

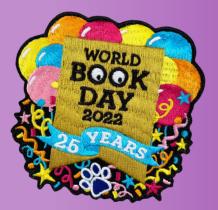


# World Book Day!

World Book Day celebrated it's 25th birthday this year with the message

'You Are a Reader'.

World Book Day is a charity event held annually in the UK and Ireland on the first Thursday in March. Every child in full time education in the UK is given a voucher to be spent on books.



World Book Day was a huge success at Plumcroft! Once again, the children and teachers made a great effort and everyone looked fabulous.

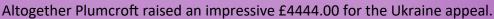






# Money raised for Ukraine

A BIG thank you to everyone who has donated money, items of clothing or food for people in Ukraine. Also, a big thank you and well done to Henry and Bryan (Year 4) for setting up their very own 'Busk for Ukraine' appeal. They raised £65.93 for the fund!





# Red Nose Day! Plumcroft raised £499.88 for Red Nose day. Thank you for all your donations.

# George Mead Memorial Stables

Plumcroft raised £560.35 for George Mead Memorial Stables. Thank you for all your donations.





Year 5 School Journey

Year 5 had the most amazing time on School Journey. The children had so much fun taking part in adventure activities and discovering just how resilient and brave they are. Thank you to all of the staff that made this experience possible.



#### Year 5 Home Journey

The children had a fun filled week at school and had the opportunity to do many different activities, such as going to the farm, cooking, visiting the IMAX cinema and going trampolining. The children have written articles about their week.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, we went to the IMAX cinema in Waterloo. First, we gathered our stuff and put on our high vis. Next, we walked from school to Woolwich station to catch our train. Unfortunately, we missed it! So we had to catch the next train to London Bridge where we got off and boarded our next train. We got off at Waterloo East and walked for a bit to the cinema. For our film, they gave us sweet popcorn and water. The popcorn was delicious. We watched a documentary of the Apollo 13 and the Moon landing. In the autumn term, Year 5 had learned about Space and the Space race so even though I didn't understand everything in the documentary, I remembered researching what happened when Neil Armstrong landed on the Moon and left the American flag there.



This week, we were allowed to wear our own clothes! On Thursday, we made pizza. First, we made the dough by mixing plain flour, yeast, water, oil, salt and sugar (Miss cut 7 pieces for everyone in my team). We kneaded it and then shaped it. We then left the dough to sit for about half an hour. When the dough was ready, we put on our toppings. I had tomato sauce and a lot of cheese. Once we finished our toppings, Miss helped us put our pizzas them in the oven. They didn't take that long and once they were ready, we got to eat them. Yum! In the afternoon, we went swimming and played water polo. It was the first time I had ever played it. I really enjoyed it. After swimming we walked back to school and it was home time. Overall, I had a fun packed day.

By Alishbali 5K



On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March people who did not go to the school journey got to go to many places. My favourite outing was the farm. The farm is very adventurous. It has lots of animals like cows, sheep, guinea pigs, chicken and pigs. I'm sure there are more. At the farm, we got into groups of 8 and went scavenger hunting to find pictures of farm related things. I was in group with my friends and teachers supervised us. We found 3 pictures but I can't quite remember what they were. **By Taaliya 5S** 

#### Our Visit to the farm

When we got to the farm, I saw cows and sheep. We went on a scavenger hunt to find things- letters and pictures which were scattered all over the different fields of the farm. We had maps with letters on showing the different points we had to find. Each letter had a picture and once we found the letter we had to write the picture next to the letter on our sheet. The first one we found was the letter M which was a chicken. Adrian was the one who found it. After that, we went to another big field where found another group and then we saw another letter and picture. It was a sunny day and we were hot. I enjoyed visiting the farm and would probably go there again.



By Riley 5M



# Helping your child revise or prepare for SATS needn't be a time consuming job if you get the basics right. These tips will hopefully help you to do that:

# 1)Your attitude and consistency will define how well things go:

Children will pick up on everything you do. Model positivity.

#### 2) Schedule time:

It's a good idea to have a set time for work to happen.

