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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Collections

Please be reminded that infant and junior parents are not allowed on to the school playgrounds until 3:00pm for collections. Junior children may still be outside taking part in lessons before this time and we ask that you wait until they have returned to their classes before you approach the playground. Some of the gates will be open earlier but this is to allow for nursery collections.

Red Nose Day Friday 15th March. 'Do something funny for money.'

We are asking children to wear bright and/or funny clothes. Please make any donations directly to the comic relief page online.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>



Reading Week

The children have all had great fun this week. They have had opportunities, to read with poppy, take part in a workshop with our author, watch a Peter Pan performance in the juniors or a Puppet show in the infants, take part in a story trail, read to family and friends and lots more! Thank you to all our visitors who have spared the time to come in and part in this week. We would be grateful for any more £3.60 voluntary contributions towards the Reading Week activities.

In both schools, this has helped fund the cost of:

- Teresa Heapy's author visit
- A puppet performance of Little Bo Peep
- A poetry workshop lead by the Corn Exchange education team
- Ben Lyttleton's author visit
- The Watermill Theatre's performance of Peter Pan

Payment can be made via WeDuc, the offer is live. If you are experiencing difficulties with this, please speak to a member of our office staff who will be happy to help you. Please can all voluntary contributions be received by the extended deadline of **Monday 11th March.**

Year 1 and 3 School Productions

The year 1 and year 3 children and teachers are very excited to share their plays with you week commencing 18th March. Year 1 are performing 'Chicken Licken' and year 3 are performing 'The Jellicle Ball'. Weduc messages have been sent to all parents with information on performance dates, times and ticket information. Once we have allocated the initial tickets we will advise if there are any spare.

Florence Rostron

Headteacher



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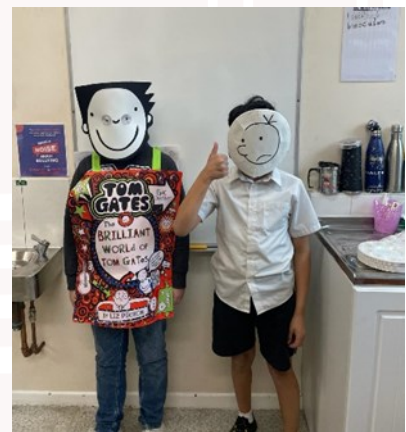
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World Book Day 2024





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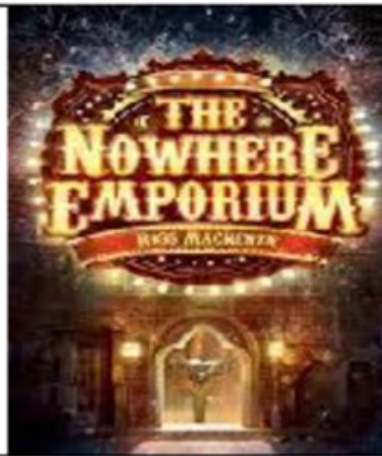
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Book Reviews

A reminder that we love to hear about what you are reading at home! Please complete the template (available on Weduc) or write your own review and bring it to your teacher. Thank you

Title of the Book:	The Nowhere Emporium	
Author / Illustrator:	Ross Mackenzie	
Review written by:	Olivia Pollard	
Star Rating:	★★★★★	
Three Words to describe:	Magical, enchanting and interesting	
I liked this book because :	I liked the book because it was really interesting and dramatic.	
Who would you recommend this book to?	Year 3 and over as it isn't very scary but it could be to younger boys and girls.	

Title of the Book:	The boy the mole the fox and the horse.	
Author / Illustrator:	Charlie Mackery	
Review written by:	Kitty	
Star Rating:	★★★★★	
Three Words to describe:	Adventurous, mysterious and life lessons.	
Who would you recommend this book to?	My friends	



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**Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates**

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Yours Period Boxes

As the days draw out and Spring is on the horizon, we are pleased to be able to continue our support of the school community with period products for both young people and parents to use at home.

You can visit our website to request the period products you need. We have a range of disposable products as well as reusable period pads and menstrual cups to choose from. If you would like to request products for multiple people in your household, just use the comments box to tell us how many people and the kind of products you would like.

If you would like period products to support you during the Easter holidays, please let us know what you need as soon as you can so we can get those to you in plenty of time.

