



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Mon 31 March

Mon 7 April

Thu 10 April

Fri 11 April

Tennis Taster Session (Reception –Year 2)

Holiday Club booking closing date

Easter Bonnet Parade/Easter raffle prize draw

PTA Dress Down Day

Diary Dates

The Whole School
Attendance for week
commencing 24 March was
92.5%



Tennis Taster Session

On Monday 31st March, All Court Tennis from West Warwickshire Sports Club are very kindly coming to Streetsbrook to run a tennis taster session for Reception to Year 2. On this day please could we ask all children to wear their PE kits to school along with a pair of trainers suitable for outdoor PE.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our raffle table is certainly looking 'Choc-a-block' with lots of yummy looking eggs! Don't forget to get your raffles tickets in to be in with a chance of winning.....



EID CELEBRATIONS



The Muslim parents of Streetsbrook will be giving out free snacks and treats in a celebration of their Eid festival. Eid al Fitr marks the end of the Holy month of Ramadhan (month of fasting and charity) where Muslims come together to celebrate.

This year, they would like to invite all Streetsbrook parents and children to join in the festivities and enjoy samosas and sweets on Thursday 3rd April at home time, on the front playground.

Active Maths Competition

Huge congratulations to Puffins Team 2 and Owls Circle Team who each won first place in their year group category in Solihull Schools Sports Partnership's South Solihull Active Maths competition. This was a virtual competition open to all KS1 children across South Solihull. It took place during school PE sessions in w/b 24 February and involved small groups of children completing physical and mathematical tasks against the clock. Teams scored points for each correct answer provided. We are extremely proud of our 'winners' who were presented with a teach active mascot by Emma Marshall from SSSP and individual certificates in our school Celebration Assembly.



Year 1 winners –
Circles Team from
Owls Class

Year 2 Winners –
Puffins 2 from
Puffins Class



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our School Council Non Uniform Charity Day

We raised the grand total of £300!

- We have donated £50 to help Thevanka, our friend in Sri Lanka to buy school supplies
- We have donated £150 to EducAid Africa to help schools in Kenya
- The children have voted to donate the remaining £100 to World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and are planning to use the money to 'adopt' three vulnerable animals, a tiger, a gorilla and a rhino. These animals are currently on the WWF 'most in need of funding' list. Adoption donations not only protect the species but also fund the wider work of the WWF. We are looking forward to receiving our adoption packs and certificates very soon.

Thank you everyone!

Well done School Council!

Holiday activities and food programme (HAF) – Easter school holidays

Funded children's activities - running this Easter. If you are registered for benefit-related free school meals and have not received your unique booking code (per child) by email, please contact hafinfo@solihull.gov.uk.

- [Book now](#)
- [See more family activities - for children and parents/carers](#)

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact our family information service and HAF team hafinfo@solihull.gov.uk.



Nursery

The children have enjoyed listening to the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside' this week and it has been great to see the children retelling the story using our small world figures at 'the beach' in the classroom. We also had a lot of fun at our Nursery ice cream stall, where the children used coloured shaving foam to scoop into real ice cream cones and add glitter for sprinkles! This week we have also planted runner beans and cress seeds to see if we can make them grow. All of the children have placed runner beans on wet cotton wool and paper towels inside a clear plastic cup. We are hoping that they begin to grow soon and because they are in clear containers, it means we can watch them carefully! The cress seeds were planted in family groups and we look forward to seeing how quickly these grow too! In phonics this week, we have been practising making the /f/ sound and looking at pictures of things that begin with the sound /f/. This can be quite a tricky sound to make and we remind the children to 'open your lips a little; put your teeth on your bottom lip and push the air out to make the sound ffff'.

Caterpillar Update: The caterpillars have been working hard and we now have quite a few who have spun their cocoons!



