



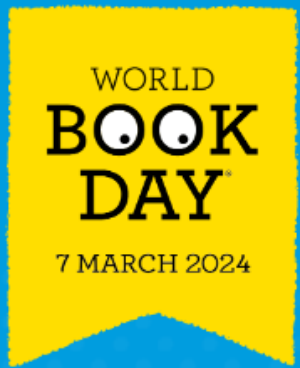
Dear parents/carers,

Enjoy reading a little bit about upcoming events this term and a recent visit by international renowned musicians, the Carducci Quartet.



World Book Day—March 7th

World Book Day is fast approaching us on March 7th. World Book Day leaders are exploring 'Reading for Pleasure' this year with 6 elements leading to the one READING SUPER POWER. The elements are: being read to regularly; having books at home and school; finding time to read; having a choice of what to read: having trusted help to find a book; making reading fun! If you want to know more or want family ideas for taking part in World Book Day then [click here for the World Book Day website](#).



Mrs Bedwell & Mrs Yorke have met with the School Council (SC) to discuss World Book Day and how we will celebrate it in school this year. It was a positive meeting with lots of ideas. I was told the children particularly enjoyed the meeting biscuits too! The SC agreed:

- All children and staff would be invited to dress as a book character (we know some children do not enjoy dressing up and this is fine too).
- They would enjoy more time exploring books/reading over the day and the teachers will be planning for this.
- They requested that teachers/children read extracts from their favourite books - the older School Council representatives and some teachers will do this.
- All children will be asked to bring in their favourite book so it can be shared with other children.

We hope some classes will be able to join the BBC live World Book Day lesson which will focus on 'reading for pleasure'. We will also aim for Big Friends and Little friends to read together—C1 with C5 and C2 with C4.



Every child will receive a Book Day token—this can be used by children to purchase a book before March 31st.

After school on World Book Day, the brilliant PA will hold a used book sale. All books will be 50p/£1. Please drop off any donations for the book sale at the front of the school reception on

World Book Day—March 7th.
Many thanks.

Carducci Quartet

We were thrilled that the Carducci Quartet came to play for us at school last week. The Carducci Quartet are international concert musicians with exceptional playing skills and wonderful communication when working with children. They played a range of pieces from Franz Haydn,



who is considered the creator of the string quartet, to Philip Glass to Beethoven. They also explained how they played their instruments, how they played together and some musical vocabulary. A few children were brave and volunteered to take part in the concert too! Well done Conor, Erik, Sophie, Dylan, Thomas and Mila S. Here are the thoughts of some of our children:

Theo/Barney: It was really cool how they had to listen to each other and know when to play. They made different tunes by working together.

Sophie F: I liked that they explained how they played their instruments to make different sounds. They were perfect and didn't make any mistakes—I felt like I was at a real concert.

Bea: I learned long strings make lower sounds and short strings make higher sounds. I learned that in Italian, loud is forte.

Rhumer-Blu: I liked the music when the children had to put hats on the players.

Harlow: I learned the big instrument was called a cello. I really liked the joke piece of music (by Haydn) - it had joke endings!

Foley: I liked the Beethoven music and I liked it when the children put the hats on the players.

Katie: It was impressive that anyone could play the cello so well.

If you want to see the Carducci Quartet play you can find them on You Tube. [Click here to hear them play Nimrod from the Enigma variations by Elgar.](#)



Mathematics Information Evening for Parents

As a school we value the importance of mental maths as it is important in helping children in mastering many other areas of maths. The starting point of this is knowing addition /subtraction facts such as $2+7=9$, $7-5=2$ and moves to knowing multiplication/division facts by heart.

We invite you to an information evening at school to find out more about this crucial area of maths. We will explore why recalling these facts are important, how we help your child to learn them. We will also share simple games we play at school and ideas for practising at home. Please do come along and find out more.

The meeting will be on **March 18th at 5.30pm**. We will meet in the school hall to start and the meeting will take about an hour. We look forward to seeing you then.

DIARY DATES:

Spring Term 4

Mon 19th February: First day of Term 4

Fri 23rd February: KS2 Popcorn & PJ night

Fri 1st March: C4 Cake Sale, 3.15pm

Thurs 7th March: World Book Day—please come to school dressed as a favourite book character
PA World Book Day Sale after school 50p/£1 for books.

Thurs 14th March: C4 swimming begins

Mons 18th March: Maths Information Evening for parents 5.30pm Meet in the school hall please

Wed 20th March: Pentathlon event-tbc

Wed 20th March: Children's Egg Hunt in school (staff to organise)

Wed 20th March: PA Easter Egg Raffle

Thurs 21st March: Japanese student visitors in school

Fri 22nd March: Last day of Term 4

Thank you for your support,

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