All requests are free and confidential.

You can request your All Yours box here: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

All our boxes are prepared by volunteers and most boxes are delivered by volunteers. Where we are not able to hand deliver a box, we use 2nd class Royal Mail to send our boxes. We ask that you allow at least 21 days for delivery, but we do aim to drop off boxes far quicker than this.

March – Endometriosis Awareness Month

We are currently running a series of educational posts to raise awareness of the common symptoms of Endometriosis on our social media channels. You can find out more by visiting us on @allyourmonthly on both Facebook and Instagram.

You can find out more about period products or about All Yours in general by visiting <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/>. If you would like to message us directly, our email is allyours@allyoursbox.co.uk

With best wishes,

All Yours



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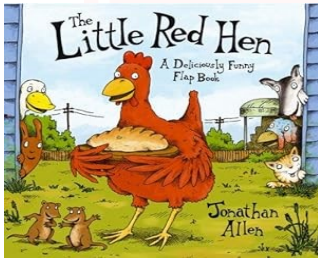
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Infant School Update

Nursery

This week is 'Reading Week' and there have been so many activities for the children to enjoy. We have listened to lots of stories and enjoyed singing along to nursery rhymes and songs.



The focus story this week has been 'The Little Red Hen'. We have discovered there are many different versions of this book and it has been interesting to listen to some of them. We have discussed; how they are the same and how different the characters are in different books.

There has been a puppet show for us to enjoy with the Nursery Rhyme man. We all listened intently and joined in too; it made the nursery rhymes feel real and made us all laugh.



The Year 5 Reading Buddies came to visit the Nursery and read stories with the children. Thank you for reading so well and letting us choose the books we wanted to hear. We hope you will come back again.

Thank you to Mrs Dent who organised a song and rhyme trail. We had to look at the picture clues she left and guess which song or rhyme it was. Some were easy and others were tricky. Thankfully we had Mrs Warner to help us when it was very hard.

Forest School was different this week. There was a fire in the fire pit. Mrs Smith showed how to toast marshmallows, some children enjoyed them, while others didn't like them as much. Mrs Smith introduced us to Eric, the caterpillar and told the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. In the forest was the big bad wolf and the three little pigs, no pigs were eaten today, Phew. It was another fun learning session at Forest School.





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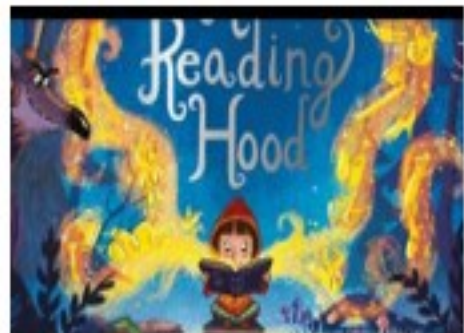
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Reception

What an exciting and busy week it has been. We have thoroughly enjoyed the range of opportunities offered during Reading week. The highlights have been; the puppet show, the drama workshop, the author visiting, answering questions on the story trail and celebrating World Book Day! We started off the week by sharing the story of Little Red Riding Hood and then read the story Little Red Reading Hood. We enjoyed making comparisons and agreeing that if we don't like the end of a story we can "change it, arrange it again in our heads, just switch it and stitch it up some other way!" Thank you to the parents that came in and read to the year group this week and the donations of chalk, it's very much appreciated.





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Year 1

What an amazing week! A huge thank you to Mrs Dent for organising such an exciting week of opportunities for us all - we are very grateful. The children have thoroughly enjoyed lots of the activities that have been on offer. Some particular highlights have included:

- Hot chocolate and stories around the fire with Mrs Smith.
- The nursery rhyme man and his puppet performance - the cheeky mouse really made us laugh.
- The visit and workshop from the author Teresa Heapy - we really loved hearing her new story 'The enormous pineapple'.
- Having a chance to run around the field finding questions based on lots of different books we have read this year.

We can't wait for Reading Week again next year.



Reminder

Please keep an eye out on Weduc for information regarding our up and coming performance of Chicken Licken.

Children will not need their PE kits at school on Monday due to play practice.

Forest School will be back to normal on Fridays so please send your children in with the correct clothing.



