St.Lucia's Upton Magna February 2024

February Newsletter



This term Oak and Birch went on a combined trip to Enginuity to develop their science and DT learning. Birch class adventured around, interacting with the different exhibits then partook in a workshop where they used their understanding of circuits from their science lessons to create a moving buggy. Oak class explored the museum, investigating the wheels and axels. They then utilised their new knowledge by creating buggies in groups and testing how far they would go when rolled down a ramp.

WILLOW TRIP TO THE RAF MUSEUM COSFORD



This week, Willow class visited RAF Cosford to support bringing their learning into life around the second world war. There they managed to experience a range of the planes, tanks and piece together a timeline of key events surround life during the Blitz. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed through the dressing up, hiding in Morrison shelters and even sitting in the cockpit of Phantom plane.





EXCITEMENT IN EARLY YEARS



Early Years have been very busy this half term working on their topic and their lessons. In Chestnut class, they have been exploring colour and water. Experimenting with mixing colours on the lightbox and testing whether objects of their choosing would float or sink. In Rowan, they celebrated and learnt all about the Chinese Lunar Year, performing some traditional lucky practises to bring luck to the school. Early Years as a whole have had lots of fun with collaborative play, even preparing a muddy medieval banquet together at forest school! They are all so excited about their trip on 14th March to the Ludlow Castle where they will take part in a workshop and learn more about this term's class topic.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On the 6th of February we learnt all about Safer Internet use! Mr Smith led our assembly about safe ways to use the internet then we discussed in class and did some safer internet activities. Our pupil top-tips for safer internet use are:



FRIENDS OF ST LUCIA'S UPDATES

Thank you to the Friends of St Lucias for arranging such an amazing disco before half term! The children enjoyed dancing and playing games in the disco as well as doing some other activities like decorating biscuits in the middle area.

Thank you for all the clothing donations for the Rags2Riches collection, the Friends raised a total of £82.25! The next Friends event is a Mothers Day craft night on March 6th 3:15-4:30 (collection from the hall), tickets available in the SchoolMoney Shop.











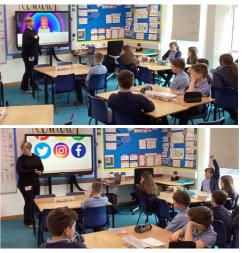


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WILLOW POLICE WORKSHOPS

This month, Willow class have been lucky enough to have had two visits from PCSO Jones, a Shropshire Youth Engagement Officer, delivering County Lines and Cyber bulling workshops. She spoke about keeping safe, knowing responsible adults, internet safety and gave the Year 6s some brilliant tips about their transition to Secondary School. She even did a whole school assembly about her role and how she can help us!



OUR NEW CLUBS!

Our pupils have been enjoying exploring their new interests within our new block of themed clubs. Pupils in terrific textiles have carefully designed a tote bag which they have begun to sew together - using both hand sewing and machine sewing methods. We have welcomed back Emily who has joined us to teach Yoga this term, with a new twist! Wednesday's Easter Extravaganza club has pupils hard at work making Easter crafts! We have welcomed Miss James back after her placement at the start of the year to run our French club alongside Miss Bennett, where the pupils are practising speaking au francais! On Fridays, Mr McPhail has begun his new sport themed club, Basketball, teaching the rules and techniques!

We still have 3 weeks remaining for these clubs to run, still plenty of time to develop a new interest or learn a new skill! Bookings can be made on the SchoolMoney app, please see the school office with any questions.

EYFS MUSIC SESSIONS



This half term, early years have welcomed Rosie from the Shropshire Music Service who is joining us to deliver music sessions with Nursery and Reception.

So far they have been learning about keeping the beat and recognising rhythm as well as understanding the difference between loud and quiet. They have all really enjoyed the sessions so far and are looking forward to the rest of them!.









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INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS



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Our hardworking musicians have been busy the past few weeks beginning to learn about their instruments, how to take care of them and beginning to play them! We have pupils learning keyboard, recorder, flute and saxophone. Mrs Lomas from the Shropshire Music Service has been so impressed with their hard work already! The link to sign up or find out more can be found <u>here</u>.

Meet n Chat SEND

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help

A chance for families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to get support with general SEND enquires. You can chat with people from Early Help, Education, Health and the Parent and Carer Council (PACC)

The theme for the Spring is Neurodiversity and Waiting Well Professionals with experience in these areas will also be available to offer help and support.

The Centre, Oak Street, Oswestry, SY11 1LW Monday 25 March 2024 9.30am - 12.30pm, and 2pm - 5pm.

The Community Drop-in at Highley Library, Severn Centre Bridgnorth Road, WV16 6JG Friday 22nd March 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunflower House, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES Monday 15 April 2024 9.30am - 12.30pm, and 2pm - 5pm.

St Peter's Primary school, Shrubbery Gardens, Wem, SY4 5BX Monday 22 April 2024, 11.30am - 2,30pm

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EASTER SERVICE

We are looking forward to sharing our Easter Service with you on Wednesday 20th March at 1:30pm in the church. The children are excited to share Resurrection Rock, where they will share the Easter

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UPCOMING DIARY DATES: Tuesday 5th March - Parent Presentation Workshop 3:30 Wednesday 6th March - Friends Mothers Day Craft Night 3:15-4:30 Thursday 7th March - World Book Day Friday 8th March - Mrs Alexander's Retirement Celebration Assembly 2pm Monday 11th March - Parents evening Wednesday 13th March - Parents evening Thursday 14th March - EYFS Trip to Ludlow Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day Wednesday 20th March - St Lucia's Easter Service 1:30 Thursday 21st March - Friends Family Bingo Night - 3:30 Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March - Easter holiday working party to create a sensory garden space

Further information can be found in Upcoming Dates letter sent 23/2/24