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This year, our Marsden March will be 27.3.18 in the morning. Target £3K!

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Happy Half Term!

## Wonderful Wandle and Dynamic Designing

### Wonderful Wandle

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February staff from the Wandle trust came in to introduce Year 6's new topic after half term – Rivers. The children learnt about the River Wandle, recapped technical terminology and talked about the water cycle. Pollution, river water and how to help the local community keep it clean were also topics which were covered and the children were shocked to find out exactly what gets dumped into the river to pollute it! As part of our Rivers topic next half Year 6 went on an activity packed (but cold) trip to the Beddington Park to learn more about the River Wandle over Tuesday and Wednesday. Although temperatures had dipped to 2 degrees much fun was had as the children did some bird spotting before they got involved with the more scientific side of the visit. The first activity was finding out the temperature; the pH level and make visual observations of the river water. Our findings were interesting as the river water was 3.4 degrees – warmer than it felt! However, the pH levels of the water were only 7, which was nearly neutral (maybe not good enough to drink though!). As part of some scientific research the children were asked to analyse the kind of habitat the river was – whether it was a thriving habitat or if more could be done to make it a better home for some finned friends. Using visual observations and a chart to identify different creatures the children were asked to find out how many of each

invertebrate/mollusc they were able to find in nets that collected samples from the river. We found lots of shrimp; some mayfly nymphs and even a few stickleback fish, although, there didn't seem to be enough creatures to warrant the Wandle being a good habitat. Hopefully that will change after all the work has been finished. Another activity which the children enjoyed was finding out how fast the current was moving using a tape measure, a tennis ball and a stopwatch. The children were keen to get involved and also made sure that it was a fair test by repeating the task several times as well as bearing in mind their variables and then working out the averages. We love being cross-curricular! The final, yet still fun activity was the clue search. Using a basic map of the river and some clues, the children were tasked with labelling different parts of the river by looking at the part of the river they were near as well as working out what the clue was suggesting. All in all the entire trip was very successful. We had a few cold fingers and toes however Year 6 had a lot of fun and learnt a lot about Rivers and their local area. Our thanks go to Verity at the Wandle Trust for hosting the activities!



### Dynamic Designs



**DT week:** This week year 5 have been putting their DT skills to use. We have been designing and creating moving CAM toys. These took a lot of planning, making and finally evaluating. We used our measuring skills to create accurate frames, used equipment such as saws and hot glue guns (safely of course!) and designed our own backgrounds and followers. They look great, we have worked hard and are really proud of our creations.

### Ash class assembly

This morning Ash class took us on a journey through Space and showing all that they learnt about this topic in Science. They answered questions such as: Why did people used to think that the earth was flat? How do we get night and day? What makes the seasons change? They also shared their explosive topic of Geography this term, which has been extreme earth. They helped us to reflect on all that God has created in the world, the natural beauty and even though some of the things in the world such as volcanoes occur, they can be fascinating and fruitful to the earth. Well done Ash class!

### Golden Book

**Year 3:** Lois Harding, Alfie Lindsay-Bowler and Barinda Rana for an amazing persuasive letter in English. Millie McFarnon for super math learning and challenging herself and Harry Rains for reading 7 times consistently every week.

**Year 4:** Evie Clubb for trying her best in every lesson and always producing work of a high standard.

**Year 5:** The Whole of Ash class for their fabulous class assembly on Space and Volcanoes—we were all blown away! Secondly, for the brilliant & creative CAM toys that everyone has produced in DT. Very

impressed to see their helpfulness, resilience and safe attitudes to using the toys and building. Jasmine Williams, Hajra Raja and Imasha Weerakkody for visiting the library every week this term. All of Hazel class for all their hard work, perseverance and creativity with making their CAM toys.

**Year 6:** All of Holly class for excellent team work and story telling.

**Well Done Everyone!**

### Parents meetings after half term— wk beg 19/2/18

**Mon 19/2 Y3 & 6—1.30—6.30pm, Tues 20/2 Y3, 4, 5 & 6—3.30-5.50 and Wed 21/2 Y4 & 5—1.30—6.30pm**

**Please make an appointment if you haven't already**

### Thinking Board & Reflective Question-

Here's answers to last weeks questions. What are you most grateful for?

My life and family- Aaron- Ash- Year5  
Are there aliens in space?

If there are does that mean we are aliens too? Xanthe, Aimee and Kay- Holly- Year6  
What do you think the Bible is about?

The bible is all about Jesus-Izzy-Spruce-year4

Well done everyone who guessed the mystery photo correctly.

Next weeks questions  
If you could grow up famous, what would you want to be famous for?