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Year 2

Year 2 have had a great Reading Week! We have been so busy with the fantastic reading week activities, that Mrs Dent had organised.

An author, Teresa Heapy came to visit us on Monday and led some workshops, we also had a poetry and puppet performance too. We went on a story trail around our school field and looked at a blanket of books with fantastic new books that covered our table. We looked at them and talked about which books we would like to read and which books we would never choose from the library. We also read with our Year 4 buddies and we made our objects into the 'Perfect Pet' which we have been writing about as well. To top it off, we also read with Poppy in the library! It's been such a fun week and World Book Day was a brilliant way to celebrate it as well – our parade on the Junior Playground was a real highlight.





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Junior School Update

Year 3

We have had the best week in Year 3! Reading Week has been a busy time, full of wonderful experiences and amazing opportunities to explore reading-related activities. The children have thoroughly enjoyed everything, and every day children have said that it was the best day ever! A big thank you to everyone who made this week so successful, we are so very grateful and appreciative.

"I really enjoyed Forest school stories because it brought back lovely memories." Rayaan

"This is the best week ever."

Rogan

"I liked the Peter Pan performance because all the characters were played by one person." Isla

"Reading with Poppy was my favourite because Mrs Rostron read us a really good story, and I liked listening to the story in the library with other children. It was very relaxing." Wali



"The Reading Week Activities in class were so amazing because there were so many different ones." Paisley

"My favourite activity was reading with Reception because I like helping people to get better at reading." Jorgie



"The Reading Quiz was great because I liked seeing some of the books that I used to read." Freddie

"I loved dressing up and going on the parade for World Book Day and seeing lots of different costumes." Reggie and Alice

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"I really liked the author's visit/workshop because he was really funny." Louie



"I enjoyed Forest School because we don't get to go there much now that we are in Year 3. I also loved the hot chocolate."

Khalil

"The best part of Reading Week was that I won the Golden Ticket!" Natalie



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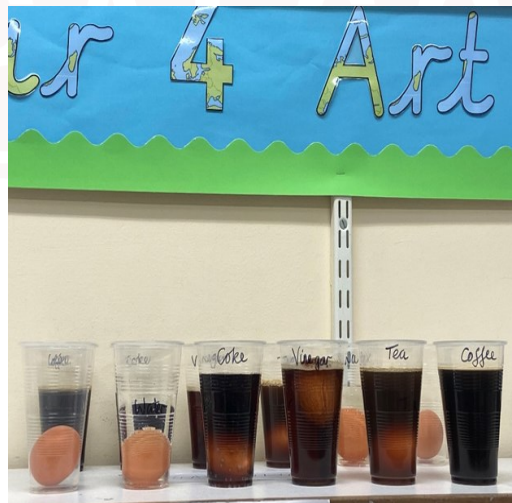
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Year 4

Wow! What a fantastic and busy week Year 4 have had! In Science this week, we have been conducting an experiment to show what effects different liquids can have on our teeth over a long period of time. Eggs have been used to represent the enamel of our teeth, and 5 of the eggs have been placed in clear cups with a different liquid in each. We have used water, vinegar, coke, tea and coffee. The children are looking forward to finding out the results of our experiment on Friday. Please remember to ask your child about their findings.

Year 4 have taken part in a variety of activities for Reading Week and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm towards all of these. We started off the week with a trip to forest school, which all of the children really enjoyed. We got to have hot chocolates by the fire and Mrs Smith read to each class. The children really loved being back in the forest and getting quite messy! They took part in a story trail, answering questions based around our texts so far this year. It was great to see them working so well in their teams and remembering their learning.

During our author visit, the children were so engaged and had so many questions for Ben. World Book Day was also a huge success! We were delighted to see so many fantastic costumes. We have all really enjoyed our Reading Week and hope that the children have been exposed to some new texts and new authors that they want to try!





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Year 5

Wow! What a week! We have read, read, and read some more.

Year 5 have loved watching performances based on books, reading with the nursey children, quizzes galore, art based on stories, poetry and a real-life author working with us! Year 5 also worked on making their own rapping stories, based on MC Grammar, who raps story books for children- always a fun way to read the bedtime story! It has been such an enjoyable week where we have come together to share our love of books.

