

All Class 5 – For showing determination, resilience and excellent behaviour on our class trip to Wyre Forest.

Lauren C - Working hard in maths.

Lottie T & James C – Excellent effort in maths.

Annabel T & Amelia S – Excellent effort in literacy.

### School dates for your diary

Easter – School closes Friday 3rd April & reopens Monday 20th April 2020.

Summer Half Term – School closes Friday 22nd May & reopens Monday 1st June 2020. (Inc. Whitsun Bank Holiday – Mon 25th May)

End of Summer Term – Friday 17th July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May 2020 (Anniversary of VE Day)

TED Days

Thursday 7th May 2020 –Police Commissioner Elections – school used for polling,

Monday 20th July 2020

**Class Trip Dates** - All information for these trips should have come home in a separate correspondence, if you require any further assistance please visit the school office where we will always do our very best to help you. All payments via Payments 4 Schools.

Class 4 – Condoval Hall (Residential) - Monday 16th March

Class 2 – Edward Elgar National Trust – Tuesday 17th March.

Class 6 – Harry Potter Studio – Wednesday 1st April