

# OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



February 2023

Welcome to our February newsletter. We hope you had a restful half term and are enjoying the sunshine at the moment. This is what we have been up to in February.....

## Ash Class

In Reception we have been thinking about technology. The children listened to the story of 'Clicking Chicken' and offered her advice to stay safe online. The children have also identified different pieces of technology around them and drew some from home.



In our maths we have been singing the song 'The Animals Went In 2 by 2', based upon the story of Noah's Ark. Linked to this, we have made matching pictures by printing, thought about our favourite animals and made model arks. There has also been lots of talk about how many pancakes were eaten and the various toppings they had. Delicious!



## Oak Class

During PE, Oak class took part in some team building activities with our PE coach after they finished their gymnastics learning. The class worked well together in their final lesson and showed great sportsmanship and determination!



## Beech Class

In Year 1, we have had a very busy month in February, learning how to stay safe on the Internet with Buddy, the dog. We have also observed seasonal changes in Science and we have learned how to read a thermometer, checking the temperature daily and compare it afterwards with the forecast.



### Fir Class

In Design Technology children designed and created their own money holder from felt. They learnt how to use a range of different stitches and also attached a button. Here is Erin's lovely example where she has sewn on some sparkly sequins.



### Acorn Class

Acorn class have been talking about "Can I tell you a story?" We have been reading The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, along with The 3 Little Pigs, and have been doing lots of activities about the stories. We have drawn Gingerbread men and painted all the characters in the story. The children enjoy joining in the chant "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread man!"

We have also planted some daffodil bulbs, it is so lovely to see they are growing.



### Sycamore Class

Sycamore Class have been learning to make iMovie's this term. Working in groups they learnt many skills on how to produce an iMovie. They researched what a video was and how to edit it. Using their chosen device, they looked at all the features available and decided what they could use to produce their own iMovie. The children learnt how to import and edit their videos and when completed, they evaluated (as a team) their end product.



The children produced a range of movies, ranging from one of them being the class teacher and trying to teach others, to being world famous footballers - scoring amazing goals - whilst demonstrating super technical skills on the field!



## Elm Class

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed creating a class story for Internet Safety Day. We used a familiar story outline to help us and added our own characters and plot. The children also created their own storyboards. We had fun thinking of names for our characters and used alliteration and discussed how the problem of the story could be solved. Solving Snake came to the rescue and saved the day by preventing another character's feelings from getting hurt. Finally, the children worked in small groups to paint the scenes from the story which formed our display. The children were very proud of what they had achieved and all demonstrated a better understanding of how to stay safe online.



## Redwood Class



In Science, we finished off our Forces unit by looking at water resistance. We all had so much fun making our own paper boats and seeing how many pennies they could each hold! The record winning boat carried a WHOPPING 312 pennies! We worked out that the larger and flatter we made the base of the boat, the more water resistance there was. Do you think you could beat our record?

## Willow Class



At the end of the first half term, we were privileged to go to Cottesloe School and have a Science Lesson taught by Ms. Barnes. She helped us understand the function of the heart. It also gave us a chance to see what life would be like when we move up into Secondary School in September. Mrs Clarke had arranged for us to dissect a heart and look at other major organs. It was an amazing opportunity and it allowed the children to appreciate all the parts of the heart. Since coming back after half term, we have knuckled down to some serious work. Tuesday 21st was Shrove Tuesday so we got together with our buddies in Nursery and had a pancake each. It was great spending time with them. Mrs Clarke did an amazing job cooking 38 pancakes!

## Forest School



This month we have all enjoyed cooking something on the fire. The children have learnt how to stay safe when being around a fire and how we need to take turns to cook. We have enjoyed S'mores, apples and pancakes.



## PTA Book Swap



The first ever Book Swap took place this month and it was wonderful to see so many people support this new initiative. Look out for more details about the next one. Remember any children's books you have that you don't need any more will be greatly appreciated.

What is coming up in March .....

- **Wednesday 1 March** – Secondary School places are offered to Year 6 children
- **Friday 3 March** – World Book Day – Come to school dressed as your favourite word
- **Saturday 11 March** – PTA Quiz Night
- **Friday 17 March** – Sport Relief – More information to follow
- **Friday 31 March** – End of term – break up for Easter

And finally....

We would like to share that Mrs Brain has made the decision to retire and will be leaving us at Easter. She has worked at Overstone, as a Teaching Assistant, for the last 20 years and helped and supported so many children, parents and staff in that time. We will truly miss her and hope she enjoys her retirement.