



Issue 6



St. Benedict's Newsletter 28th March 2019

Environment

Gardening Club have been super busy planting all sorts of vegetable seeds this month in order to create a bumper crop this year! All of the fresh produce and plants will be available to buy in the office once they are ready - watch this space! We have also received an award and funding from Veolia EnviroGrant to buy gardening tools and seeds for our little gardeners as well as plants to brighten up our school grounds!

The Eco Committee have also been busy in preparation of our 5th Eco Schools Green Flag Assessment. They have been learning about single-use plastics, recycling and energy saving as well as Earth Hour which is happening on Saturday 30th March. For one hour, the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) are asking everyone to turn off their lights to show you care about your world. Large landmarks across the whole world, including the Taj Mahal, the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben will be turning off their lights from 8.30pm - 9.30pm to take a stand against climate change. You can join in too by sharing a story with your children, playing a game or sharing a meal; all by candle light or torch! Let us know if you take part.

Community Room News

- St. Benedict's Parent Café is from 1.00pm - 2.45pm every Wednesday in the community room - come and join us for a drink and chat. All welcome!
- Beginners ESOL classes are every Tuesday morning in the community room. If you are interested in registering, please speak to the office or Mrs. Syra Butler.
- ESOL students will be going on a trip in July to celebrate their successful year.
- Year 2 Maths Workshops will start after the Easter holidays - watch out for dates.
- A first aid beginner's workshop will run after the Easter holidays. Look out for dates in our school newsletter.
- Talk4Writing Workshop was very successful. The pottery class had good attendance and was enjoyed by all.

Easter Holidays

School will close on Friday 12th April at 12.45pm for Easter Holidays and re-open on Monday 29th April at the normal time.

There will be no afternoon Nursery on 12th April.

Have a safe and restful break!

Nursery

In Nursery we are almost coming to the end of our 'Minibeasts' topic in which we have really enjoyed looking for bugs inside and outside the classroom and learning all about them. Our caterpillars are busy inside their cocoons and we will see the changes very soon. Ask your child what has happened to the caterpillars or even better come and have a look! This leads nicely onto our spring topic and we are very excited about the arrival of some special eggs in school. I wonder what will be hatching out of them, we can't wait to find out!

Please can we remind you to encourage your child to take their coat off on their own when they come into Nursery? We know this may take a bit longer but it is a skill they need to become more independent as we go outside lots throughout the day. Can your child take their own shoes and socks off and put them on? This is another skill you could practise at home

Spotlight on Reading



What a wonderful World Book Day we had! Well done to everyone who dressed up. We hope you had a great day. It's not too late to use your World Book Day voucher. You can take it to your nearest bookshop or supermarket for £1 off a book over £2.99, or you might still be lucky enough to find the special World Book Day books and get one for free using your voucher. Your voucher is valid until 31st March. It was lovely to see parents coming into school to share our class story time too.

Please remember the Swap Shops are available at the start and end of every day so do come along and pick out a book or two with your child. Once you have read it together come and swap it for another, as many times as you like, even every day! The more books there are at home, the better reader your child will become.

Finally, as lots of parents discovered at our 'story time' parent meeting, reading a story to your child every day has such an enormous impact on their learning now and in the future. As it is quick and fun, we hope you too will spend ten minutes a day reading to your child to give them the very best support in their education.

Attendance

Article 28 (Right to Education) your child has the right to a good quality education. You should encourage your child to go to school to the highest level they can.

Medical appointment must be arranged outside of school hours. Medical evidence consists of appointment cards, screen shot of patient notes, prescriptions, and hospital/dental appointment letter. We will not ask for a doctor note so please do not request one on our behalf.