



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Confidence

BABY NEWS FOR THE BUTLINS



We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Butlin became a Grandmother this week!

The Butlin family welcomed Douglas Charles (Dougie) into the world on Wednesday and Granny & Grandad are absolutely smitten!

Diary Dates

Monday 26 March

- PTA Easter Bonnet & Basket Parade - AM
- PTA Easter Raffle - PM

Tuesday 27 March

- PTA Easter Egg Hunt - PM

Wednesday 28 March

- Rock Steady Concert Assembly - 9.45am

Thursday 29 March

- School Council Meeting - 12pm

LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 17 APRIL



Have you got green fingers?

Would you like to spend a few hours each term looking after the Streetsbrook garden?

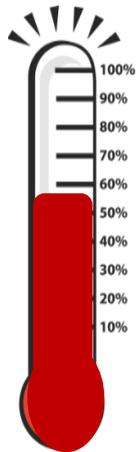
If so, would you like to be our new

GARDENING CHAMPION?



Sadly, Mrs Troughton has decided to put down her trowel, hang up her gardening gloves and step down as our Gardening Champion. I would like to express huge thanks to Mrs Troughton for her commitment and dedication over the years, to both the garden and SNAG team. We have seen the garden develop over time resulting in the fabulous First Prize result in last year's School Gardening competition winning the school £100. We are therefore in need of a green fingered enthusiast to support us in looking after our garden. If you think you have the skills and time to do this, please do pop to the office. Although the remuneration isn't fantastic, the rewards are simply amazing!

Voluntary Contributions Thermometer



As of today our thermometer stands at **53%** - over half way! These funds are used to pay for all the wonderful enrichment activities that take place in school.

THANK YOU

Our Swimming Instructor Mrs Adams is missing two pairs of Zoggs goggles that were leant out to children, these are green and blue. Please check your child's swim bag, and if you have them, please drop them to the school office. Thank you.



R2 - Swimathon date change

R2's swimming challenge will take place on Tuesday 27 March as the class were unable to swim on Tuesday this week due to no parent helpers. If you can help, please sign up via the R2 class page of the website. Swimming on this day will commence at 10.00am, due to the Easter Egg Hunt taking place first thing.

Menu Changes

Due to Friday being Bank Holiday, the School Cook has arranged for a slight variation of menus next week as follows:

Tuesday 27 March

Lasagne or Macaroni Cheese



Wednesday 28 March

Roast Chicken Dinner, Easter Biscuit and Milkshake

Thursday 29 March

Pizza Day!



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!**



SNAG Meeting

The SNAG team had a fun packed meeting last week where lots of important information was discussed.

We talked about the importance of having healthy snacks, and looked at alternative choices to sugary snacks. The SNAG team then tasted a variety of fruit and vegetable snacks brought in by Mrs

Grice our ASDA Representative, Mrs Danks our School Cook, and Mrs Sunner, one of our parent supporters;

who had made some delicious sugar free gingerbread. The children then found out all about the Healthy Snack Challenge and took leaflets back to their class to share with their friends. Please look out for the bright yellow leaflet and see if you can take on the challenge and support our children in being the healthiest they can be.



LOST PROPERTY



RECEPTION

This week in Reception we have been learning about theories of dinosaur extinction including the Ice Age, an asteroid hitting earth, diseases and volcanic eruptions. Our learning led us to create representations of an erupting volcano using our own choice of materials. The children created a range of expressive pieces of art and should be extremely proud of their work!

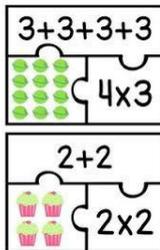
In Maths the children have been developing their knowledge of addition and subtraction using a number line to support their learning.



In our literacy sessions the children heard the story of 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and have been creating their own rhyming strings. Next week we are looking forward to a range of Easter themed activities. Don't forget your Easter bonnets and baskets. The children will also be completing their end of term phonics check with their class teachers. Please support your child at home to ensure they are secure with their Phase 2 & 3 phonic knowledge. Thank you.

YEAR 1

We've had another busy week in Year 1. In Maths, the children have been continuing to investigate how arrays can support us when solving multiplication problems and even turned our classrooms in to an Italian restaurant, where they were working hard to share out pasta and pizza toppings equally. English lessons have focused on the story of 'Angus Rides the Goods Train', and the children loved discussing the different characters and messages in the story. Why not see if they can retell you the story? This week the children also started their new Computing topic - programming, a new future life skill! Using Scratch Jr, a free app, they have been using different 'blocks' to select backgrounds and characters, and then program them to do different things. Maybe they could explore this further at home if they have a tablet? We're looking forward to an exciting final week of the Spring term and lots of fun Easter activities! Have a lovely weekend!



NURSERY UPDATE



This week in Nursery has been all about the story 'What the Ladybird Heard.' We have continued our exploration of mini-beasts and have even made our own creatures using recycling! We have also been learning all about maps and have even been designing our own. On Wednesday we

celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness Day by wearing odd socks. The children had a wonderful time showing off their socks and learning all about down syndrome. We will be brushing up on our Makaton in honour of this new learning.



Thank you so much for all your voluntary contributions. They have recently been put towards buying some live caterpillars so that the children can watch a real lifecycle of a butterfly! They also went towards making our own 'hairy grass caterpillars' so that the children can extend their learning at home. Please remember to send us photos of how our creepy crawlies are progressing!

YEAR 2

We are very grateful to Alan, Steve and their colleagues from Wythall Transport Museum, who visited Year 2 to discuss their knowledge about World War 2, as well as showing one of their old buses that was used during the war. A morning full of original artefacts, stories, questions and curiosity, the children really enjoyed learning even more about the war, as this topic comes to a close.



The final few days of term will prove to be most exciting, with plenty of whole school activities Year 2 are a part of, including the Easter Parade assembly; the Easter raffle; our section of the Easter Egg Hunt and those who have taken part in Rocksteady playing in their bands to the school (and parents of those whose children are playing) on Wednesday at 9.45am.



Streetsbrook Childcare

In Little Stars we have been exploring the shells in the sand with magnifying glasses, filling and emptying the water tray and exploring a variety of mark making activities which helped build up our self-confidence and self-awareness. We've also enjoyed signing our actions to 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'. Please take a song and picture sheet from our 'song of the week' table. Next week it is Peter Rabbit.



Little Rockets have really enjoyed practising their writing skills, using the white boards and having a go at threading and cutting cooked and dried pasta to compare textures. Some of us also pretended to be cooks and make our friends their dinner.



Please can all water bottles go home at the end of each day to be washed. Childcare do provide a water jug and cups which is available throughout all sessions so it is not necessary for water bottles to be brought in from home.