

17<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Chaffinch class investigating how fairground rides work before starting their designs.

# MELDRETH MESSAGES



## Staffing Updates

After Easter we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Samways back to Robin class after her maternity leave. Robin class will be taught by both Mrs Franks and Mrs Samways.

We are happy to inform you that Ms Haigh will still be working in the school initially supporting children in Kingfisher class. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and care for the children in Robin class over the last two terms.

Welcome back Mrs Pedge. We have been very excited to see you in school this week. Mrs Pedge returns as teaching assistant in Jay class after Easter. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for her care of Jay class pupils.

## Pupil news

We wish Grace, Bobby and Robert and Morgan all the best as they set off for the summer season.

## House Points

This half term's house point totals are.... Well done Elm House...Watch out for this half term's final total next week.

1437

1330

1177

1166

It was an amazing sight today as Sport Relief brought the entire school community together to get active, raise cash and change lives. The money raised today will be spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, across the UK and the world's poorest communities.

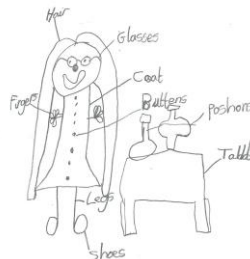
It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic during the fun run. Thanks to all those of you who volunteered your support to ensure the children had a good, safe time. We raised a total of £155 well done. Meldreth you did yourself proud!

This week children all took part in extra science activities to celebrate national science week. In Robin class the children went on a listening walk, you may have spotted the ears around school, and tested which materials make the best shaker. Jay class got busy with their balloon rocket investigation whilst Kingfisher, Swallow and Chaffinch classes took part in workshops provided by our STEM Ambassadors from Glaxo Smith Klein, Sam, Jen and Phil. Click [here](#) to see what fun we had.

We all enjoyed a 'Fun with Science drop in' after school on Wednesday with added expertise provided by **Mrs Davies** and Seymour the skeleton and **Mr Lees** from PA Consulting group, Melbourn and his coding expertise. Please see the photo galleries on the website news page.

This is what children in **Kingfisher class** had to say...

"I put on a science coat. I put on science goggles. We learnt all about evaporation, separation and condensation." **Oliver Y**



A Scientist by **Tilly W**

"We got some paper in the shape of a circle. We got a colouring pen and made a dot. We put a flap of the paper in water and left it. Then we learnt all about separation chromatography!" **Tom W**

"I liked it when we made patterns. It was amazing! Would you like to do Science?" **Toby L**

## Diary Dates

### March

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Year 3 & 4** 5-a-side Football

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - End of Spring Term

### April

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Summer Term begins

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> **Year 5 & 6** Swimming Gala

### Choir News

Choir will be taking a well-deserved break after next week's session until 5th May.

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### Science Festival

Don't forget that this weekend is the last weekend of the 2016 Cambridge Science Festival.

Take a good look at the website and make sure you don't miss out. **Get More Information and Book here**

## Chaffinch class Venture

Many thanks to Mrs Chapman and Maryanne for kindly showing Chaffinch class around 'Five acres' on Wednesday to see how the rides are being prepared for this year's season on the fairgrounds.



This experience will provide valuable support for their fairground ride designs in Design Technology and it's clear from their enthusiasm that the results are going to be impressive.

## Royston Rugby Roundup

Eddie C, Toby D-S and Alfie R, both from Swallow class, played in the competitive part of the Under 8's Tag Rugby Cambridgeshire County cup last weekend against 12 other clubs. In total our team played 5 matches, winning 4 with one match result a draw. The boys are now very proud winners and reports say played very well together as a team.

## FREE recycling family activity day

Over the Easter break why not visit the Amey Waste Treatment centre for their hands-on, practical fun and creative family activity sessions on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The sessions are aimed at children aged between 6 and 12 years old. Sessions are free to attend and run from 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm on each of the three days. Booking is essential to confirm your place. For more information and to book a place please telephone 01223 815490, or e-mail [wasteeducation@amey.co.uk](mailto:wasteeducation@amey.co.uk)



Science in action this week!