

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Parents' Workshop -  
9.30am  
Circles Programme**

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March

**Parents' Workshops  
9.30am Living Well with  
Diagnosis**

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

**MOTHER'S DAY  
AFTERNOON TEA -  
2.00pm**

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Parents' Workshop -  
9.30am  
Quality Relationships  
through theory of mind  
strategies**

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Last day of Spring Term -  
pupils finish at 1.15pm**

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Staff - Inset Day**

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Pupils return to school for  
the Summer Term - 9.05am**

## **A Message from Sandy**

How lovely it was to welcome the week in with some sunshine. It seems as though Spring has sprung. Our daffodils that the pupils planted last year are now in full bloom, making our entrance and gardens look very pretty indeed.

There has been much excitement in school this week - we shared our favourite books over the whole 5 day period and dressed up as fictional characters to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday.

Then today, many of the pupils came into school jiggling around in their sparkly clothes, in readiness for the Link Association Disco after school. Some of their dance moves are fantastic - our OTs will be proud of them!

I am looking forward to joining them later for what promises to be a 'night to remember'.

A reminder that our next parent workshop is next week, when Helen and Rachel will be introducing our "Circles Programme" which helps pupils understand the different levels of relationships and how their interactions need to be adapted accordingly.

Yet again, a topic that I feel sure will be highly important to many of you and I hope this will prove informative to those of you who attend.

*Sandy*

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Why celebrate World Book Day, when you can celebrate all week!

That is exactly what we have done this week, sharing stories, dressing up and encouraging a love for literature. We did this in true Link style - because as you know stories do not only come in the form of printed words in books!

We can honestly say we think we covered every angle and we all loved every minute.



Hazel Class were treated to an improvised story when Alex and Alfie performed a reenactment of a scene from Harry Potter. It was simple spell binding and much enjoyed by all and it should be noted that in their story, Slytherin and Gryffindor Houses ended up as friends. We feel sure this has something to do with Alex being one of our school ambassadors and playground heroes!



As Literacy Co-ordinator, Naz ensured Beech had the most wonderful time and the pupils discovered many of them loved the same books.



From Peter Rabbit to Spiderman, Maple Class costumes covered a wealth of favourite characters.

It was Hazel Class' turn to visit the Digi Café this week and they had the opportunity of watching all the films from last year's OHCAT Film Festival.

Once they had viewed these, they set about devising our entry for the 2020 Festival.

With emerging story boards and imaginations going wild, we look forward to seeing how the film develops. As always, thanks must be given to Simon and Abigail from OHCAT, who make these visits so worthwhile.



Beech Class have taken to their swimming lessons like ducks to water. Any fears of water seem to have disappeared completely and it's lovely to see them enjoying themselves so much.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Kelly (Alfie's Mum in Acorn) has let us know about Hampton Court Palace's Autism friendly family trails. With symbols around the trail encouraging use of all the senses, she and Alfie thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The cost too is very reasonable. She recommends trying this as a fun day out.

## AND FINALLY .....



We are pleased to announce the arrival of Ellie Rose Knights, weighing in at 7lb 60z.

Carly and her husband Ryan are over the moon and are happily getting used to having a new baby around.

Huge congratulations from everyone here at The Link. We hope it won't be too long before we get to see baby Ellie.