



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

3rd March 2023

As you can see from the newsletter, it has been another busy month at Fressingfield Primary School. There are lots of photos here and on the website for you to enjoy. This has been a slightly disrupted term due to the industrial action taken by the National Education Union and we would like to express our apologies and thanks to all the families who have been affected by the recent strike action. We recognise it isn't easy to arrange care in these circumstances and we thank you for managing the disruption.

At the same time, we recognise our teachers' right to take the industrial action requested by their union and we wish them luck with their campaign.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is always epic at Fressingfield Primary School. Each year the costumes seem to get better and better. We want to say, "Well done!" to all the children for really getting in the spirit and, more importantly, "Thank you and well done!" to all the parents who worked so hard on the costumes. As I write, the children are busy decorating their spuds and transforming them into their favourite book characters. They will then be writing their own stories about their heroes. There are lots of great photos on the school website to enjoy.

OUR BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

Last week the new books for our library were delivered so we now have every single book on each of the Essential Guide to Books for children to borrow and enjoy. This mammoth operation has been largely conducted by our school librarians: it involved an audit of all the books we had in school to identify which ones on the list we had and which ones were missing; cooperation with FOFSA who bought them all for us using the money we raised as part of the Walk on the Wild Side last year; and, finally, the stamping, stickering and organising of all the books so they can be shared with the right year groups. Well done Librarians!

Excitingly, the books bought include a huge selection of fantastic stories featuring culturally diverse heroes, such as Pink is for Boys, the Girl with Two Dads, Isaac and his Amazing Aspergers Superpowers, and All Are Welcome. This is in response to the work the librarians did with Mrs Hare to identify inclusive books to include on the Essential Guides.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We wrote recently to invite you to our Celebration Assemblies on Friday afternoons starting from 11th March. These are a lovely opportunity to find out what we have been learning about and to share some individual successes each week. The invitation is open to all parents, carers and governors: simply arrive at about 2.30pm to sign in and take up your seats. At the end of assembly, we would value your help putting the chairs away whilst the children pack their bags, then they will be ready for collection in the normal way from the classroom doors. We aren't sure just how many parents will be able to join us each week, but if we find we are regularly overfull, we will switch to a rota system. If you are able to come, we look forward to seeing you.



UNNAMED CLOTHES

Every day the pile of clothes without names grows a little bit bigger. It includes some of the lovely Fressingfield reversible coats and other items that are obviously quite expensive. Please make sure your children's clothes don't end up in this pile by labelling everything very clearly with an indelible pen.

MISSION TO MARS!

We are looking forward to taking part in a Mission To Mars over the coming two weeks as part of Science Week. A letter has been sent separately. On Tuesday 7th March we will be taking part in a series of interactive live workshops online with ESERO-UK. Then on Monday 13th we will be working in our Houses to make rockets and Mars Bases and on Tuesday 14th we will be joined by the Wonderdome for their planetarium experience.

Please help us prepare for next Monday by sending in your junk modelling. We need boxes, tubes, plastic bottles and other goodies to transform into mission resources. Thank you.

FABULOUS FLAUTISTS!

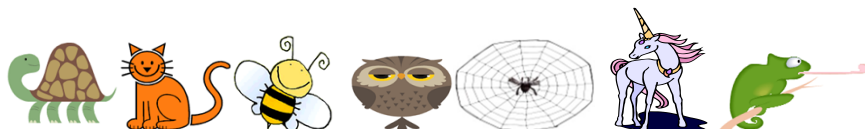
Yangtze Class this week performed one of the pieces they have been learning with Mrs Blaylock to the school in a concert on Thursday afternoon. The concert started with a rendition of Make Your Own Kind of Music by Mama Cass which featured both singing and three different flute lines played by different members of the class. Liam and Chloe, who have been learning after school with Mrs Blaylock, then performed an incredible duet called Movie Buster. It is fair to say that the rest of the school were suitably impressed.

WATER BOTTLES

Some children don't appear to have a water bottle in school. Please could each child bring a named one in every day. Thank you.

FOODBANK

If you and your family are struggling and you need some food, please contact Rev Susan on 01379 388493.



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TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

We give our congratulations to Colorado Class as they won the Times Table Rock Stars Tournament for the month of February. It was a very closely fought battle between Congo and Colorado Classes, but the children in Mrs Buckenham’s class just pipped it at the finish line.

Knowing the times tables by heart makes an incredible difference to outcomes in maths and gives an enormous boost to children’s confidence. Every child in the school from Year 2 up has a TTRS log-in so, if your child is struggling to remember these crucial number facts, please encourage them to log on and play regularly throughout the week. Thank you.

LEARNING WITH LEGO

We have registered with Newsquest to collect tokens to spend on Lego Learning Resources. Tokens can be found every day in the East Anglian Daily Times and other Newsquest papers. If we collect 1000 tokens, we’ll receive £50 to spend on Lego Learning Resources.



CONGRATULATIONS AQUILA and COLUMBA

The Year 5 and 6 children have kindly pointed out that I have been remiss and failed to organise a dress-down day for last term and last half term. I have apologised. So, please let us celebrate the achievements of Columba and Aquila who incredibly drew to both win the house point challenge before Christmas, and to Aquila who were victorious last half term.

Their reward is as follows: on Monday 6th March both Aquila and Columba (the Green and Yellow Houses) will have a dress-down day; and on Tuesday 7th March Aquila will have another separate dress-down day for last half-term. Well done all!



DATE	EVENT
Fri 3rd March	World Book Day
Fri 3rd March	FOFSA Film Night 3.15pm— 5.30pm
Mon 13th—Fri 17th March	Science Week
Tue 14th March	Wonderdome (Whole School)
Fri 17th March	Comic Relief Day
Fri 17th March	Key Steps Gymnastics 9.30am—12.30pm Teams from KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tue 21st March	‘Bee’ Netball 12pm—2.45pm
Fri 24th March	Cross Country Y4,5,6 1pm—2.45pm
Mon 27th March	Swimming Gala Framlingham 9.30am—12pm
Wed 29th March	Quicksticks Hockey Magpies 12pm—2.45pm
Thur 30th March	Easter Service and Cups 9.30—10.30am
Fri 31st March	PD Day—School Closed
Mon 1st— Fri 16th April	Easter Holidays
Thurs 20th April	Suffolk Farm and Country Fair Y3/4 10am—2pm

COMIC RELIEF

We will be holding a Joke-a-thon on Friday 17th March for Comic Relief Day, so come prepared with your best joke on the day and the winners from each class will share theirs in assembly. Come dressed on the day in your own clothes and bring in a contribution for the charity. Paper red noses can be bought from Amazon.

SAFER PARKING

The Junior Road Safety Officers are concerned that some people are still choosing to park on the pavements outside the school gates and at their next meeting will be discussing their response. Please stay out of their bad books by parking in the Chapel carpark instead.