

Newsletter

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Menu Week 1 – W/B 13.03.2023

My highlight of the week ... was also a bit of a lowlight. The highlight was clear. The children in Y5 had written extremely persuasive letters to me to justify how their visit to Flamingo Land would benefit their scientific learning, and that zoos themselves had a place in conservation. They weighed arguments and came to conclusions having researched and then contributed to in-class discussions. Their reasoning was very hard to argue against. Therefore, the children, staff and volunteers were ready to leave on Wednesday morning, the only day in the week with bright sunshine in the forecast. The lowlight came just before 9.00 with a phone call from Flamingo Land to say that they were suffering from a power cut. The children dealt with their disappointment magnificently. We hope to be able to rearrange as quickly as possible.

Other news:

- We have been delighted to welcome parents and carers into key stage 1 classes this week. On Monday and Tuesday children in Y1 showed the adults their geography learning and took great delight in setting them challenges, including locating continents and placing them on a balloon globe.
- On Thursday, the Y2s were able to show their adults their English and Maths learning as well as performing their own specially created poems. There was a great atmosphere with parents commenting that it was great to see the children working in their classrooms and seeing the children's pride in their achievements.
- On Tuesday, the children (and staff) in EYFS had a masterclass in how to make pizza dough. Mr Barkhordarian visited to answer questions about his role in the community which he was able to demonstrate through the medium of cheese and tomato pizza. 'It was delicious,' said one reviewer. Our thanks to Mr Barkhordarian and Diane for giving up their time.
- Parents from Y5 will be the next to visit classrooms on 20th March. Y4 will visit on 23rd March. These are both at 3:15.
- Thank you to those who responded to our consultation about parents' and carers' evenings. 42% of respondents said they would prefer to have in person appointments and 58% would prefer phone calls or would be happy with either. We propose that future parents' and carer's meetings will offer a choice. We will send further details when the time comes.
- There are two reminders this week. If children bring bottles to school, they should contain water and they should not bring toys.
- We are having a slightly low-key celebration of Comic Relief on Friday, 17th March. Details have been sent out separately.
- Look out for events later this term, including how to enter the Easter Egg and Bonnet competition.

And finally ... I have written separately about the impact of next week's industrial action by the National Education Union meaning that school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday and Thursday. We hope that the national dispute will be solved as soon as possible. I will update if there is any change.

Best wishes: Paul Davidson Interim Headteacher