



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Value of the Month

In February we will be reflecting on the value of:

Love

"I love you to the moon - and back"
Big Nutbrown Hare

Year 4 Rainforest Explorer Day

Year 4 took part in a 'Rainforest Explorer Day' as part of their geography topic. The children looked fabulous in their explorer costumes. During the day they took part in a range of activities including: creating rainforest artwork, researching different rainforest animals, identifying rainforest products and identifying spices by smelling them! Everyone had a great day.



Class Assemblies

Please note below the dates of all the class assemblies for the rest of the school year:

Nursery	Friday 26 th May 11.00am
Reception	Thursday 27 th April 9.00am
Year 1	Friday 17 th March 9.00am
Year 2	Friday 12 th May 9.00am
Year 3	Friday 16 th June 9.00am
Year 4	Thursday 9 th March 9.00am
Year 5	Friday 3 rd February 9.00am
Year 6	Friday 21 st July 9.15am (Year 6 Leaver's Assembly)

You are welcome to stay for refreshments in the dining room after the class assemblies. We look forward to seeing you.

Uniform

We will be placing an order with our uniform provider at the end of this half term (10th February). Should you require any uniform to be ordered, please pop in to the school office where order forms can be found. Alternatively we can forward this by email on request. Please be reminded school trousers can be grey, navy or black but not fashionable skinny jeans.

eSafety

Trotts Hill are looking forward to the eSafety day on Tuesday 7th February. This is a global event with the slogan 'Be the Change. Unite for a Better Internet.' We will be promoting the safe, responsible and positive use of technology at school and at home. For more information visit: www.saferinternet.org.uk

Attendance

I would like to remind you that good attendance is 96% or above. The table below shows class attendance percentages for the last two weeks.

Classes	w/b 9th Jan	w/b 16th Jan
N	85.6%	91.9%
R	93.9%	97.4%
Y1	92.7%	97.3%
Y2	98.7%	97.3%
Y3	97.7%	97.7%
Y4	98.3%	99.0%
Y5	95.3%	95.3%
Y6	97.7%	98.7%

Governor Report: Stewart Swain

I attended the open day organised by Mrs Dent and Year 1 to show their recent homework projects on the United Kingdom in which they were asked to produce work linked to places they had visited in the UK. These projects ranged from (almost) life-size models of Big Ben and the London Eye to papier mache models of Lake Windermere and Six Hills Way! There was even an edible Stonehenge Model! The children had obviously spent a lot of time and effort on these at home and the end results were fantastic. It was great to see the pride in which they were showing parents the work of not only themselves but of their friends too. A huge well done to them all.



NSPCC Sponsored Event

All the children enjoyed taking part in a sponsored maths day to raise money for the NSPCC. The children were challenged to complete as many Sudoku puzzles as they could during their allotted time. The children also showed wonderful creativity in their 'Wear a Number' challenge. It was fantastic to see how much effort had gone into creating personalised t-shirts and hats. Well done to all the children for raising £1920 for the NSPCC.

INSET Day: Reading

On January 5th the teaching and support staff attended an INSET day in partnership with Roebuck Primary School. The training was led by John Murray, who is an independent Literacy consultant and recognised specialist in developing children's reading comprehension and spelling skills. He has worked with schools across the country to improve their results and secure best practice. The staff found his training very informative and inspirational and we hope that what we have learnt, and the resources we have purchased, will help us to continue to raise reading standards and further develop children's reading skills and their enjoyment of books.

Brass Assembly

The whole school were treated to a fantastic brass assembly. It was very loud but so much fun. Ben and Paul certainly got our toes tapping and had us marching out of assembly on a high! Some children were asked to help demonstrate how to make a sound using the trumpet and the trombone. After the assembly Year 3 had a workshop led by Ben and Paul. They all had the opportunity of playing a brass instrument performing like a 'real' brass musician.



A great time was had by all...

Young Voices at the O2 Arena

What a fabulous time we all had. The children have been practising since last September and their hard work certainly paid off. We were word perfect and performance ready on the day.

It was an absolute delight to perform alongside our talented children and 7,900 other children. We were certainly a sight to be seen. All whom took part spoke about how proud they were to be part of this wonderful experience. Many parents/carers came to watch us and they were equally as proud. Mrs Miller, who is a school governor, was in the audience as a parent and said: "Each child and teacher worked very hard to prepare for the evening and it was a wonderful effort with fantastic results!" Thank you to Mrs Flack, Mrs Cornish for all their work preparing the children so well and to Mrs Baldock and Ms Skuleti for joining us too.

Well done to the following children:

Lucy Baldock	William Perry
Joshua Booyse	Tallulah Ridley
Madison Brooks	Mia Schneider
Erica Buckwell	Gutjera Sirvelyte
Jamie Clarke	Fletcher Stewart
Alex Craig	Katelyn Austin
Isla Edwards	Sasha Booyse
Emily Hunter	Clio Dyke
Ellie Johnston	Laila Fry
Phoebe Mayhew	Harley Grayling
Kahlen Miller-Dineen	Kiera Hopkins
Mia Houry	Jake Merriman
Justin Nool	Aimee Plant
Rutvi Shah	Isabelle Wright

Thank you

Thank you too all the parents who regularly pay or contribute towards trips and visits for their children. A review of the finances for this year shows that most trips and visits were covered by parent contributions. For a small school, this is extremely important as using money to cover the cost of trips quickly depletes the school budget and has an impact on other areas of the curriculum limiting what we can buy and do for our pupils. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Parent view

The recent feedback from our parent questionnaire was very positive. The vast majority of parents who replied were happy with the school and how their child was progressing which was pleasing for us as a school. We will provide a full report in the next few weeks. I would also like to invite parents to comment on the OFSTED website:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

This is the official website and is used by the school and OFSTED to take account of parents views. I would also remind parents that if you do have any concerns please talk to the class teacher, Mrs Shergill or myself and we will do our best to resolve any problems.

Sports News

Well done to all our sporting teams including the KS2 pupils who represented the school in table tennis on Friday 20th January and the boys who took part in a 'bitterly cold' basketball tournament at Martin's Wood on Wednesday 25th January.

Table Tennis:

Georgia Stewart
Ria Mehan
Sadie Edwards
Jack Swain
Ben Swain
Jack Nolson
Lucy Baldock
Kahlen Miller –Dineen
Caitlin O'Sullivan
Fletcher Stewart
Tom D'Gama
Alex Craig



Basket Ball:

Fletcher Stewart
Harley Butcher
William Honeysett
Joseph Hogg
Hayden Shackcloth
Ollie Carr
Teddy O'Brien



Both teams represented the school very well and demonstrated a good sporting attitude.