#### 3) Reward attitude and effort not just results:

We recommend you reward the building blocks of success (attitude and effort) and not focus on results.

# 4) Be Patient:

Remember children will learn more, become more confident and do better with patient help.

# 5) Be positive, smile, have fun:

Having fun means being light-hearted with their mistakes and your own, you may find you don't know the answer to something or doubt yourself – have fun looking it up. If you can make sessions as light-hearted as possible then learning will be more effective.

# 6) Create a good environment:

Make sure you are in a quiet room away from distractions. If a 'mock' test is being done this is especially important.

# 7) Be well equipped:

Make sure you have the things you need for the work at hand.

# 8) Bed Times:

A child who has slept properly and isn't tired will do much better and is much more likely to deliver their best work on the day.

# 9) A good start in the morning:

This isn't just about eating and drinking properly first thing but also about not being in a rush (with the raised stress levels that go with that), it's about being prepared and organised. In the run up to the exam it's a good idea to get to school early each day. Your child will feel more in control as a result.

# 10) Screen time adjustments:

Every family will have their own rules over screens but it's also important to remember that relaxing through exercise is very important. Children will benefit from having learning time, screen time and exercise time, but if they overly focussed on screen time then they are likely to not do as well as they could have done.



# **Marvellous Mondays**

Year 4 have continued enjoying their 'Marvellous Mondays' this half term. Part of this has involved Music lessons with Miss Pearcy, where children have been exploring dynamics and volume, learning to play instruments and read music and improving their body percussion skills. One piece of

music they particularly enjoyed was 'In the Hall of the

Mountain King' by Edvard Grieg which they recreated using chime bars. In addition to this, Year 4 have continued their Art, Computing and PSHE lessons in the afternoons where they have been creating mandalas with paint in Art, developing their coding skills in Computing and using drama to explore themes of respect, empathy and risk in PSHE.

#### It's all about healthy living...

Year 2 have had a fantastic Spring term filled with lots of learning. For healthy living, the children identified healthy and not healthy food and then they designed their own healthy packed lunch. The children explored different fruits and designed, made and evaluated their own fruit salad. Also, the children have been learning about plastic pollution and how they can help protect animals and their environment. The children read a book called 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' which taught them how animals can get harmed from plastic pollution.





# Year 2 visited the library

On World Book Day, Year 2 were lucky enough to visit the Woolwich Library and the Slade Library, dressed up as a character from their favourite book. The children had a wonderful time exploring the libraries, and browsing through the large collections of materials that the libraries have to offer. They were given bookmarks and worksheets to celebrate this special day, listened to stories being told by the librarian, and were able to borrow a book to take back to school and read in their classroom.

No matter what your level, ability or topic of interest might be, there is a perfect book for EVERYONE!

# Nursery

The children in Nursery have been thinking about Ukraine. They looked at a map of the world and used magnifying glasses to spot Ukraine. Then they created flags and practised how to say hello in Ukrainian. They discussed why they were wearing blue and yellow, what the word charity means and how the money we have donated will help.



#### Year 6

Year 6 have been very fortunate and had the opportunity to take part in trampolining workshops run by Plumstead Manor Secondary School. The children learned how to make different body shapes in the air and how to perform seat drops. The children were very focussed throughout the activity and thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to try something new.





#### Nursery

Vincent Road Nursery class have been enjoying watching the caterpillars grow. They are very excited to see what happens to them.

Also, the children have been planting a variety of seeds and looking closely at plants with a magnifying glass.

#### **Plum Lane Reception Garden**

Reception children have been busy planting potatoes. There are two potato bags outside the reception doors. Potatoes should be ready to harvest the first week of July.





#### **Eco News**

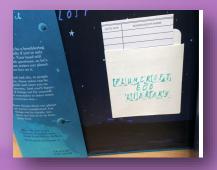
Eco Council has started an eco-library in Miss Kibombo's class (5K) and had lots of fun opening the new deliveries. All of the books have library cards where you can say who borrowed them, their class and the date it's due back. You can borrow one book at a time and have two weeks to read it. Please talk to your year's eco council members, who will take you to the

library (don't go on your own and ask for their permission!) Book donations are also welcome, they can be about nature, plants or animals and the library is for all age groups. Before you donate anything, remember that they will belong in the library permanently, so please ask permission to give them away first.

