



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents,

## WORLD BOOK DAY

A great morning was had by all Eagles as we took part in the World Book Day event at Kingsholm Stadium. With the pitch as our backdrop, we enjoyed performing our own dramatic interpretations of the book *Howls Moving Castle* to seven other schools! We also had the opportunity to watch interesting presentations from other children on authors such as JK Rowling, Dr Seuss and Spike Milligan. We learnt all about the reading habits of Gloucester Rugby Stars Henry Trinder and Jeremy Thrush in a live question and answer session. We're all looking forward to taking part in the 'Rugby Mini Reading Challenge' organised by Gloucestershire libraries.

Robins, Kingfishers and Owls started the day off with a special assembly where we shared a wonderful selection of our favourite books, as well as books chosen by Mrs Fisher, Mrs Jones & Mr Bridges. Later in the day, Big Friends read Robins' favourite books to them as well as their World Book Day book. Mrs Amos came to read one of her favourite stories at story time. Kingfishers wrote reviews of our favourite books and invented some incredible new book characters, including some quite amazing aliens!

All the children also received a World Book Day token which they can use any time in the next three weeks to swap for a free World Book Day book (please see poster in porch for titles) or to get £1 off any other book at bookshops. Thanks to George's mum in Robins, all the Robins and Kingfishers received a free World Book Day mini book too. Finally we also had an Usborne Book Sale at the end of the day, where some children were keen to use their tokens straight away. Happy Reading!

## Parent Forum

We will be holding a Parent Forum Meeting on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 6.30pm - please let the office know if you are able to attend. We will hold the next meeting during school hours so that as many parents as possible can attend.

## Dates For Your Diary

W/C Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	WORK LIFE BALANCE WEEK - NO CLUBS
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education Bus to visit school - there will be a parent session.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Newlands Rugby 6.30pm Parent Forum

## Assemblies this term

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Robins
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfishers
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Owls
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Eagles

## New Student

We have welcomed Mia Parry, a former pupil and Early Childhood student to school to undertake a six week placement in Robins.

## Cross Country

Super results - we came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Small Schools Boys and overall 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Small Schools category. Jimmy did an amazing job coming 8<sup>th</sup> overall for boys and he will be running for County. The results for last night's race were - Grace C - 58, Grace E 33, Isla S 47, Fred - 25, Monty S - 19, Liam BH - 41, Lewis BH - 33, Jimmy 8. We (the school, parents and children) would like to say a big thank you to Marie Burnett-Hockey, who has supported the children at the races - encouraging them and offering excellent expertise, guidance and care.

**News from Classes:**

**Robins** - Robins have been acting out and drawing story maps of Jack and the Beanstalk this week. They have planted bean seeds and made collages of the Giant. Robins have also grown cress seeds and made cress sandwiches as well as pancakes on Pancake Day. Big Friends came to read Robin's favourite books to them on World Book Day and Mrs Amos led story time with one of her favourite books.

**Kingfishers**- We have exploring our taste buds this week in Kingfishers! All the children tasted some exotic fruits having been inspired by our story Handas Surprise. They all had a try and thought of some super adjectives to describe the tastes! Many thanks to Mrs Denne and Mrs Davis for giving up their time to come and bake fairy cakes with the children. Hopefully they will bring their gourmet safari cakes home unscathed after school today!

**Owls** - Owls enjoyed a challenge at Forest School on Tuesday as they set routes for each other using a map of the site and compass directions. We all enjoyed ourselves and no-one got lost! Elsewhere we have looked at different types of settlement in our topic work and for World Book Day we studied the BFG and created some of our own monstrous and evil characters.

**Eagles** - After being given the decade of the 1980s by Gloucester Rugby, Eagles began to read and analyse Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones. They thought about the characters and their motivations, representing their thoughts through writing, drawing and drama. Three large collages of Sophie, Howl and Calcifer were created and taken to Kingsholm Stadium where they formed a part of our presentation to 7 other schools. We also spoke about the plot so far and showed some dramatic interpretations of Chapter 4. While we were there we had the opportunity to see the first team changing rooms, learn from the Waterways and Gloucester City Museums and the library, and had a very interesting Q&A session with two of the Gloucester rugby team, Jeremy Thrush and Henry Trinder.

**Have a lovely weekend!**

**Mrs Kelly**

**This week's 'Golden Children'**

**Gold Book:**

**Robins** - Oscar for his beautifully drawn story map of Jack and the Beanstalk.

**Kingfishers** -Michael and Ava B for their enthusiastic use of Spellodrome over the last few days - amazing scores!

**Owls** - Penny, Charlotte and Lara for so carefully working out a route for another group to follow.

**Pen license** - Issy Shakespeare and Charlie Buttle.

**Eagles** - The whole of Eagles class for representing the school so well on our trip for World Book Day.

**Attitude Tree:** Liam H for showing such a positive approach to his reading recently - well done! Lilly M and Woody for the hard work they have put in to understanding column subtraction. Michael Wild and Ava Buttle for their enthusiastic use of Spellodrome over the last few days - amazing scores!



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Felix G, Ollie I & Charlie B

NEXT WEEK'S MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger with Baby New Potatoes	Chicken Risotto	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Lasagne with Garlic Slice	MSC Fishfingers with Chips
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Vegetable & Bean Cobbler with New Potatoes	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Goulash with Rice	Cheese & Pepper flan with Chips
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Jacket Potato with Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayo	Jacket Potato with Beans
Carrots, Sweetcorn	Cauliflower, Broccoli	Shredded Cabbage, Broccoli	Roasted Vegetable Medley	Garden Peas & Baked Beans
Pineapple Upside down Cake and Custard	Chocolate Oaty Square with Chocolate Sauce	Orange Triangle Cake (contains wholemeal flour)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie	Fruity Flapjack