A huge thank you to Mrs Dent and Mrs Settle for organising this week! We are truly grateful for all their hard work to make this week possible. We have all (adults included) had so much fun, learned lots and explored many new books.





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Year 6

What a fantastic week Y6 have had. A huge thank you to Mrs Dent and Mrs Settle for organising such wonderful opportunities for us all.

We have been lucky enough to have a Peter Pan Performance where the children were absolutely engaged and inspired. We have read with Poppy and Mrs Rostron. Poppy loves to read.

We have joined an online graphic novel workshop and enjoyed a costume parade with both schools. It has been such an enjoyable week and following our MOCKS last week, it has been nice to do some very different activities. We really enjoyed the author visit from Ben Lyttleton. His love of football really came across and showed the children how much they could learn about the world from football. He shared an edited copy of his work with the children and this helped our children see how important the editing process is- such an important skill throughout their education and in the working-world. It has also been brilliant to see lots of children wanting to read his books.



A huge well done to our librarians who organised a World Book Day Inter- House Quiz where all the year groups mixed up and competed in a series of rounds online in order to win a prize. The children particularly liked the Emoji round. The winning house will be announced on Monday and the children will receive an additional play. A really clever idea from our librarians!

We had an amazing end to our week with Mrs Smith in Forest School. We were invited up to share stories around the fire and enjoy a biscuit. Mrs Smith has worked hard to have the whole school up there, this week! Thank you



Thank you to Mrs Boshier and Mrs Truran for giving up their time and coming into read with the children.



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Certificates and Attendance for week ending 1st March 2024

Nursery: **Nevaeh** for improved focus and being helpful and caring towards others and **Dexter** for his mark making while singing the alphabet song.

Reception:

RAM - **Aila** for always being a good friend to others in the class and **Maisie** for always trying her best with everything she does.

RJM - **Ben** for a super first week at Calcot and **Sohan** for learning to write his name independently.

Year 1:

1VW - **Alayna** for beginning to share more of her ideas in class discussions and **Myla** for brilliant recall of information in Science lessons.

1SA - **River** for using spectacular vocabulary when writing his hot write and for extending his writing using conjunctions and **Aleksander** for applying his phonics knowledge to his writing independently.

Year 2:

2MD - **Hajra** and **Sahara** both for working really hard in Literacy and Maths this week - keep up the great work!

2LH - **Aidan** for his super writing and improved presentation and handwriting and **Sophia-Rose** super role model.

2FD - **Yushaa** for excellent writing about guinea pigs and **Aubree** for working hard in all her lessons and being an excellent role model for everyone.

Year 3:

3AB - **3AB** for being excellent representatives of Calcot Junior School on the Year 3 trip to London.

3ST - **3ST** for being excellent representatives of Calcot Junior School on the Year 3 trip to London.

3NC - **3NC** for being excellent representatives of Calcot Junior School on the Year 3 trip to London.

Year 4:

4AM - **Ronnie** for showing great enthusiasm in lessons and **Lexi-Mae** for excellent effort when working with fractions in Maths this week.

4CL - **Jayden** for his effort to improve his handwriting and **Harley** for his brilliant work in Maths this week.

4MB - **Gus** for fantastic work in Maths with fractions and **Benjamin** for wonderful work in Literacy.

Year 5:

5DP - **Jacie** and **Francesca** for excellent writing based on The Highwayman.

5SL - **Chayce** for working hard in literacy and **Rubas** for always making excellent efforts in all subjects.

Year 6

6DE - **Abaan** for his superb reasoning and explanation in Maths this week and **Sumayyah** for her fantastic piece of writing on evacuation in WWII.

6MH - **Josh** for incredible contributions to Literacy this week and **Alexis** for an all-round great attitude and superb effort in Literacy.

6RS - **Charlie** for amazing effort in all lessons and an excellent piece of writing and **Lacey-Mai** for a superb piece of writing.

French Certificates

Aareez (Y3) - pour une excellente contribution

Charlie (Y4) - pour tu fais toujours de ton mieux

Manners Badges

Year 3— **Aria**

Year 4— **Eugene**

Year 5— **Szymon**

Infant School Attendance 100% Attendance Certificate awarded to 1RT - well done Year to date Attendance – 93.3%

Junior School Attendance 98.8% Attendance Certificate awarded to 6MH - well done Year to date Attendance – 92.6%