Year 2

Year 2 have learned about all sorts of data this week including tally charts and bar charts. We have learned how to read these charts, interpret the data and how to answer questions related to the data shown. We all really enjoyed collecting our own data in a tally chart on Thursday based on our own question. At home, you could create a tally chart to record the different colours of cars that drive past or the different birds you see in your garden within a half an hour timeframe. We'd love to see these if you do complete one at home! In English, we have been focusing on figurative language based on the fire. We have been creating our own metaphors and personification before using this to write some wonderful acrostic poems. We also had time to learn our poems by heart and perform them to our friends. Across the wider curriculum, we have continued our recorder lessons, used our observation skills to sketch daffodils, learned what an attribute is in Computing and about the Garden of Gethsemane in RE. Next week, we will be tasting and evaluating different ingredients that could be used in a sandwich as part of our Food & Nutrition and Design & Technology curriculum. This will include white and brown bread, spread, ham, cheese and jam, lettuce, cucumber and tomato. Of course, all allergy and dietary requirements will be adhered to and suitable alternatives will be provided where necessary. This will take place next Friday morning. Please speak with the Year 2 member of staff on the door any day next week if you have any queries. Thank you.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we've been busy learning in a variety of subjects! In Maths, we've been exploring time, learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour, as well as recognising and ordering the days of the week and months of the year. In English, we've been using notes from our previous lessons to write an explanation text about the dragons we created. In Art, we've been inspired by macro photographers Mark Moats and Thomas Shahan, practicing our photography skills by keeping objects in focus. We have also become scientists by creating a record chart to record sightings of dandelions and hope that by collecting the seeds, we can then grow our own. It's been a week full of creativity and learning!

Next week in Maths we are exploring positional language including whole turn, half turn and quarter turn. In English, we will be writing a descriptive piece inspired by a picture from the story 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris. In History, we will be exploring artefacts and comparing how things have changed. In Art, we are developing our drawing skills to draw a still-life of an object, learning about Surrealism from Andre Breton.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Reception

Reception have had a 'Spring' in their step this week, we have enjoyed playing in the garden enjoying the sunshine! We have built ourselves a new construction area that the children are super proud of, and we even had a gift from the 'construction fairy' of some new diggers for our area too! We enjoyed a walk into Palmers Rough on Wednesday where we had a look for signs of Spring, and anything that was the same or different from our last visit in the Autumn; we walked from school through into Palmers Rough and then across the field and down Ralph Road. Although we didn't find many signs in Palmers Rough of a blooming spring season yet, we did see lots of buds and a few daffodils and even some Bluebells beginning to bloom too!

In phonics we have been looking at words containing the 's' sound, and ones that end in 's' but that make a different sound '-z' and '-es' (making an '-iz' sound) such as visit, poison, queens, chairs, torches, foxes. Keep your eye on the boards outside reception for more of these words to practice with your children at home.

In maths we have been exploring odd and even numbers and using the number blocks to support our learning- there is a great episode of Number Blocks that you can watch with your child which explored odds and evens too!

Please don't forget to send your child in on Monday in their PE kit ready for an exciting tennis session!



Streetsbrook Childcare

This week in Childcare we have continued with our Hungry Caterpillar theme. We have been thinking about all the foods that the caterpillar ate during the story and discussed which are healthy foods and which are unhealthy, we played a game where we had to sort all of the foods into different groups according to how often we should eat them to keep healthy. We used our chopping and slicing skills to cut up cucumber and tomatoes to make a hungry caterpillar shaped healthy snack. Also this week we practiced our fine motor skills to follow a pattern to thread red and green beads onto string to making a caterpillar bracelet as well as using a hole puncher to punch numbers/ holes into a leaf representing how much the caterpillar ate. Next week we will be exploring different types of minibeasts.

Caterpillar diary: Our wriggly friends have eaten their way through all of their food and more than doubled in size, they made their way to the top of their pot and hung them selves down in readiness to create a chrysalis, we were lucky that we were able to watch one of them being made right in front of us. We must now wait while they work their magic inside.

