



Friday 21st April 2023

Opening the nursery next year has provided us an opportunity to recruit a new teacher. We had well over 100 people apply for the role and observed and interviewed 21 potential teachers. We are delighted with who we have recruited and I will provide you with more information about them in the coming months. The reason I am mentioning it now is observing our children over 21 lessons provided me a great deal of insight into them as learners. I was very proud of how they worked; the learning behaviours they showed; and how polite and friendly they were to all the candidates. The candidates all commented on the feeling of Care across the school which was also nice to hear.



It is always great to see some of the fantastic things our children Achieve away from school. Over the holiday, Ernie and Ted were invited to Stockport Town Hall to receive a King's Coronation Award from the Mayor of Stockport for all the litter picking they have done in Edgeley. There were around 20 awards handed out, with them being the only children awarded the certificate.

Cake and Coffee morning



Thank you again to everyone that supported our cake and coffee morning. We raised an amazing £598.19, which I'm sure will be greatly appreciated. It was also lovely to see so many of you in school. We would also like to say thank you to Lily's Florist in Edgeley for donating the seeds for this event.

A huge success - Well done all!

School reading book amnesty!

Please can we ask that you all search under coffee tables, behind sofas and in cars for school reading books. We have lost a lot over the course of the year and they are a vital part of helping the children make progress in their independent reading. All our books are stamped with a school stamp on the inside cover and should have a number on the spine between 1-30.

Thank you

Reception

We have really enjoyed settling back in this week and starting our new topic on growth and life cycles. The children have been sharing *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and retelling the story through dance and drama. We also enjoyed going on a spring walk to the park looking for signs of spring using our senses.



Year 1

As part of their Science learning, Year 1 had a fantastic photosynthesis workshop today. We explored this through making our own anthotype, using spinach paper! We used lots of different petals and leaves to create an eye catching design and then we secured these in frames. We talked about how the sun is going to affect our pictures and we have kept one in class to monitor the changes. Thank you to Riley's Mum for providing such an exciting learning experience!



Year 2

Our new writing unit is about a journey through India using the book 'Finders Keepers' by Robert Arnett, so this week we brought India to Alexandra Park! The children took a virtual trip on a train, starting at Mumbai train station and making their way through food markets, Colaba Causeway, River Ganges and the Taj Mahal. The children got to practise yoga, smell aromatic spices and even taste test some Indian snacks! We came up with some fantastic, creative vocabulary to describe our experiences.



We have also been celebrating Eid al-Fitr today, by learning about Ramadan and the celebrations of Eid. We made some beautiful Eid cards and decorations! Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating this weekend!

Science

Animals Take Over

This week in science, Year 6 got up close with a variety of different animals. They had the chance to either hold or stroke an owl, gecko, bearded dragon, snake, frog and chinchilla.



Year 4

This week Y4 investigated pneumatics. We looked at Blow Football and a Stomp Rocket to see how pneumatics can power toys. We finished the week by designing and making our own toys powered by pneumatics using a burger box, a balloon, some plastic tubing and our own breath. We had to design and make a toy that opens when a balloon is inflated inside it. We had some very creative ideas!



Year 6



On Tuesday, Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a workshop run by Stockport County where they practised their football skills. They also had a presentation from police Sgt Gareth Davies on antisocial behaviour where they learned all about what antisocial behaviour is, where it might be seen, and how to avoid it. The children had a brilliant morning, asking insightful questions and listening really well.

Stars of the Week



It was great to meet with the Stars of the Week today to hear how hard they have all been working and to find out about all the different subjects they are enjoying in school. Well done to all! It was also lovely to hear in assemblies that every teacher is really impressed with how all the children have come back into school. A great start to the Summer term!

Important Dates

- Stay and Read for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents will continue on Thursday mornings 8.40 to 9.10am
- School breaks up for half term on **Friday 26th May**
- School reopens on **Tuesday 13th June**