



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

*Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another week full of exciting learning opportunities at Winslow School. Year Five have had a particularly busy week with a visit from Science Oxford on Tuesday. The children experienced a pop-up planetarium and a space-themed workshop. The children spent the day as space recruits, carrying out astronaut tasks and learning about space. Back in the classroom, they undertook astronaut training, tackling space tasks wearing big gloves and making chocolate pudding space food! In the afternoon, their workshop was based on rocket cars, using plastic bottles to design cars and launched them across the playground using water and compressed air.

Across the school we have been celebrating World Book Day and it was wonderful to see so many staff and children dressed up as book characters on Thursday. The children participated in a wide variety of activities to promote reading for pleasure in their classrooms and enjoyed coming together for a whole school collective worship to hear a retelling of Julia Donaldson's 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' by different members of staff.



In the afternoon the whole school met on the playground for an opportunity to celebrate reading for pleasure outside. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and today all of the children have today received a World Book Day book token which can be redeemed at many participating retailers for a special World Book Day book or a discount on any children's book.

The theme for the day was 'Find your reading superpower?' and children were invited to enter a competition. Book prizes for the lucky winners have been provided by Buckingham Book Shop.

Fresh Start also got involved in the celebrations with two lucky children finding 'Golden Tickets' in their puddings. Congratulations to Henry in Reception and Oliver in Year 4 for winning special books prizes.

On Tuesday, this week the two Reception classes made a visit to the Town library in Winslow. The children had a busy visit with lots of different activities to do. They were amazed to discover that the library has over 6,100 books and that they could borrow 20 books at a time. The children are keen to revisit the library with their parents and get a library card of their own.

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They also had a story time and looked at the books on offer in the children's section of the library.

At the end of the visit the children were all given their own copy of the book 'I really, really need a wee!' by Mike Newson. The children got to listen to a live online story session with the author on Wednesday where he read his book to them.



The Internet Safety Information Evening held on Tuesday evening and led by Alison Watts, a trained CEOP Ambassador, was a really useful session. I have attached an information leaflet to this Newsletter with some suitable links to help parents support children to manage the online world safely.

### **Top Tips**

- Talk regularly with your child about what they like to do online
- Find out what apps, games and sites they use or would like to use
- Use the social web framework to consider the benefits and dangers in each of the four areas
- Support your child to be safer on the apps, games or sites you decide are suitable for them to use

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you manage to find some time this weekend to enjoy some reading!

*Samantha Dimpleby*  
Headteacher

### **Year 6 Cake Sale**

Georgia, Evie, Daisy and Emily from 6FH will be holding a Cake Sale on the Key Stage Two playground after school today. They are raising money in support of Dogs for Good, a charity that supports people with disabilities with expertly trained dogs. Any donations will be gratefully received.

### **Child of the Week**

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

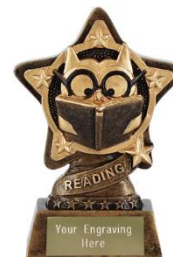
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Year 1: Rex & Felix  
Year 2: Joshua & Matthew  
Year 3: Evie & Masie  
Year 4: Scarlett & Cameron  
Year 5: Harvey & Frankie  
Year 6: Thomas & Lily

### Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

2YM
3CC
4SW
5KE
6FD



### Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.



### What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



### Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Date	Event
wc 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	