## **Pippins Weekly News**

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## SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a week of show and tell for us!

We began the week with a science workshop. The turnout was extraordinary, the most parents we have ever entertained at a workshop, especially as It was the first time we showcased how we teach science at Pippins. The teachers prepared amazing lessons, bringing science alive, which children and parents alike, enjoyed. As part of the school development plan, we will be strengthening the teaching and learning of our foundation subjects, so that they are intertwined in a consistent Pippins curriculum, that is creative and bursting with experiential learning. Watch this space ...

We ended the week with our governors coming into school, and spending the better part of yesterday at Pippins. It the first time we have had the governing board in school during the school day, collectively, seeing it in action. As a headteacher, it is indeed my vision that as stakeholders - whether a child, parent, staff, community officer, governor, that we all work in unison for the greater good of the school and our fabulous children. It was an absolute pleasure watching the school community interact with the governors yesterday, and for us to have been able to showcase our great good work; I am thankful to them for their time, dedication and commitment to our school, which they occupy in a voluntary capacity.

Continuing with the theme of engagement, we invite as many parents as possible next week to come and share a story with their child's class. I am particularly keen to have dad's share a story! Please speak to the school office, if you will have 15 minutes to spare next Thursday.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Jalaf

## Dates for the Diary

7th March - World Book Day - theme to be confirmed

13th March - Year 2 and 4 trip to Windsor

19th March - Parents evening (details to follow)

20th March - Parents evening (details to follow)

### **Attendance**

Pips 87%
Pixie 91%
Elstar 94%
Honeygold 90%
Bramley 97%
Crispin 90%
Waltz 95%
Jazz 90%

Year 2 and 4
PARENTS - please
pay by 8th March
for the Windsor
trip.

## **URGENT NOTICES! - PLEASE READ**

NO WALKING THROUGH THE CAR PARK AT ANY TIME.

ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES.

Uniform - Please ensure all clothes are labeled with your child's name. Girls must be wearing appropriate shoes (no heels and no boots). No trainers unless it is P.E. day.

**Parents** - please log into Arbor and clear your dinner money.

Child off sick - If your child is ill, unwell, or sick you must call and give all details of the illness as we need them for our records. If your child is off ill for 5 or more days we require a valid/up-to-date doctor's note.

**Appointments** - If your child has an appointment during school hours you must give at least 24 hrs notice and proof of appointment.

**Drop-off and Pick-Up** - Parents/Carers please ensure **all phones are away** in pockets or bags **when collecting children** at pick-up as having them out or taking phone calls is against GDPR regulations for the school.

## **COME SEE SCIENCE**

This week we had a very successful Come Work with Me for Science. As a school we enjoyed having the parents involved in all the fun activities. Each class engaged well with the different experiments that were carried out. Pippins School is full of scientists in the making.

Charlie - reception: "We did think and float. It's when we get stuff which is heavier and lighter."

Alfie - yr 1: "I was learning about what's outside in the garden like the flowers and the roots. It was on a piece of paper and we had to tick which on is that we saw."

Theon - yr 2: "We looked at materials and what they're made of and we had to write them down in our book. We got to see if it could bend, twist, stretch or squash."

Rushda - yr 3: "We were using magnets and there were some things which we had to test if they were magnetic. First, we had to guess and then we tried it and if it was not a magnet it repelled and if it was, it attracted."

Ruzbeh - yr 4: "I made carbon dioxide gas with vinegar and baking powder. I used the gas to blow up a balloon and it was really exciting because I wanted to see how big it could get."

Alan - yr 5: "We created our own allotments in groups and we needed to include seeds and sunlight. We did this because in Science we are learning about life cycles and our allotments have plants which show the life cycle of a plant."

Jasmine - yr 6: "We started off by watching a video about how to make a lunch bag explode. Then, we poured water into a bag with bicarbonate soda in it. After that, we poured the vinegar in and then the bag exploded into the tray. This was really fun to carry out!"

Thank you to all parents who could make it. Miss Sufi

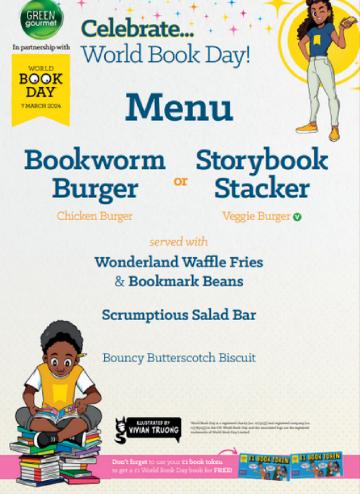
## MENU FOR THIS TERM

The menus for this term are now on the website just click 'Autumn Winter Menu 2024'.

Thursday 7th - World Book Day menu.

Next week's menu will be WEEK 1.







Dear parents and caregivers,

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7th March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school.

