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Dear parents and carers,

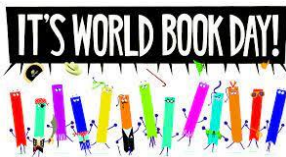
On Monday our reading ambassadors visited Blandford library. They completed all sorts of activities and found out about the Dewey system. They were also introduced to the audio book library and an online encyclopedia, which can be accessed using any Dorset library card.



The ambassadors will be leading an assembly in the near future but in the meantime they have set a target to get two thirds or more of our school to join a library. Below is an online link to register for digital library membership - this can be changed to full membership of Dorset libraries by visiting the library.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/join-the-library#:~:text=Join%20online%20for%20a%20digital,in%20the%20sign%2Dup%20form.&text=Log%20in%20if%20you're%20already%20a%20member>.

Please let us know if your family has joined so that the reading ambassadors can track their target!



Today we had some amazing book characters through our doors - a huge thanks to parents for your support. Throughout the day we had a host of book activities including 'STOP, DROP AND READ' -the whole school (adults included) had to stop what they were doing and pick up a book when the buzzer sounded!



Book swap



Stop, Drop and Read

Our 'Readathon' sponsored read finishes on Monday 5th March. So far we have raised over £300 but it is not too late to register donations online or bring cheques into school. All money raised goes to support children with books in hospital.



And now for some new book releases in Years 3 and 4 inspired by a David Walliams adjective/noun matching game:

The Sticky Carrot By I O'Brien *A carrot who is really sticky (no surprises there!). He can climb up walls..BUT.. he meets a rat who takes all (!) the cheese. Will carrot stop him?*

Nutty Santa by L Selby *Santa goes nutty and drops the presents in the vicar's door. Who will stop Santa from being so nutty?*

Muddy Uncle by O Brown *This uncle is muddy, grubby and always makes the wrong choice. Rum is his favourite drink but he eats.....worms. Read about his visit to the park. Will he get away from the worm king in time for dinner?*

And finally, a new release from a year 3 author....hot off the press - the first in a series of books...



The Last Wolves in the World by D Burchell O'Brien

Step into a world where there are magical animals. But the wolves of Mt Everest are dying out and they have a secret. A secret that will transform a little girl forever. Can she save the magical animals before it's too late?

Friday Fine Dining!

Congratulations to Amara and Ronan (Explorers) James (Adventurers), Oscar and Oliver (Voyagers), Owen (Navigators) and Lexi (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.

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.

[A snapshot of learning for this week:](#)

Explorers have been finding out all about fairtrade and paying the farmers a fair price. They have set up their own cafes and shops with their own pricing systems (a slice of drizzle cake cost me £13.00 on Monday!)

Adventurers have been exploring measure. They have measure themselves and set up a cress and carrot experiment to track growth!

Voyagers have been finishing their work on polar explorers. They looked at how quickly igloos can be built, discussed certain materials and made igloos. In Year 2 maths they have been learning to sequence numbers to 100. In year 1 maths they have finished work on ordinal numbers. The whole class has been enjoying dramatic versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and amid all this they have had World Book Day.



Navigators and Pioneers have been introducing the settings for the 'Butterfly Lion' in a letter, with an emphasis on the selection of vocabulary that will create vivid pictures for the reader. They have found out about how fossils are formed and participated enthusiastically in our World Book Day activities.

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be learning about the festival of 'Holi'.

Adventurers will be finding out about Spring flowers and will look at Van Gogh's, 'Sunflowers'.

Voyagers will be starting their new theme 'Ready Steady Grow'. The overview can be found on the Voyagers page of the school website from Monday. Next week they are going to plan a science investigation to work out what a plant needs to be healthy. They will also bring home 5 'magic beans' for a growing competition (who can grow the tallest bean stalk?).

Navigators and Pioneers will be looking at the buildings of ancient civilisations and their purpose. In art, they will be looking at the work of William Morris and in RE they will find out about the significance of Buddha to Buddhists.

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

Monday 5th March Final date of School Readathon

Wednesday 7th March Jigsaw Families 2pm

Friday 9th March School Safety Day

Thursday 16th March Mother's day Sale

Friday 17th March Comic Relief (details to follow from school parliament)

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

Wednesday 22nd March Y4 Multi skills tournament (All Y4 children)

Friday 24th March Reports sent home

Wednesday 29th Music Concert (Pianists/ Y2 recorders and extra guests!) 2pm

Thursday 30th March Easter Bingo at the Village Hall

Friday 31st March Last day of term

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Musselwhite'.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)