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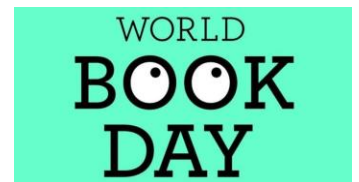
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February 2018 Newsletter

World Book Day Thursday 1st March

As you know, we had John Giller in on Monday to do some drama work based on The Jungle Book. The idea was to bring the text to life so that on World Book Day we can do some writing activities and get some real quality work. On that day, children can come dressed as a character from the story if they wish.

Samphire Class will then have an artist in on Friday 2nd March who will do some art work based on the same theme. This is in response to the children's request for more art and will enable us to really focus on art skills in an organized and progressive way.



StarLincs Planetarium

We are very lucky to have been able to book the Starlincs Planetarium for Thursday 8th March. This is a mobile planetarium in a self-contained darkened classroom that brings an exciting visual display of the night sky and ensures that children are given the opportunity to learn all about space in a fantastic, fun and educational environment. Letter to follow.



Science Federation Day March 15th

This day is at Sedgeford and continues the space theme. Amazingly we have the opportunity to work with some real moon rock collected by NASA in the 1960s and 1970s. Very few people are given the chance and there are high security regulations we have to conform to! A real once in a life time opportunity. The day will include a range of other activities, with children circulating round on a carousel basis.

KS2 Science workshop-14th March

We continue our science theme with a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) workshop run by Smithdon – letter to follow

Play Ground Opening

We will be having our grand playground opening on Friday 9th March at 2.45pm. This is to give the community a chance to see all the lovely playground markings that their donations enabled us to buy. All welcome.



Mothers' Day Service

Our Mothers' Day Service will be held in Brancaster Church on Monday 12th March at 9am. Children should be dropped off at Church. All children will have a part. Everyone welcome.

Crossed Words Workshop 20th March

Y6 are invited to attend a workshop at Docking, Experienced tutors from the Norwich writers' group will work with Year 6s from the Federation to translate the popular fairytale Hansel & Gretel into a new creative form – e.g. a modern story, rap poem or radio play.

Finished creative pieces will then be performed to the group and recorded.



Attendance

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school, please phone us before 9.30am. If we do not hear, we will try to contact you and if that fails and we still have not heard by 12 o'clock, we are obliged to take action – first a home visit, if possible and then we will contact the police. I know this sounds heavy handed but safeguarding must be our first concern and, as you may have seen in the news recently, there have even been extreme cases where a parent has died and the children have been alone at home with them, only discovered when the school raised the alarm.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them – Samphire Project

From Mrs Lavender

After the success of last half term's project I shall continue with the project theme.

Over the next five weeks I should like you to complete a project entitled Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.

I want you to create your own Fantastic Beast.

Your project must have a drawn and carefully labelled plan.

It must have a finished piece of work maybe a painting, a sculpture, a computer graphic, a film or game.

Tell me about where you will find your beast and describe the environment, the beast's features, strengths and weaknesses.

If you need materials please ask.

If you would like to do your project in school on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes you can.

Your parents and family can help you.

You may want to watch the film.

You may want to read the book. Please bring your projects into school on Monday 26th March.

We will be having a Fantastic Beasts Reading Café afternoon on Tuesday 27th March at 2pm.



Dates

- 1st March – World Book day activities
- 6th March – Science Club at Smithdon
- 7th March – Dog's Trust visit (pm)
- 8th March – Planetarium Visit to Sedgeford (am)(letter to follow)
- 9th March – Sports Council meeting at Dersingham Primary (am)
- 9th March – Mother's Day Messages in the EDP
- 9th March – Official Playground Opening Ceremony – 2.45pm
- 12th March – Mother's Day Service – Brancaster Church – 9.00am
- 14th March – Library van – Thrift
- 14th March – Samphire Class – STEM workshop in school run by Smithdon (letter to follow)
- 14th March – Bishop Jonathon visiting during assembly 3pm
- 15th March – Federation Science day at Docking
- 16th March – non uniform day – bring prizes for Easter Bingo. Possibly a Disco -TBC
- 19th March – reports out – details to follow
- 21st March - Tempest Photography, class group photos
- 21st March – Spring Community Lunch – all welcome
- 22nd March – Sports Relief activity day
- 22nd March –Y5 taster day at Smithdon
- 23rd March – special Easter activity day run by PFA – Easter Egg hunt and Bingo – details to follow
- 27th March – Fantastic Beasts Reading Café – 2pm
- 28th March – School breaks for Easter
- 16th April – School returns
- 18th April – White Horse Menu Competition