## Other news...

### THINKING DAY—Thursday 22<sup>ND</sup> February 2018

It has long been a tradition for Girlguiding members to be allowed to wear their uniform to school to celebrate World Thinking Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> February when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts everywhere throughout the world remember each other and reaffirm their commitment to international friendship and understanding. Anyone who takes part in the following organizations may wear the uniform of these organizations on this day. Rainbows aged 5 – 7; Brownies aged 7 – 10; Guides aged 10 – 14+

**CAP LIFE SKILLS**—If you want to stay on top of your household bills, see your money go further, eat well on a budget or grow in self-confidence, then CAP Life Skills is for you! It will teach you real ways to save time, money and hassle in your day-to-day life. You'll learn practical skills from our trained coaches alongside like-minded people in a relaxed and fun environment. For more information contact St Patrick's Church Wallington. Katy King 07516 550728 or email: [katyking@capuk.org](mailto:katyking@capuk.org). All CAP Life Skills groups are free but booking is essential.

**LSA VACANCY**—Thursday and Friday 1/2 hour from 12.30pm—1pm. Please collect an application form from the school office

### Events at half term

#### **Sutton Ecology Centre February Half Term Activities 2018**

**Where:** Activities are at Sutton Ecology Centre, The Old Rectory, Festival Walk, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 3NY [www.sutton.gov.uk/biodiversity](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/biodiversity)

**What:** Sutton Ecology Centre February Half Term Activities

**Booking:** Some activities require advance booking: to book online go to [suttonnature.wordpress.com/events](http://suttonnature.wordpress.com/events) unless otherwise stated.

**Contact:** For enquiries leave a message on 020 8770 5820 or email [biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk) unless otherwise stated.

**Helpful Information:** All events involve outdoor activities. Please wear suitable outdoor clothing. Adults must accompany children at all times.

For more information on Sutton Ecology Centre events please visit [www.suttonnature.wordpress.com/events](http://www.suttonnature.wordpress.com/events)

#### **February Half Term Activities**

##### **Monday 12 & Tuesday 13**

**Time:** 11.00am-2.00pm each day. [Sutton Ecology Centre](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/biodiversity).

##### **Wow! It's an owl!**

Follow the owl trail to see and interact with real live owls! Discover more about these lovable creatures and make an owl mask to take home.

**Cost:** £5 per child Suitable for families with children 3yrs+. Drop in, no need to book. Email [biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk) for enquiries.



#### [Inset days for 17-18](#)

[Friday 25th May 2018](#)

[Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018](#)

**[PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED GLASSES WHICH COULD HELP VISION AID OVERSEAS](#)**

### **Book week—advance warning.**

This year, our annual Book Week will be 26<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We have an exciting week involving dance, drama, storytelling and poetry planned as always and will be celebrating, exploring and enjoying stories of all kinds. World Book Day falls on 1<sup>st</sup> March and this year we have decided to up the fun factor by dressing up! All children are invited to dress up as a *book* character and there will be prizes for the best – dressed child in each year group.

There will also be story writing and poetry competitions. We're looking forward to a fun and inspiring week.

**Thank you to everyone who brought cakes for the cake sale today or £1.**

**In Church** – You are welcome to attend the services in Holy Trinity, St Patrick's or Springfield church on a Sunday morning—all of which start at 10.30a.m. and St Patrick's also have a family service at 4pm

### **Reminders**

**Lateness in the morning and at pick-up** Every minute of the day is carefully planned to maximise learning opportunities. Please make sure that children arrive at school on time. There are children who are also persistently late being picked up. Parents will now be sent a warning letter if their child is collected after 3.45pm. After three warning letters, reminding of the system, a fine of £5 will be charged to parents on ParentPay. This will offset staff supervision costs.

**LOST PROPERTY** Please name all of your children's belongings and come in and look for items your child has lost before or after school—located in the cupboard outside Poplar class

**Illness:** Please remember that if children are ill with sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 48 hours after ceasing to have these symptoms. We are also reminding children about the importance of hand washing. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Infectious illness:** Please make sure that you inform the office if your child has an infectious illness such as chicken pox, measles, scarlet fever, slapped cheek etc

**IMPORTANT:** medicines must not be sent into school with children under any circumstances. If your child needs to take medicine during the day, please bring it to the office with a completed medicine form. This form can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the office.

**NUTS**—please note that nuts should not be sent in to school under any circumstances since we have children who are very sensitive to them and can have severe allergic reactions.

**Healthy snacks**—please can children bring only fruit for snacks at play time. Thank you.

#### **Newsletters**

The newsletter comes out every Friday and will go on the school website for you to look at. All copies of letters also go on the website.

**Tissues and glue** Please can all children bring their own named glue stick to school and a box of tissues. Many thanks for your help. It would be a big help to the stock and budget, benefitting everyone. Thank you.