The theme this year will be 'Pyjama Party.' We want the children to use their costumes, PJs or Onesies to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use items you already have at home. If your child would like to dress up as a book character, wear their PJs or a onesie, please feel free to do so.

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We know that this year many families will find themselves in a difficult financial situation - we don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden. Dressing up or bringing books into school can be a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day. We ask that you consider the impact on the children who aren't able to take part in this way.

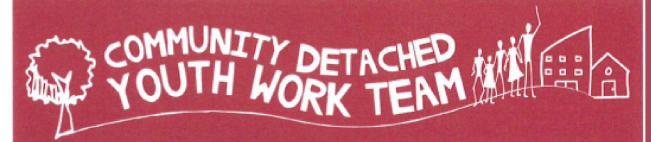
### We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:

- Reading to them: We'd love to invite you along to read an end of day story to your child's class at 3pm! Please contact the office if you are happy to come in and READ on World Book Day!
- Use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a book!
- Children to choose what they want to read and bring in their own books!
- Reading activities throughout the day including learning about different authors!
- Children can bring in a small pillow or teddy to school

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you.

Best wishes!

Mr Khalid



We are excited to announce our upcoming event celebrating International Women's Day

Women/girls will have access to positive advice and guidance from local services and free access to all the facilities at the venue including bowling, virtual reality, trampolining, soft play and much more

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The aim of IWD 2024 #InspireInclusion campaign is to collectively build a more inclusive world for women. As a team we would like to celebrate the women of Slough and inspire inclusion in our community



FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 3:30PM-7PM at salt hill activity centre. Slough

FREE EVENT JUST TURN UP FREE FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED

For more info contact the team on cdt@slough.gov.uk

The event will involve inspirational women speakers including:



Sue Butcher

Executive director of children's services for SBC and Chief Executive of SCF

Sofia Owaisi

3rd Hijab wearing boxing coach in the UK



# SEND services have your say



We want to hear from people with experience of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service in Slough.

Are you a...

## young person

who can tell us about your experiences and the support you've received?

- · Who was involved?
- What were the biggest moments?
- · What changed?
- What would make things easier?

## parent or carer

of someone with SEND who can share your journey so far?

- How long has it taken to get support?
- Who has been involved?
- What impact did this have?

## professional

working with SEND families?

- What were the key moments?
- Who had significant involvement?
- What impact did these changes have on the children and young people?
- What would you have changed?

We want to know the good and the bad

Please send comments to livedexperiences@slough.gov.uk



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## MARCH MADNESS

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TILL SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>







OFFER ENDS MIDNIGHT ON



NO CODE NEEDED, DISCOUNT AUTOMATICALLY APPLIED AT CHECKOUT. EXCLUDES RAINBOW, BROWNIE, GUIDE, SCOUT WEAR AND SALE/CLEARANCE GARMENTS. SALE ENDS MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY.

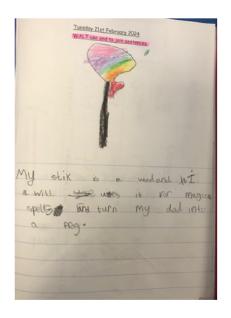
## YEAR 1 - ELSTAR

Year 1 has been enjoying reading the book Stanley's Stick in English.

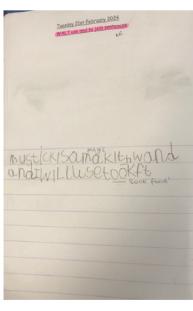
We have been writing about if we found a stick what we would change it into and use it to do.

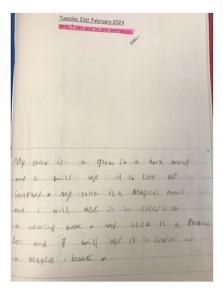
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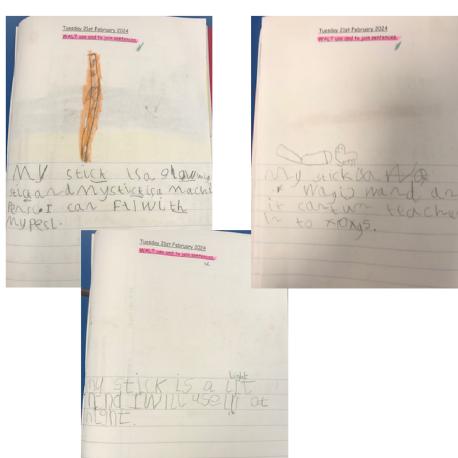
Miss Purdy











## YEAR 2 - HONEYGOLD

Year 2 has been enjoying reading the book The Owl and The Pussy-cat in English.

We have been learning to write in rhyming couplets. It has been fun learning how to make words rhyme making sure our re-telling still makes sense.

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We also had a great time on Tuesday when our parents got to come and see us carry out a science experiment about the properties and uses of materials. Thank you to those of you who could make it.



