



Newsletter - 20.03.24

#### Head Teacher Message

#### **Dear parents and Carers**

With the Easter fast approaching and the end of term around the corner it seems as if this Term as been a whirlwind of events on the school calendar.

This term we continue to make reading a focal point, including the launching of our 'Gladiator Reading club', the club is designed for our most-able readers. It gives them an opportunity to read a range of texts supported by an adult. The children have loved the hot chocolate and treats offered during the reading sessions.

An extra special thank you to all of our dedicated parents who support our children during school trips. School trips are essential to children having a full understanding of the curriculum and it is with your support and dedication that we have been able to give our children these amazing experiences. It would be impossible to do this without your support so we thank you again.

#### Ramadan



The holy month of Ramadan has begun and so many of our families are observing this.

#### So what is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a very important time in the Islamic calendar, and Muslims all over the world take part. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims do not eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. For Muslims, fasting is important during Ramadan as they believe it allows them to devote themselves to their faith and come closer to Allah. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which form the basis of how Muslims live their lives. The other Pillars of Islam are: faith, prayer, charity and making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

Each day at the end of the fast, when the sun has gone down, families and friends will get together for **iftar** to break their fast. For Muslims, Ramadan is also a time for spiritual reflection, prayer, doing good deeds such as giving charity and spending time with family and friends. There is a special festival to mark the end of Ramadan. This is called Eid al-Fitr - the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast. Muslims will not only celebrate the end of fasting, but will also thank Allah for the help and strength that they were given.

#### Easter celebrations

We have a number of Easter celebrations next week. The Easter celebrations will begin with a Year 3 assembly and guitar recital. We also have our annual Easter egg hunt and Bake sale to look forward to. All of the events culminate in our Easter Bonnet parade, we look forward to seeing all of the amazing bonnets and celebrating with all of our families.



Have a lovely week

Ms Sharon Parson (Headteacher)

Virtue of the Month

The virtue for the month of March is- Happiness



Language of the Month

The language of the Month for March Is-Arabic



Rights Respecting School

Children have a right to use books as a source to strengthen the teaching and learning about our rights.



Song of the month

'Fly little Bird' by Paul Weller



# Welcome to our Reception Class Teacher - Ms Hamida Regan

Message from Ms Hamida

I have been teaching 24 years now! I have worked with all age groups from Reception to Year 6. I love the great outdoors; be it rain, sun or snow. I hope I can get everyone's help to develop the garden area at Mayville, so we can all enjoy the outdoor life and stay in touch with nature. I don't like waste, including food waste! So I try and recycle as much as I can - making something from nothing! So don't be surprised to find me looking in skips, there's always treasure there (not the food!). I am very excited to be at Mayville and look forward to getting to know the families and community.

# Weekly attendance

KS1 winners – Tom Fletcher Class Year 2 with 98.2%

KS2 winners – Cressida Cowell Class with 100%

Whole school attendance – 93.5%



# **Important Dates**

Year 3 Easter assembly	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Bonnet parade	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter egg hunt	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (After school)
Mayville Bake sale	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
End of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

Spring Term 2024

# **NURSERY LEARNING**

# HIGLIGHT

This Spring term has been busy for the Nursery children!

We have learned all about people who help us like firefighters, police officers and doctors. We also discovered new planets during our space topic!

### A TRIP TO SPACE!







The Nursery took a trip all the way to outer space! After reading the book Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy, we packed a picnic, put on our space helmets and blasted off into space. Using our imaginations we got into space rockets, waved at aeroplanes and landed on the moon for a space picnic.

## DANCE CLASS

Nursery children have been enjoying their time at dance class this term. They have learned the basics of ballet and had so much fun in the process!



## WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day, the Nursery class participated in the school's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. We searched far and wide for our stolen golden ticket! We also enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters.



### **NAMASTE**

Nursery is practising yoga!
We have rolled out our yoga
mats and practise our
downward dogs every week
during yoga. We are having
a great time working on our
balance and learning new
poses.



## **BAKING FUN!**

We have been busy in the kitchen this term! We made healthy muffins, banana bread, sandwiches and even noodles during Chinese New Year!









## PEOPLE WHO HELP US

During our People Who Help Us topic, we learned about different helpers in our community. We even had a go at being doctors and dentists for our friends.



# 2024 Calendar

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#### **INSET DAYS 2023/24**

Inset Days - 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th September 2023, 15th April 2024.

School is closed to pupils on INSET days

Last day of term, school closes at 3:20pm

Parents evenings, school closes at 3:20pm 16th November 2023, 14 March 2024 and 27 June 2024

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INSET DAYS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CHILDREN RETURN LAST DAY OF TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS

#### school is closed to pupils on INSET days

Inset: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 School is closed to pupils on INSET days Last day of term, school closes at 3:20pm

Parents evenings, school closes at 3:20pm 7th November 2023, 13 March 2024 and 26 June 2024

OTHER KEY DATES

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