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Harwell Community Primary School

25th March 2019

The spotlight for this newsletter is on Year 2

Spring term is flying by in Year 2! We have been so excited over the last few weeks with lots of learning about science, lambing, and of course about our topic – The Titanic! We have made our own boarding passes, designed our own first class menus and even junk modeled our own Titanic replicas!

In English, we have been learning the story of The Magic Paintbrush, in which a boy finds a magic paintbrush and uses it to help others. He has to defeat an evil man who tries to steal it from him. Year 2 had some great ideas for our innovated version, including the villain being trapped in a portal which then gets erased so they can't escape! Their own versions have items like magic bracelets, magic wands, and even magic crayons.

In Maths, we have been challenged by some tricky fractions work! We have found halves, thirds and quarters, using lots of equipment and drawings to help us with working out answers. We have also been learning our 4 and 6 times tables using our 'disappearing numbers' trick. We aim to have them memorised by Easter so we can move on to more challenging times tables in the Summer term!

During science week last week, which focused on journeys, we conducted a range of different investigations, such as dancing raisins, a spring nature walk and building a bridge just from

cocktail sticks and jelly beans. We thought carefully about our predictions for what would happen, as well as how we could change the outcome, and what we would do differently if we did the investigation again. We even found journeys of water traveling through roots during our playtime!

As always, we have been working really hard on thinking about kind choices and how to fill everyone's bucket! The children have been completing 'secret missions' around the school to make others happy, such as asking how they are or holding doors for people.

Tennis Taster Day

Next Wednesday, March 27th we are really fortunate that the whole school will take part in a tennis taster day at Harwell tennis courts, organised by The National Tennis Association with the day being run by the Head Coach from Harwell Tennis Club, Will Everett.

Children are to come to school for the day wearing their PE kit please.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the Harwell School PE kit please:

- plain white T shirt (PE T shirts with the school logo are also available to buy)
 - black or navy shorts or skirt
- plimsolls or trainers - *trainers will be best for the tennis*

COIN RACE - Thursday April 4th

Our annual coin race to see which class can produce the longest line of coins!

Please send your child in with some spare change.

HSA will present a prize to the winning class (if you can help count the coins at 3.15 please let them know)

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CARS

As well as asking that when parents and visitors come to school by car that they are conscious of our near neighbours and preferably park at the village hall or recreation ground, I thought that you would be interested in a current BBC article in which researchers are calling for a zone around schools where cars should not leave their engines idling. I would urge all car users to think carefully about the potential effect on children's health if they leave their engine switched on when waiting near the school.

To read the full article, please go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-47520848>

Orchard Way

We have been advised that there is some essential mains replacement work being carried out in Orchard Way by Southern Gas and that this is likely to be near the entrance to the school next week. We haven't been told that pedestrian access to the school gate will not be available but please take care when using that entrance.

Oxford United

The school has been given 4 complimentary tickets (one family) for the Sky Bet League 1 match on Saturday March 30th at The Kassam when Oxford are at home to Wycombe Wanderers.

We will hold a draw for these tickets during assembly on Wednesday next week. If you would like your child's name to go into the draw please let the office know by Wednesday lunchtime.

Continued improvements to the play ground

The basket ball hoops are due to be installed on Monday 25th March
and
the playground markings painted on Tuesday 26th March

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Key Stage 1 Author visit - Tuesday 2nd April

On the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd April, we are very fortunate in having children's authors Adam and Charlotte Guillain visiting Foundation Class, Year 1 and Year 2.

As well as writing for children, Adam is also a co-founder of Storytelling Schools, an international organization dedicated to working with children and teachers to teach and learn through the storytelling method.

At the end of the workshop, there will be an opportunity for children to purchase some of the books written by Adam and Charlotte and for these to be signed by the authors.

Some of the titles we are hoping to have for sale on the day are:



The World Book Day Monster
Molly's Magic Wardrobe
Jelly Beans for Giants
Spaghetti with the Yeti
Pizza for Pirates
The First Egg Hunt



Year 2 parents - please note that due to the author visit, the class outcome is now on Thursday 4th April at 2.30 pm. Please accept our apologies for this change.

Key Dates for the next few weeks

Wednesday 27th March	Tennis Taster Day <i>all children to wear PE kit to school</i>
Friday 29th March	Year 6 to Junior Citizens FC outcome dress rehearsal Year 4 cake stall
Monday 1st April	Last round of UK Chess Challenge Foundation Class Toy sale
Tuesday 2nd April	Foundation and KS1 Author visit and book signing
Wednesday 3rd April	Year 6 parent outcome at 2.30 Year 4 parent outcome at 2.30 Didcot School's Music Festival - Singwell
Thursday 4th April	Coin Race - please send in a few coins with your child Year 1 parent outcome at 2.30 Year 2 parent outcome at 2.30 Year 5 parent outcome at 2.30
Friday 5th April	Governors will be in the playground before school Foundation Class parent outcome (part 2) NSPCC 'Thank you' assembly following sponsored skip 3.15 pm end of Spring Term

Summer Term starts on Tuesday April 23rd

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Harwell Scout Group Annual Quiz Night

**Harwell Village Hall
Cherry Hall**

Saturday 23rd March

Doors Open 7:30pm for 8pm Start

£7.00 per person

Maximum 6 people per team

(Teams can be formed on the night)

LICENCED BAR AVAILABLE

Entrance fee includes snacks and nibbles

Harwell Rainbows



had their first meeting in April 1994, so
in April 2019 we are 25!

Come and help us celebrate!

Harwell School Hall

Friday April 26th, 6 - 7pm

All former members of Harwell Rainbows are welcome.



Contact lynn.nickerson.holywell@gmail.com if you plan to attend, to help us with catering, or for more information about Rainbows.

Rainbow Guides are the youngest members of Girlguiding UK, girls aged 5 – 7.