

10th March 2017

There was lots to do at Gardening club this week!

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Headteacher's award:

Kara H, Emily T, Kimberley W, Charlie H, Connor J and Evie LM

Robin Learner of the week: **Darcey McM**

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport our trophy winners this week are...

Samuel T, Maya S, Aliya L, Charlie C and Lola B

Writer of the Week

This week **Joni M** was noticed in class for her Bar Hunt writing. You remembered everything you were asked for. Well done Joni!

Home Learner of the Week

This week **Simon D** was praised for his amazing amount of Space research. We were very impressed.

Running Club Trophies

Awarded to **Toby D-S & Eddie C**

House Points

Wow! Our house point total so far is:

Oak	Ash
1365	1162
Elm	Beech
1042	1114

What a great surprise to be presented with a bunch of the school's first daffodils this week, there are definitely signs of Spring all over school. Robin class went on a Bear Hunt in the woods this week with real 'squelch squerch' noises from one helper who really did get stuck in the mud! By the time you read this newsletter Swallow, Woodpecker and Chaffinch classes will have been out and about in Cambridge visiting the Scott Polar Exhibition in order to extend their understanding of the Polar topic with some first-hand historical and scientific evidence learning is now so much more than what goes on inside the classroom.

Lewis P had this to say, "At the museum I saw a husky whip on display and next to this was a bow and arrow. Near the entrance to the museum there was a giant canoe. It was twice the size of me, if I was laying down. There was only a tiny hatch to sit in the canoe so that it was waterproof with a leather deck spray. I also learnt what a Sextant looks like. A sextant is something you would use to navigate through the night using the stars the guide you."

Important Announcements

PTA Quiz Night – **Friday 17th March** - Teams of 8!

Our **school term dates for 2017-18** are now available on the school website.

Parent Consultation evenings are scheduled on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March. **Booking now open**, log in to your Parent Starz account. Information on how to do this is available on the school website front page.

Singing club restarts again next week.

CAN YOU HELP? We need 20+ additional adults to marshal the route for our annual **Comic Relief Fun Run on Friday 24th March**.

On Friday 24th March, we are inviting you to join us for our annual **Mothering Day** celebration. Parents of Robin, Jay and Kingfisher classes are invited to come in to school at 2:30pm for tea and cakes.

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Diary Dates

March

Wednesday 15th Quicksticks hockey competition

Thursday 16th Science week activities in school

Friday 17th **Robin class cake sale**

Friday 17th Year 4 Science activities at MVC

Friday 17th PTA Quiz Night

Monday 20th **Robin class eye screening**

Friday 24th March Fun Run – Comic Relief

Robin, Jay & Kingfisher Mothering Day Tea Party 2:30pm

Wednesday 29th Parents evening

Thursday 30th Parents evening

April

Monday 3rd – 17th School closed for Easter break

May

Monday 8th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 10th – 12th Grafham Visit

Thursday 18th Y5 Maths Challenge

Friday 19th **Chaffinch class cake sale**

Friday 19th PTA Disco

June

Friday 23rd Sports Day

Dinner Money Plea

In order for us to carry out the necessary work before the end of the financial year in March, we request that all dinner money must be paid for a.s.a.p. Please speak to Mrs Plumb for advice.



Please join us in raising awareness and funds for Comic

Relief on Friday 24th March. Children are asked to come to school in anything red (sportswear please) and to 'make their face funny for money'. This might be by wearing a mask, whacky glasses, or face paints. Suggested donation £1.

From 9:15 onwards all children will be taking part in our annual **fun run** through Melwood. Please make sure all runners **bring a change of shoes**. Feel free to come along and support us on the way.

A Warm welcome

With the children's support we recently made an appointment for a new class teacher for Robin class whilst Mrs Samways leaves us to have her baby. I am pleased to announce that after Easter, Robin class will be taught by Mrs Lisa Fallon and Mrs Helen Morris. We wish Mrs Samways all the best with her new arrival due after the Easter holiday.

Science in Action

Next week is the start of British Science Week and to celebrate this children in Kingfisher, swallow, Chaffinch and Woodpecker will be taking part in extra Science activities on Thursday with our fabulous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Ambassadors from GlaxoSmithKlein. On Friday, Year 4 pupils will be visiting Melbourn Village College to take part in their annual Science Festival.

Cambridge Science Festival

With events from astronomy to zoology, the 2017 Cambridge Science Festival from 13th -26th March invites you to explore and discuss science through talks, hands-on activities, performances, exhibitions and films. This year they are 'getting personal', looking at health and disease, our place in the world and our impact on the environment in which we live. For details of all the events and to download a programme visit

<http://www.sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk/>

Our attendance target is: **To Mar 94.7%**

Woodpecker class at the Scott Polar Research Institute this week

