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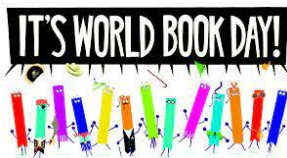
Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been focusing on the 'Fairtrade' themes for 2023 centring around the impact of climate change on farming across the world, the issues around farmers needing to be paid a fair price and considering the possibility that some of our foods might find themselves in the endangered aisle of the supermarket.



Wednesday saw frantic baking across the school as each class baked goods from staple ingredients to be judged in a whole school 'Bake Off'. And I had the pleasure of channelling my inner Mary Berry and tasting the delights of each classes' labours. Adventurers were the winners but everyone else was a close second. Golden time today was a celebration of all things fairtrade with games and activities devised by the RRS ambassadors. Thank you to our ambassadors and Ms Warwick for organising such an interesting week of learning.

Yesterday saw a team of year 2 children return to school victorious after the Heath Academy Trust Dodgeball tournament held at Three Legged Cross First School and Nursery. Not only did they win but they were highlighted for their honest play and Mr Read was very proud of all of them for their excellent sporting attitudes. Well done all of you!



Next week we will be starting our whole school readathon (see details sent on Thursday 23rd via parent mail) and on Friday all the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

Friday Fine Dining!

Congratulations to Jack and Ronan (Explorers) Molly (Adventurers), Rian and Jonty (Voyagers), Woody (Navigators) and (Pioneers) who were selected to bring a friend to 'Friday Dining' today. They were chosen by their class teacher for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week and for their excellent manners.





Party Packs for Hire

The Parents and Friends Committee are offering a brand new Party Pack available to hire for your children's birthday gatherings. With 36 sets of colourful, plastic plates, bowls, cups and cutlery, the pack will save you having to buy disposable items. This eco-friendly set is £15 to hire and can be picked up and dropped off at the school.

See more info attached.

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that many well known brands will make donations to our school charity when you shop online? All you need to do is sign up to Easyfundraising (link here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sixpennyhandleyfirst/?invite=51s6f1&referral-campaign=s2s>) and they will ensure that companies donate part of what you spend online to us. See attached poster for more info.

Fundraising Feedback

The Parents and Friends Committee are also looking into two new options for fundraising and would love to get your feedback. We would be grateful if you could spare 1-2mins completing this simple and anonymous poll. <https://forms.gle/5ULrzSwuZubmzp8Q8>

Like all our school fundraising, these ideas are optional and there is no obligation to take part - we appreciate that it is a difficult time financially for some families.

Pre-Loved Sale

The Friends and Parents committee are organising a big 'Pre-Loved' second-hand sale in Sixpenny Village Hall on Saturday 18th March. So please hold onto any clothes, books (especially kids books), and toys so these can be donated to the sale. We will be taking collections of donations from Wednesday 15th March at the school.

The Easter Bingo is back after half term and promises to be a great evening out. Please see the flyer with this newsletter. In readiness, we will be putting a basket in reception for raffle prize donations from Monday.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been finding out about pancakes; making the batter, tasting them with a variety of toppings and of course racing with them! They have also had lots of active fun in and outdoors - smiles all round!



Adventurers have been finding out about shrove Tuesday and Lent. Our focus for Fairtrade week was coffee beans and we were tasked with finding out about where they are grown and why they might end up in the endangered aisle of the museum. The highlight of our week was winning the school 'Bake Off' and making a delicious brownie with the ingredients provided.





Winning entry!!



Papermache coffee beans

Voyagers have learnt about why bananas are so important and why they are endangered. We have made paper-mache bananas in all shapes and sizes to display how we as consumers need to change our attitude towards the food we buy. We have taken part in the Fair trade bake off and made Banana and Chocolate Muffins.



Navigators and Pioneers have been exploring endangered products as part of 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. They were tasked with researching the avocado and chocolate. They really impressed us all with their knowledge in assembly today. In English they have started reading 'The Butterfly Lion' and made predictions about possible plot developments. In their writing they have been using subordinating conjunctions to extend their sentences.

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be learning about fairtrade in the second week of fairtrade fortnight.

Adventurers will be completing a science experiment to find out which grows fastest: a carrot, cress or people!! So measuring skills will be required.

Voyagers will be celebrating world book day! They will also be finishing our polar explorers topic by conducting a science experiment about ice and building igloos.

Navigators and Pioneers will be writing setting descriptions following work on 'The Butterfly Lion'. They will also learn that how fossils are formed from living things as well as completing their 'Readathon' challenge.

Upcoming Dates (all dates on website on the google calendar)

Monday 27th February Reading Ambassador trip to Blandford Library
Launch of School Readathon

Friday 3rd March World Book Day - Dress as a book character

Thursday 16th March Mother's day Sale

Saturday 18th March Pre-Loved Sale fundraiser at the village hall

Thursday 30th March Easter Bingo at the Village Hall

Kind regards,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)