



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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End of Spring Term

Streetsbrook Value of the Term

Confidence

Message from Mrs Minter

This term has been incredibly busy and I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fantastic team of staff for all their hard work and commitment. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term. Thank you for all your on-going support.



There are still spaces available at the Gymnastics and Dance Clubs on Thursdays and Fridays.

Book Your Place

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Well done to... *The Budgie Smugglers*



Thank you to those that attended the Quiz Night, and a particular mention to the Quiz Masters Mr & Mrs Edwards who were fantastic! The event was a resounding success and raised £200! Thanks to the PTA for their splendid organisation, we hope to be holding another Quiz night again soon!

Parking Incidents

We have had further two incidents reported to us this week, including one car illegally parked across the yellow zig zags at morning drop off, and the other blocking a residents driveway.



We will be getting in touch with parking officials again after Easter to ask for support in this matter.

Diary Dates

- Monday 16th - INSET DAY – Childcare Open
- Tuesday 17th - Children return to School
- Wednesday 18th - Life Ready Experience for Reception
- Thursday 19th - 12.00 midday - School Council Meeting
- Year 2 Trip to Akamba



The children in Year 1 have been very lucky this week and received another encounter from a parent supporting our Life Ready initiative.

Miss Fay is an 'Equipment Technical Officer' and she came in to talk to the children about her role. The children had prepared some fabulous questions that they wanted to ask. The majority of children across the year group thought that the job title sounded like it would be a male specific role. They were surprised but pleased to find out that actually the job role could actually be undertaken by both genders!



Miss Fay talked to the children about some of her daily jobs and the important skills that were needed in both the offices and houses of people who she visited.

A main part of the job role is to use sign language to communicate with those who she visits. Miss Fay taught the children lots of signs that she uses every day to communicate with others. The children really enjoyed learning the signs and the importance of facial expressions when signing. The children had so much fun and really enjoyed their insight into this career choice. Thank you so much to Miss Fay- you definitely inspired our Year 1 children.

PTA EASTER FUN!

A huge thanks to our spectacular PTA team, who organised a memorable Easter egg hunt, as well as helping to organise the chocolate filled gifts that formed the prizes for our raffle, well done to all of the **winners!**

A special thanks to the Easter Bunny for dropping in to our assembly to make sure every child received their own Easter egg also! £300 was raised from the raffle, thank you to all that bought a ticket!





RECEPTION

This week we brought our very popular topic 'Stones and Bones' to a close. We returned to the questions we set at the beginning of the topic and checked that we had found answers to them all. The children showed that they had not only answered their own questions but learnt and enjoyed much more besides! We have also recently completed a wonderful display of work linked to this topic which we are very proud of. Please feel free to drop in and see the display at some point early next term.

The children have also now completed their dinosaur habitat moving picture projects, which look fantastic. Well done everyone! In Maths, using dinosaur footprint shapes, we returned to the topic of repeating patterns. It has been wonderful to note how understanding in this area has really progressed, allowing many of the children to create more complex patterns and use accurate mathematical language to describe them. This week we have also enjoyed a wonderful 'rock concert' featuring many of our friends and participated in the special Easter activities organised by the PTA – a big thank you to all concerned. Our topic for next half term is 'You Are What You Eat'.



During this topic we will learn about food and where it comes from, explore food from other countries and cultures and will investigate the best conditions for plants to grow. We would be delighted to hear about or share in any planting and growing activities the children are involved in at home.

The Reception team would like to thank you for your continued support this term and wish you all a very happy Easter break.

YEAR 1



This week we have had lots of Easter fun including the Easter Bonnet Parade, Raffle and Hunt within the classroom. The children have also continued to explore Scratch Junior on the iPads.

If you have not already downloaded this app on your tablet at home, it would be great if you could as it is free! The next unit of work will be word-processing. It would be great if you could begin to look at the letters on a keyboard and maybe type a few sentences about your Easter holiday!

On Tuesday, we were extremely lucky to have Miss Fay in as part of our Life Ready initiative to talk about her job. Please see the Life Ready piece on Page 1 for more information. Can we also take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our student Miss White, who has been with us since the start of January. Thank you for all of your hard work, the staff and children will really miss you!

We hope you have an egg-cellent holiday!



ROCK STEADY MUSIC!



One of the finest, most memorable assemblies in recent memory occurred with the performances of the bands that have been working together as part of Rocksteady Music School. It was a genuine pleasure to see children as young as 4 perform as part of an ensemble, whether it be playing the drums, keyboard, bass, electric guitar or vocals. We thank all of the children for their bravery to perform and for showcasing their talents we couldn't stop smiling throughout the assembly!



YEAR 2

We have been delighted to take part in the whole school activities that have been running, including Year 2s successful Easter Egg Hunt; our showcasing of our Easter bonnets and home made Easter eggs and of course the rock stars of Year 2 who took part in such a memorable, fantastic assembly as part of their Rocksteady band performances.

Please ensure that payment has been sent for our visit to Akamba, which is the first Thursday back after Easter, and thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the trip. We hope you all have a restful, happy and fun filled Easter holidays.

NURSERY UPDATE

What a fantastic end to the Spring term we have had in Nursery this week! We have been learning all about Jack and the Beanstalk and looking at measurement, sound and how things grow. We also had a great time hunting for the eggs left around our outdoor area by the Easter bunny - and what a surprise to then get a visit from the Bunny in assembly! We hope you enjoy watching your grass caterpillars grow and take care of any mini-beast visitors you get in your hotels. Please take photos for us to share when we get back for the Summer term. Have a happy and safe break from everyone in Team Nursery!



Streetsbrook Childcare

Little Rockets this week have been practising their cutting skills and tried very hard to cut up the fruit, vegetables and salad in the spot tray. After a few days we looked at the changes and noticed the fruit had gone a different colour. Little Stars have been practising their singing of a Peter Rabbit song and making Easter cakes. Please remember to complete your paper plates in green over the holiday for the Hungry Caterpillar display when we return on 17th April.

We would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mrs Hammond, Annabelle's mum for helping us on our Easter Egg Hunt as well as the PTA who organised this fun activity. Happy Easter everyone from the Childcare Team!