Eco council also started to train bin monitors for each class. If a class does not have bin monitors, please nominate two children, who are not in eco council, and report to Miss Kibombo on Wednesday or Friday at lunch time.

By Polly Keeper (6H)





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# **Houses and Homes**

Year 1 have been building, constructing, sculpting and modelling different types of houses, from igloos and tents to greenhouses and lighthouses. Year 1 at Plum Lane took a trip to visit the Houses and Homes exhibition at Vincent Road while the Year 1 at Vincent Road took a trip see the exhibition at Plum Lane. Everyone was very impressed with the different work on show.

# Stone Age Day for Year 3!

Year 3 had an exciting Stone Age Day! It was great fun to have Vincent Road children spend the day at Plum Lane. The morning consisted of Stone Age art activities and visiting the woods to build a shelter. They all looked brilliant wearing their necklaces. To end a great day, the children watched Flintstones in the afternoon.



# **Reception's Butterfly Project**

Over the next 6 to 8 weeks each reception class in Plum Lane and Vincent road will be watching the life cycle of the butterfly live in their classrooms. Each class will raise 6 caterpillars and watch them turn into chrysalises and then emerge as adult butterflies.



The children are extremely excited.

# Fairtrade poster competition winners March 2022

Thank you to the many children who entered the 'Design a Fairtrade poster' competition. There were so many fantastic and creative examples to choose from! The winners are:

> Skye 1A Hannah 1A Akshatha 2M Wajeeha 2H Nathan 4H Edith 3J Hannah 3A Ayla 4A Dylan 5K Kenzo 6LM



**Congratulations! From Mrs Iqbal and Miss Mensah** 







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Woodlands Farm's Events

The Woodlands Farm Trust, 331 Shooters Hill, Welling DA16 3RP

# Eggs-cellent Easter Trail Fri 15th Apr 10:00 - 14:00

It is the return of their annual Easter Trail! Can you find all the Easter eggs hidden round the farm? If you can then you can get your chocolate egg prize! No need to book, just drop in. £2 per child. For more information contact 020 8319 8900

# Lambing Day and Food Festival Sun 24th Apr 11:00 - 16:00

An opportunity to see all their new born lambs as well as browse a selection of craft and local food stalls. There will also be children's activities as well as Tractor and Trailer Rides and Pony and Trap rides (weather permitting). Entry charges: Adults £2 / Children under 16: £1 / Family (2

adults and up to 3 children) £5 No need to book, pay on the gate.

# **House Points**

Well done to all the children this term for working incredibly hard and receiving hundreds of house points. A big well done to the winning house Elm, who enjoyed 30 minutes of extra playtime outside. Congratulations to Ms Becky, who has given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Another lovely addition to our Plumcroft family.



#### **Music News**

Plumcroft Voices Choir are preparing for the Singing Spectacular at Woolwich works in May. Miss Tatiana is really proud of all the hard work and energy they bring to their Wednesday Rehearsals afterschool. With over 350 children learning instruments at Plumcroft School the Music teachers want to give a special mention to these children.

They are really focussing in their Instrument Lessons and trying to be the best they can be. They are also remembering their Red Music folder every week and practicing at home.

Nathaniel from 4A - Recorder Lessons

Phoenix 6JB - Saxophone Lessons Lois 6N - Saxophone Lessons Finlay 6H - Clarinet Lessons Ethan 5B - Clarinet Lessons Alice 4H - Flute Lessons

Finley RN - Keyboard Lessons Ayla 2A - Keyboard Lessons

Louie RP - Ukulele Lessons

Ayo 5M - Drum Kit/percussion Lessons Ellie Rae 4H - Drum Kit/percussion Lessons

# **Important Dates**

# **Remaining Staff Training Days (INSET)**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - Polling Day. Plum Lane Campus Closed.

Term Dates for 2021/2022 Term / Holiday

Spring Term 2: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Summer Term 1: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Summer Term 2: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

# We hope you have a lovely Easter break. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.