



Tollerton Primary School

Newsletter



February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The lighter mornings are finally here! I love this time of year when we start to see the sunshine all be it at short intervals at the moment! It has been a great start to Spring 2, with lots of fantastic work in the classrooms, I've seen lots of children in my office showcasing work they're particularly proud of, and it's always a delight to see children so enthusiastic about what has been happening in their classrooms.

February has been a busy month with lots of exciting curriculum activities, and a few special weeks. When I was making a list of the events of February, it's hard to believe that for a week of the month we were at home for half term! The month of March will be equally busy and exciting so I've included the dates and some for Summer 1 at the end of the letter.

Children's Mental Health Week

We really enjoyed our children's Mental Health week work, it gave us all an opportunity to think about how we look after our mental Health, and what helps at times of challenge. The theme for this year was 'Your Voice Matters', we took the opportunity in school that week to seek lots of pupil voice on things we are developing in school, things as simple as asking children what books they'd like to see in the library, to how we could develop some of the playground provision.

Children's Mental Health Week included Online Safety Day. The online world is a big part of day-to-day life for us all. Parents and carers can help children and young people make it a positive space that is right for them and help them avoid things that they might find upsetting. NottAlone has some helpful tips and links to other websites that might be useful: [Social media and online safety](#) | [NottAlone](#)

The Samaritans has some useful tips including questions that parents and carers could ask, to help you and your child think about their online use.

Harmful online content can be reported to their website or platform it was accessed from and reported here: <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/report/>

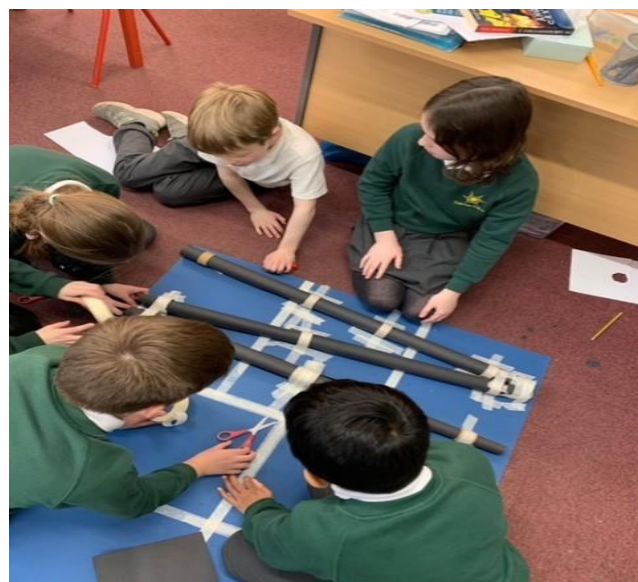
Lunar New Year

Our Lunar New Year celebrations were a real February highlight. The children completed a rotation of lots of different activities, they created some beautiful calligraphy, retold the origin story and made dragon heads to compliment their dragon dancing lesson. We finished the day with an assembly from some of our children from Hong Kong who shared some of the customs and traditions that they enjoy in their homes.



Science Week

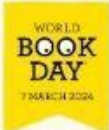
This year we have had our Science Week at a different time to the National celebration. I always love seeing children participating in lots of STEM learning, and this week was a great example. The theme was Time, and we had parachutes, pendulums and Petri dishes, not to mention the school competition for the best Marble Run. Watching the children trying to plan, create and problem solve was brilliant. The collaborative working required really showed some fantastic team work and communication skills. The results of the competition will be announced in tomorrow's assembly!



What's coming up?

World Book Day

Next week on Thursday 7th March it's World Book Day. All children in each year group will be focusing on a text called Flooded by Mariago Ilustrajo. The book can be used in all year groups at all different levels and I can't wait to see some of the ways the teachers use the text with the children. Some of the additional activities for World Book day are below.



World Book Day



DRESS UP

**WE HAVE A THEME THIS YEAR!
THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT.**

THIS YEAR WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE AS MANY CRAYONS IN OUR SCHOOL ON WBD. HERE IS A LINK TO THE STORY IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT.

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=489MIC6EHU&t=38S](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=489MIC6EHU&t=38S)

OF COURSE IT IS OK TO DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER TOO.

**SO BE A:
COLOUR OF A CRAYON
A CRAYON!
YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER**



A BOOK IN A JAR

FILL A JAR TO REPRESENT A BOOK

THIS YEAR WE WANT TO SEE YOUR AMAZING CREATIVITY.... CAN YOU FILL A JAR WITH EITHER OBJECTS OR DRAWINGS THAT GIVE US CLUES ABOUT THE BOOK YOU'RE THINKING OFF? PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS!



DECORATE

YOUR CLASSROOM DOOR AS A BOOK COVER!

DURING WBD CAN YOU CREATE A BOOK COVER DOOR, WHICH CLASSROOM WILL HAVE THE BEST DOOR? JUDGING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH (WBD).

GUESS THE TEACHER READER

CAN YOU GUESS THE TEACHER'S FAVOURITE BOOK?
WHICH TEACHER IS HIDING BEHIND THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK?

Our dressing up theme for the Thursday is 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. I LOVE this book, and the sequel 'The Day the Crayons Came Home'. We thought this would keep costs down and make it as easy as possible for everyone as while children are welcome to come as crayons, it can also be as simple as wearing a particular/favourite colour.

Looking ahead – Dates for the diary

These are the dates we have in the calendar up until Easter and slightly beyond. We will always try to give you as much notice for activities as we can but remember we will always provide reminders on Dojo.

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| Thurs 7 th March | World Book Day | Details to follow |
| Mon 11 th March | International Women's Day | |
| Thurs 14 th March | Reception and class 6 height and weight checks | |
| Friday 15 th March | Comic Relief – Family Rave Aerobics for Comic Relief 5-6pm | £10 per family for charity! |
| Tues 19 th March | Parents Evening 3.30-6.30 | Calendly Link to follow This will be held in the hall |
| Weds 20 th March | Parents Evening 3.30-6.30 | |
| Fri 22 nd March | Year 3/4 Mixed Football tournament | Details to follow for those involved |
| Thursday 28 th March | Easter Bonnet Parade | These will be made in school! |

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| Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 th April | Easter Holidays | |
| Friday 19 th April | Rockstar Day!!!! | Come dressed to impress/express your inner rockstar! |

Sports photo reminder

Just a reminder that we are creating a sports corridor display in school and it would be great to have some photographs of your children in the activities that they take part in outside of school. The ones we have had so far are fantastic so thank you.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this newsletter, it will follow by email.

Mrs Smith