



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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- Wednesday 29th January
- Thursday 30th January
- Wednesday 5th February

Lunar New Year Celebrations – Children to wear colourful clothing/outfits
Reception Vision Tests
Infant Agility Event (Kingfishers Class Only)

The Whole School Attendance for week commencing 20 January was 97.5%



School Gate

For the safety of our children please could we remind all parents to close the school gate when entering and leaving during school hours. After 9.00am the gate must be kept closed. Thank you.



Childcare Ofsted Visit

We would like to thank all of you for offering feedback at Wednesdays Ofsted inspection, we appreciate you taking the time to provide such lovely comments, we are very pleased with how the day went and will share the full report with you when it is finalised.

Welcome back!

Please join us in saying a huge welcome back to Mrs Taylor who returns from maternity leave to teach Robins class on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday and Miss Wood also returning from maternity leave, who is Childcare Team Leader on a Monday & Friday.



Save the date!

We are excited to invite you to a training session at school to learn about the *Zones of Regulation*. The session will be taking place at 2.00pm on Wednesday 5 March. More details will be sent out in due course.

Parking

As mentioned in our School Prospectus, we respectfully ask that parents parking at the rear of school park close to the entrance of Prospect Grange and then use the pathway that runs adjacent to the estate and straight into school. We try to keep a good relationship with our neighbours, therefore please avoid parking in Kenley Way or Cornbury Grove. Many thanks

February Half Term Holiday Club

Please click [here](#) for full details of our February half term Holiday Club which now includes special offers!! Spaces are limited so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Reception Go To The Moon!

Reception pictured patiently waiting to go into the hall for a very exciting adventure! These may look like cardboard boxes they are holding but they were soon transformed into amazing rockets and whizzed Reception children to the moon and back!



Maths Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended our Maths Workshops this week. The children really enjoyed working alongside their grownups! We hope that the session gave you a snapshot of what Maths lessons are like at Streetsbrook to enable you to support your child further at home. The presentations shared will be added to the curriculum page of the website.

Thank You Miss Cartwright (Maths Lead).



Calling all budding David Attenboroughs!

This year we would love it if you could join in with the Big Garden Bird Watch! It is an event organised by the RSPB and the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like your child/children take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring. All you need to do is spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 24 and 26 January, and record the birds that land. The digital guide is attached, and the survey can also be completed online. However, if you would like to print off a copy of the survey then I am happy to collate them and return them on your behalf. This is a great opportunity for your child to use both their scientific and counting skills!

Miss Dorow, Science Lead.



Nursery

This week has been all about real life superheroes and we have talked about different people who help us. The children shared ideas and some of the people we came up with were fire fighters, doctors, dentists, teachers, builders and crossing patrol officers. The children listened to and talked about the story 'Real Superheroes' by Julia Seal. Within our learning environment, we have had coloured spaghetti to explore, superhero mask making and a miniature construction site role play. In phonics, we have continued to sing 'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary' and listened to and made the sound /o/. Can your child find anything at home beginning with /o/?

Next week we will be thinking about 'keeping safe' and in small groups we will discuss what we can do to keep ourselves safe. On Wednesday next week, we shall be learning about Lunar New Year and taking part in activities linked to this.

Library Reminder – The children are now bringing library books home to share with their families. These books are sent home on a Tuesday and must be **returned on a Monday**. Please note, that if your child's library book has not been returned, we will be unable to issue a new one.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week learning about symmetry. We have explored how many lines of symmetry different 2D shapes have, reflected patterns to see whether an image is symmetrical or not and worked together to reason about different symmetry based problems. In English, we have been collecting and using powerful vocabulary in order to write wonderful setting descriptions linked to our text 'Lots: The Diversity of Life on Earth' by Nicola Davies. We have also learned about adverbs and have been spotting them in everyday conversations - I wonder how many you can think of at home? In the wider curriculum, Year 2 have enjoyed creating different textures with paint to match a picture in Art, learned about the Hindu story of creation in RE and looked at the microhabitat of a coral reef in Science.

Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged with our Maths Workshop this week - it was wonderful to see you all.

Next week, we will be writing another setting description using everything we have learned this week. In Maths, we will be thinking about 3D shapes. We are looking forward to celebrating Lunar New Year with the children on Wednesday.

Reception

This week we have blasted off in our rockets on an adventure to the moon! We joined Baby Bear and the owl for a picnic and then landed back on earth with a BUMP! We have had a visit from an alien who has never visited earth before so we needed to label things around the classroom for him so he could learn what everything was called; the children tried really hard to use their phonics to sound out words. In phonics we have learnt 3 new digraphs and even a trigraph – ur (as in turn), ow (as in town), oi (as in coin) and ear (as in near) and we have been having a go at using our phonics to have a go at writing some of these words. Please keep referring to the grapheme information sheet we sent home during October (this can be accessed on the Little Wandle website) as some children are finding some of the letters still a little tricky.

Thank you for everyone who managed to join us for our maths workshop on Tuesday morning, we hope you found it useful and you have managed to continue to find different ways of making 5 with the frogs. We have continued with this during the week and it has been lovely to hear the children singing all about the speckled frogs! Next week we are celebrating Lunar New Year!

Year 1

What a great week Year 1 have had! In Maths, we have been using resources to add and subtract one digit numbers from 20. It has been great to hear the children's ideas when we have discussed our 'Thinking Tom' scenarios. It is making us proud how their mathematical reasoning is developing. We wonder if you could do a mixture of addition and subtraction number sentences at home for the children to recognise the symbols? We have continued our learning about alligators, based on the story Alan's Big Scary Teeth written by Jarvis, in our English lessons. The children have amazed us with the adjectives they have thought of to describe Alan. Some have even thought of similes when describing the main character! Can the children describe a character from a story you are reading at home?

Poo was the subject of our Science lessons this week!! There was so

Much excitement in Year 1 this week,

as Sir David Attenborough had written the children a letter to ask them to find out which poo belonged to which type of animal. The children loved investigating the poo and were able to identify if it belonged to a carnivore, herbivore or an omnivore.

Thank you for joining us at the Maths Workshop this week. We hope you found it useful to help to support your child at home with Maths.

Next week, the children will be developing their knowledge of part-part whole models to help them solve missing number problems. They will also be using drama to retell the story of Alan's Big Scary Teeth.



Streetsbrook Childcare

Over the course of the week we have been exploring number and transport through this week's focus song 'Down at the Station', we've enjoyed cutting shapes out and making arrangements with them to create trains. We played a game on the smart board where we had to guess the next shape in the sequence on the train carriage. Outside we made paint pictures by rolling different vehicles through splotches of paint and built our own train out of giant construction.



Dear Parents/carers

Re: Pharmacy First – an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England for children and adults

I am emailing to let you know about an NHS service which pharmacies across England are offering for children (as well as adults) called **Pharmacy First**.

What is Pharmacy First?

Community Pharmacists offer free and confidential advice for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, and eye infection. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment* without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12+)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5+)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1-17)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1+)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1+)
- Shingles (adults aged 18+)

The pharmacy will send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate.

This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better sooner if they are unwell.

Patients that are already exempt from prescription charges, such as children, will still be exempt from charges if treatment is provided for the listed conditions, otherwise usual **NHS prescription charge rules** apply.

For more information on how your pharmacist can help, visit **Think pharmacy first :: NHS Birmingham and Solihull** or watch **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQUI_ZOqFZg**

Yours sincerely



Headteacher