



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Confidence

March

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 21 March**
Down Syndrome Awareness Day & Special Assembly
- Thursday 22 March**
Full Governing Body Meeting - 5.30pm
- Friday 23 March**
Parent Partnership Meeting - 2.15pm
PTA Quiz Night



SCIENCE COMPETITION

Thank you to all those who took part in the KS1 Science Homework Project Competition. We have never had so many entries and it was so hard to pick a winner from each class. A special thanks to Daisy, Tejus, Ingrid and our overall school winner, Nicolas, for their confidence to present their projects to the school and a panel of judges, showcasing their scientific knowledge.



Nicolas represented Streetsbrook at Wolverhampton University today with winners from other local schools for a bid to be the regional winner - Good Luck, Nicolas!

We have been very lucky this week; the children in both Nursery and Year 1 have received two great encounters from parents supporting our Life Ready initiative. Nursery have welcomed Mrs King into their classroom to talk to them about the role of a Doctor and a Nurse. The children definitely enjoyed the talk and especially discovering a few essential pieces of equipment that was found in Mrs King's special bag! On Thursday, Year 1 welcomed Mrs Rudd into their classroom and they explored the role of a Naming Celebrant. The children even had the chance to take part in a mock ceremony. It was a wonderful experience and it enabled the children to ask some wonderful questions about the job. We are extremely grateful to both Mrs King and Mrs Rudd and look forward to the children learning about even more future career options very soon.

DON'T FORGET.....

PTA Quiz Night - Friday 23 March Get those forms in quick in a bid to be crowned the champions!!



Parking

A local resident has reported some inconsiderate and double parking on Cornbury Grove. Please consider local residents and park safely when dropping and collecting your children. Thank you.



LOST PROPERTY
Do you recognise any of these items? In particular a pair of Star Wars glasses?

Alderbrook Dance Festival

A show stopping afternoon was had by a group of children who represented Streetsbrook at the Alderbrook Dance Festival on Wednesday afternoon. The children put on an outstanding performance and a great time was had by all. Miss Flanagan would like to thank all of the dancers involved for their hard work.



Odd Sock Day!

On Wednesday 21 March children and staff are invited to come to school wearing odd socks in support of Down Syndrome Awareness Day. We will be having a special assembly and charity collection on this day, so please bring a monetary donation to support this local charity. Thank you.



SNAG Meeting - NEWSFLASH

Following this morning's SNAG Meeting, Sandra Grice, our Asda Representative, has kindly put Streetsbrook forward for the Green token award. We are thrilled to say that Streetsbrook has been accepted and for a 3 month period we will be in competition with two other schools to see who can raise the most green tokens.

Each time you shop in Asda during the months of April, May and June, please collect a few green tokens from the till or kiosk and place them in the collection point just outside the doors into Asda. The winning school will receive £500. It would be fantastic if Streetsbrook could win this so that our children could benefit from some new resources. Please help by spreading the word and encourage friends and family to shop in Asda and vote **Team Streetsbrook!**

RECEPTION

In Reception we have been scientists for the week. We have been practising the scientific skills of questioning, predicting, fair testing, observing and explaining. We took part in a circus themed workshop where lots of key scientific learning was presented in a fun and interactive way. Back in the classroom, working around the theme Discovery and Exploration, we discovered more about the forces of push and pull, including investigating magnetic attraction. Supported by STEM Ambassador Ailsa, from Birmingham University, we explored the properties of different materials and considered which materials would be best for carrying a drink to school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed working practically and have extended their scientific knowledge and language enormously. Our writing this week has been linked with science, including recording our predictions and observations. We have even written a science report! In maths we have been solving problems using halving and doubling and used the See Saw app to record our work. The children have also taken part in their termly Fit4Schools testing.



A big thank you and well done to everyone who brought something to share at our science themed 'Show and Tell'.

The children did a brilliant job and we discovered you need to push and pull, in lots of different ways when you play.

YEAR 1



The children have had a brilliant week full of lots of science activities! They have been investigating a famous Scientist called Charles Macintosh and creating their own investigations about whether certain materials are waterproof or absorbent.

The children have also really enjoyed listening to and sharing their own science projects with the rest of the class. The children also took part in the Circus Workshop this week, where they explored different forces. They have also taken part in an activity led by the STEM project, where the children had to work as a team to build a tower using spaghetti and marshmallows!

In Maths, the children have continued to explore how to use positional language and successfully navigated each other around an assault course!

Next week in English, the children will be reading, discussing, sequencing and writing about a story called 'Angus Rides the Goods Train.' In Maths, the children will be learning more about arrays and beginning to explore multiplication.



Streetsbrook Childcare

This week Rockets and Little Stars have been curious scientists as we experimented with Skittles and water to name the colours of the rainbow. We have also been practising our gross motor skills outdoors as part of 'moving and handling' for Physical Development by running, balancing, climbing and riding our bikes. Little Stars nursery rhyme of the week is 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'. Why not pick up a copy of the words to practise at home and let us know if you both enjoyed it.

**HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY
FROM ALL IN CHILDCARE**

NURSERY UPDATE

The learning in Nursery this week has been all about exploration and discovery. The children have LOVED Science Week and have taken part in a huge range of activities.



We looked at forces during an amazing Circus Skills workshop, created our own mini-beast hotels and have been using our applied knowledge to make predictions. On top of all our Science lessons, we have loved developing our fine-motor skills through our new Doh-Disco. On Friday we had a ball celebrating St Patricks Day and got to make and try some yummy Colcannon.

Plea: Please keep sending in your donations for our giant mini-beast hotel. Thank you so much to those parents who have done so already!

YEAR 2 Science Week in Year 2 has been action packed, full of fun and full of scientific investigations and explorations. Our Forces workshop, using the theme of the Circus, was a hands on, engaging session which all of the children enjoyed, as too were the colour experiments presented by our STEM Ambassador visitor.



A busy week also featured our Fit 4 Schools testing, as well as cross-curricular Science, English and Maths work, where we learnt about famous inventors and discoverers including Charles Macintosh and Tim Peake.



Swimathon Change

2A will complete their challenge on Friday 23 March due to Friday 29th being Good Friday.

