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St Dunstan's, Cheam, C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher

ever, been a packed fortnight since we last wrote to you, with the children focused on quality learning, enhanced by many memorable activities. It has been wonderful to see the children using our new speed stacking resources and also utilising the school grounds with our new orienteering courses—we look forward to seeing much more of these as the weather improves. Our early cherry trees are starting to blossom and, with the lighter mornings and evenings, Spring is on its way!

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our 'Red Nose Day/Comic Relief collection today—we are delighted to have raised £246.76 to send to the charity.

I am sorry to share the news that we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Miscia at the end of this term as she embarks on new opportunities which will enable her to spend more time with her family. We thank her for all she has contributed to our school and the children in her care and wish her every success and happiness. We look forward to welcoming Mr Hunt who will be Saturn Class teacher for the rest of the academic year.

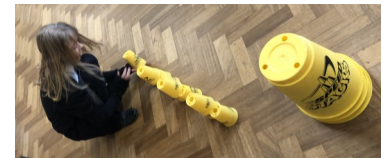
Ms J Corby

Happy St Patrick's Day and welcome to our Newsletter! It has, as

Speed Stackers

We had a fantastic time speed stacking. It was very fun and competitive, as we got to team up into 4 equal groups.

This experience was very nice, we even got to see how quick our class was overall.

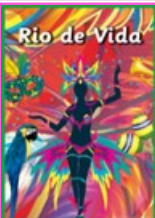


We discovered new and different techniques, in a variety of games. If you haven't tried speed stacking, it's definitely worth a try! *By Zunaira, Yr6*

Every year on March 21st, people all around



the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly coloured, mismatched socks. March 21st is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of DS chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks! We look forward to seeing many mismatched socks on Tuesday.



Year 1 Carnival Day

Year 1 had a fantastic day celebrating our Carnival Day last week!

It was busy day, starting with cooking some Brazilian food. We made Brigaderio (Chocolate truffles), Brazilian lemonade and Pao de Queijo (cheese rolls). We absolutely loved whisking, rolling, kneading, weighing, sprinkling and off course the tasting! Next we made colourful carnival masks and flags. In the afternoon Mrs Lister taught us some samba dancing. We learnt different steps, it was great! Finally we Mrs O'Brien taught us some Portuguese and read us a story in this language. We had an amazing day!



Year 4 Easter Experience

On Wednesday 8th March Year 4 were immersed into The Easter Story at Sutton Baptist Church. They were led through the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Day and the opportunity to take part and dress up. The children thoroughly enjoyed the morning especially the question

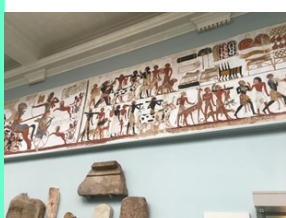
time at the end where they were able to ask the characters questions and understand their actions from a different perspective.

Mrs Downes

Year 3 British Museum

On Tuesday 7th March, Year 3 went on an amazing trip to the British Museum. We saw statues, paintings and artefacts which reinforced our learning about Ancient Egypt. It was great fun and we learnt even more about how Ancient Egyptians lived in the past.

"It was really nice because we got to see lots of artefacts. My favourite part was when we saw the statues, they were large!" Ethan, Yr3.



"My favourite part was when we saw all of the mummies because we got to see how they mummified animals. The hieroglyphics were interesting, in Ancient Egypt they used pictures instead of words when writing." Rose, Yr3.



Let's Build a Robot...

On 9th March, some Year 9 and Year 10 students from Nonsuch High School for Girls came to St Dunstan's to assist Yr5 in building a Lego Robot.

We followed instructions to build a big Lego robot that we coded on an iPad. We controlled it to move forward and grab a Lego piece, to stop and move back. It was a lot of fun and the students from Nonsuch were very informative. *By Ena, Yr5.*



RED NOSE DAY 2023



There was an array red around the school today as some children wore something red in place of one item of their school uniform.

Thank you to everyone who supported this today. We raised a total of £246.76.

Thank you for your support.

The photographer will be in school on **Friday 21st April** to take class photos. You will already have given consent for your child to be photographed.

If you do not wish for your child to be included in the class photograph please let the school office know. Many Thanks.



Sports News



On Thursday 9th March, Year 3 travelled to Carshalton Boys Sports College to take part in the Arrows Festival. 'We were shown how to shoot at a target with a bow and arrow. We also practiced our throwing skills. "I liked the bow and arrow because we got to try to get a bullseye and got to throw rings on the cones." By Freya.

On Monday, the netball squad played a match at Nonsuch Park Primary School. We lost the first half but picked up our momentum and played incredibly well in the second half. Ruby managed to score a goal near the end of the game. Unfortunately, we lost the match but everyone gained a lot of experience. By Valentina.



As you will have seen from the recent ParentMail, this year for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call we intend to raise money for the projects by holding a week long 'St Dunstan's Helping Hands'.

Please bring back the completed sponsorship form with the money in a sealed envelope between Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd March.



Thank you to the catering team for decorating the servery to celebrate St Patrick's Day.



As you are aware, next **Friday 24th March** we will be having an open morning here in school. This will be an opportunity for you to come and celebrate your child/children's work with them during the school day. The times that you may visit your child's class were sent out via ParentMail on 13th March 2023.

Open Morning

House Points Totals

St David
310

St Andrew
311

St Patrick
283

St George
255

Attendance

The attendance figure for w/c 13/03/2023 was:

94.1%

Our target is **96.4%**

'Stars' of the last two weeks.....

Nursery	Alfie O	Skye
Venus	Lottie	Ellie
Pluto	Emily H	Adelina
Neptune	Grace	Victoria
Mercury	Daphne	Natalie
Jupiter	Isabella H	Noura
Saturn	Joshua	Sonny
Delphinus	The Whole Class	Ariana
Phoenix	The Whole Class	Hayden T
Orion	Seren	Talia
Pegasus	JJ	Charlie
Unicorn	Ben	Harry
Hercules	Ena	Ella
Aquila	Lena	Isabella P
Cygnus	Audrey	Scarlett

INSET DAY Monday 10th July 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Dates may be subject to change)

March

Tues 21 st	World Down Syndrome Day (Odd Socks)
Weds 22 nd	Year 4 Swimming Lesson
Thurs 23 rd	Prayer Group 8.45am—meet in school library
	Year 5 Tudor Day
Fri 24 th	Open Morning for Parents
Mon 27 th —Thurs 30 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.45pm, - 6.00pm
Mon 27 th	Last week for clubs
Weds 29 th	Year 4 Swimming Lesson
Thurs 30 th	KS2 Eucharist in St Dunstan's Church—9.15am
	EYFS & KS1 Easter Celebration in St Dunstan's Church—2.00pm
Friday 31 st	Break up for Easter—1.30pm

April

Mon 17 th	Children return to school
April 21 st	Class Photographs
April 26 th —28 th	Year 5 Residential Trip to Dalesdown

Future Dates

Mon 1 st May	Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday

Please see the school's website under school calendar for a full list of dates and events for this term.