



Great Whelnetham Primary Newsletter



February 2020

Art Solutions– final call for parental volunteers!

Just a reminder that the team from Art Solutions will be coming in to work with us on the first two days back after Spring half term on Monday 24th February and Tuesday 25th February. We **need** as many **parental volunteers** to help us create a rainforest in the main corridor as possible!



Thank you for the donations of old newspapers and ice cream tubs. **There is still time to sign up to come in and help!** If you would like to volunteer please let Mrs Kimber know as she will be keeping a volunteer list. You don't need to be artistic as the artists will show all adults what to do (it is great fun!)– and we know the children will love parents coming in to help—you can work with your own children on the day. If you want to find out more: <http://www.artsolutions.org.uk/gallery/rain-forest-paper-craft-gallery/>

This is an exciting project and the final art work will look amazing!

All parents will be very welcome– **sign up now!**

(We **really** do need stacks of newspapers as the animals are huge and made entirely out of them). This really will look fantastic and the children will be really proud of the final creations. Here is an example of what our corridor will look like when the project is finished!



HUGE THANKS TO OUR PTFA!

We would like to say an enormous thank you to the PTFA who have funded some new play equipment to be installed on our playing field. It will be installed soon– thank you– the children will love it!



Swans class hold their own Ancient Greek Olympics!

Swans (Year 5/6) started their new topic by preparing and holding an Ancient Greek Olympics! They learnt about the origins of the Games, the events that were competed for and how the athletes prayed to the god Zeus for a good performance. The children took part in a foot race where they had to wear a helmet and hold a shield, a standing long jump holding weights to help them jump further, the javelin and a chariot race where a driver had to hold hands with a team of 3 'horses'! They had great fun and only one child was vaporised by Zeus for running outside of the track limits! The winners of each event received a laurel wreath, and the winning team overall was Delphi, whose shield showed a design of the Greek letter Epsilon.

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge Visit

On Weds 15th January, Swans class went for an exciting trip to the world-renowned Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge to complement their Ancient Greeks topic. They enjoyed a workshop with one of the museum's experts on Greek history, learnt a huge amount about their life and beliefs, and saw a range of genuine objects and statues, some of which were nearly 3,000 years old! The children had a great time and can now put their knowledge to good use as they create their own gods and myths in English lessons!



Number Day

Thank you for helping us raise money for the NSPCC

who recently delivered workshops for the children on "Speak Out Stay Safe": <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>

A huge thank you to Mrs Coston for providing such lovely prizes for the event.



Aurora Orchestra – 23 March 2020

On Monday 23 March 2020 the Aurora Orchestra are coming to play at The Apex in Bury St Edmunds. In the afternoon of the concert our Year 4,5 and 6 pupils are going to The Apex to take part in one of the orchestra's immersed workshops.

They will attend a rehearsal of one of Aurora's unique memorised performances, when the musicians perform without sheet music, stands or chairs (it is extremely rare for an orchestra to do this and something that Aurora has done to great acclaim at recent BBC Proms concerts in the Albert Hall). Our children will have the rare chance to go right inside the orchestra – up close to the musicians and instruments – allowing them to discover great symphonic works in a powerful way (on this occasion, Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony). It promises to be a great experience.

*A visit from
Henry VIII*



*Mrs Kimber got
quite a shock last
week when Henry*

*V.I.I phoned the school to confirm
his visit on Weds 1st April.*

*We look forward to welcoming his
Royal Highness (and have told the
children to be on their best behaviour!)*



We have moved uniform sales online and are selling existing stock off at bargain prices:

Sweatshirts	£7.00
Cardigans	£7.50
Bookbags	£2.00
PE/Swim bags	£2.50
Baseball caps	£2.00
Sports Jackets	£10.00

Available from the school office.



Great Whelnetham School Sponsored Run will be happening this Friday.....

How many laps can pupils do? How much money can we raise for Street Child? Mrs Masson has requested please can sponsor forms be returned asap. Look out for more news about this exciting whole school event in the Bury Free Press coverage of this event !

STREET CHILD

Owls Class– going on an invertebrate hunt!

Year 4 have been learning about All Living Things in Science. As part of classifying animals we looked at the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. We then went on an invertebrate hunt in our local environment, to see what we could find, and then use keys to identify them!

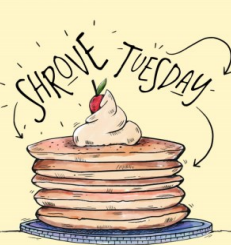


Science Horizons

Robins will be getting a visit from a mobile planetarium on 27th February. This will allow them to really engage with their space topic in an exciting way and will enhance their learning, providing pupils with an unforgettable experience!

On 25th of February there will be a special Shrove Tuesday meal.

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Bikeability
Cycling Proficiency for the 21st century

We have booked Bikeability again this year and it will take place in March for our Year 5 pupils. This is a great opportunity and training for our young cyclists to gain their proficiency levels. More details will follow.



Diary Dates for Spring Term 2020

February

Fri 14th	Afternoon	Street Child Sponsored Run
17-21	All week	Spring Half Term Holiday
24th and 25th	All day	Art Solutions– Rainforest art project
27th	All day	Science Horizons visiting Robins with Mobile Planetarium

March

5th	All day	World Book Day
9th-11th	Week beg	Bikeability
13th	All day	Sport's Relief
23rd	pm	Yr 4, 5 and 6 visit to see the Aurora Orchestra
23rd	Week beg	Experience Easter at the Church
Thurs 26th	Whole day	Larks and Robins visit to Easton Farm Park

April

Weds 1st	All day	Henry VIII visiting!
Thurs 2nd	All day	Last Day of Term (please note this is Thursday 2nd April)
Thurs 23rd	All day	Kingfishers and Owls (Yr 3 and 4) going to Suffolk Farm and Country Fair

Easter holidays Friday 3rd April until Tuesday 21st April

PLEASE NOTE: SATS week takes place from 11th-14th of May for Year 6 pupils.