



# Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Streetsbrook Value of the Term

# Love & Respect

### MINI MARATHON

ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, GO!

The rain did not dampen our spirits on Tuesday for our annual Streetsbrook Marathon. Due to the rain our marathon course was adapted, however, a fantastic time was had by all! The children put in a great effort in order to raise money for Educaid Africa. A big well done to all parents involved too, hopefully the children didn't out run you too much! A huge thank you to all those who helped marshal, run and support the



children. We could not have done it without you! Thank you for everyone who donated sponsorship for Educaid Africa!

Your sponsorship money will go towards essential resources and equipment to make the children's learning environment in Africa as exciting as ours.



### Diary Dates

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - 3.15-4.15pm Magical Maths Club
  - 3.15-4.45pm KS1 Football
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - PM 1D Forest School
  - 4.30-6.00pm PTA KS1 Neon Disco
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - **INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9.30-2.30pm 2F visit to Aston University
  - 3.15-4.15pm Dance Club



On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the children at Streetsbrook received a very special Life Ready encounter. **Albert Adomah**, a professional football player from **Aston Villa Football Club**, came into assembly to talk to the children about the daily life of a professional footballer. Albert spoke to the children about how he realised he was good at football, when and how he was scouted, about his journey from non-league teams through to Aston Villa, including the daily life and expectations of being a professional footballer. Albert's discussion with the children was thoroughly engaging and he answered lots of well-prepared questions from some of the children across the year groups. Archie's question in Year 2 was about whether Albert would do a special celebration when he next scored a goal, to show that he had visited Streetsbrook. Albert said that he would try to do this if the club allowed and if he scored. If you are a Villa fan and going to the match on Saturday do keep a look out for this!



Albert has certainly helped the children to realise that the main Life Ready skills such as having determination and working as a team are essential to the role of a professional footballer but also any career choice the children might decide to venture into, when they grow up.



We are extremely grateful to Albert and of course Aston Villa Football Club for enabling such a superstar to come into Streetsbrook and inspire our children and adults alike!

**Voluntary Contributions Thermometer**

As of today our thermometer stands at **56%** - please do log on to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) to make your termly payment.

**THANK YOU**

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

**Book Your Place HERE**

Thank you to those that have collected the green tokens in ASDA. Sailee in 1D has contributed a huge amount so far, and by the looks of it, we are leaps ahead of the other schools which is fantastic. Please continue to collect these tokens until the end of June, as we are very keen to be the recipients of the £500 cash prize. **Team Streetsbrook!**

**Parking Incidents**

We have had another call this week from a local resident, advising us that children and parents are walking/biking and scooting across her garden. Please be considerate when parking/walking to school and remain on the footpaths.

## RECEPTION

We had a wonderful time on Monday in Reception when we discovered how you turn flour into bread by baking our own bread rolls. Following this practical activity the children tried their hands at being TV chefs, where they told their audience about the ingredients they would need and explained each step of the method using time words to ensure the steps were in the correct order. Finally the children wrote their own bread recipe.



Despite the damp conditions we all thoroughly enjoyed the marathon on Tuesday morning and were fascinated to hear about the 'job' of a footballer in a special 'Life Ready' assembly on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you to all staff involved in making these events so successful.

In Maths we have been thinking about more and less and been introduced to the mathematical word 'fewer'. We have also been thinking about what makes a good mathematician. Our PSHE time this week has focused on the attributes needed to be a good friend. Next week we will share ideas and consider ways we can cope when problems arise in our friendships.

## YEAR 1

This week in English, the children have been learning all about traditional tales.

They have specifically read and discussed the morals

within 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as well as having created a storyboard plan of the main events. Next week, the children will write this story using their plans. It would be great to prepare your child for this at the weekend. You might even work on an alternate ending together!

In Mathematics, the children have been learning to compare numbers using the terms 'greater than' and 'less than' and justifying why a certain number is either greater or less than the other.

In our Science lesson this week, we have begun to learn about wildflowers. The children even went on a wildflower hunt around school! Maybe you could go on a wildflower hunt around your local area at the weekend. Next week in Science, the children will be planting a bean. In preparation for this, could you please bring in an **empty, clean yoghurt pot for your child to use**. If possible, please could you have holes already punched in the bottom of the pot. Thank you for your continued support.



## NURSERY UPDATE

Roll up! Roll up! The Nursery summer term has kicked off with all things CIRCUS. The children are very much enjoying learning all about the inner workings of the big top and practising their performance techniques. We have been attempting lots of fantastic new skills and coming up with ideas for our own Nursery Circus Workshop! You are all invited to come into the Nursery to see our amazing new skills on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**.

Now that the weather is (finally) brightening up, please remember to send the children in with hats and sunglasses. Don't forget to apply the all-important SUN CREAM at home.

Swimming has begun again so please remember to sign up as volunteers on the doodle poll. Many thanks to those of you who already have done so. Also, PM Nursery are looking for a fabulous parent volunteer to run our library. Traditionally this has taken place on a Tuesday, but please let Miss Palmer know if you are regularly available on any day to help us.

## YEAR 2

What a week Year 2 have had! On Monday both classes dived into the dirty sink, just like Traction Man, to rescue and discover new characters. This was lots of fun and will help us in writing our own Traction Man adventure later this term. We have also been thinking of Traction Man as a character and collecting many adjectives to describe him.



In Maths, we have continued to revisit many different concepts including multiplication, division and missing number problems. **Please support us by practising counting in fives and recognising how to solve multiplication and division problems with your child.**

On Tuesday, not only did we complete our 'Mini Marathon' but we also enjoyed an exciting assembly from Aston Villa player, Albert Adomah. He told us lots of interesting facts about his life, his job and the skills he uses on a daily basis such as teamwork and communication. Some of us were lucky enough to be chosen to ask 'Uncle Albert' our own questions. As part of our 'Life Ready' initiative, 2A have enjoyed a tour of Npower and have learned about many different jobs and skills for the future; 2F are looking forward to their trip to Aston University.

Thank you to those parents that attended the Blackwell information evening on Wednesday. We hope it was informative; please feel free to ask any member of the Year 2 staff if you have any questions. Please do be reminded that the full payment of the trip is required by today.

## Streetsbrook Childcare

This week Little Rocket's have been focusing on speaking and using their speech to retell a story in their own words, and to tell us about the picture they are drawing or what they have observed. Children accessed the water tray to wash the dinosaurs, made food with the sand outdoors or roleplaying a picnic. Little Stars have been enjoying tasting fruit from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story which we will continue to do next week. We also went on a woodland walk for a caterpillar hunt and now have some real-life caterpillars for us to care for and watch grow!

