

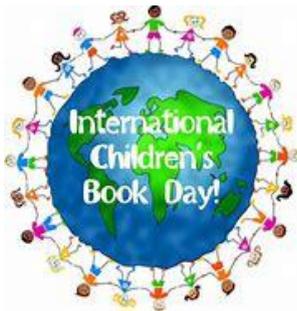
TDA Junior Newsletter

28th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all our families, we hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. Everyone has settled in and I have already seen some amazing work taking place and a good attitude to learning with lots of enthusiasm. Keep it up!

What a lovely start we have had this week seeing so many of you joining us at our Maths coffee morning. It was good to talk to you and share your opinions with us. The children loved having their parents sit with them during their Maths lesson. We hope that as parents, you found this helpful in supporting your child at home. We are looking at holding one for Literacy and would love to see you come and join us for that one too.



We have lots of exciting learning, events and visits taking place in the coming weeks. We will be celebrating World Book Day during our enrichment week commencing on Monday 30th March, with lots of fun activities, organised by our School Council taking place. More details will follow later.

This term, all the children in Year 4 at TDA Juniors have been following a unit of learning called 'Biomes' which focuses on the 7 main ecosystems around the world and their climate. The Year 4 children will be showcasing their learning through work they have completed in class and their home school projects. All parents/carers of Yr.4 are invited to come and share in their learning. Letters with all the details of the event have already been sent home.



On the 15th January, 8 children from TDAJ were invited to take part in the Oundle Mathematics conference. During the morning, children were split into groups to be part of three workshops. Children developed their understanding of difficult Mathematical concepts, such as Fibonacci numbers. The children spoke enthusiastically about the workshops and said that it was very interesting. After the morning workshops, the children then had to work as a team in order to answer complicated Maths questions that were scattered around the building. Children showed that they were able to communicate effectively, work mathematically and encouraged other team members to find the solutions. We were thrilled to find out that not only one of the groups came second, but another group came first! This is a fantastic achievement and the children were an asset to the Juniors.

Yr.6 Visit to Peterborough Cathedral - Catherine of Aragon



Yr.6 classes visited Peterborough Cathedral and took part in the Katharine of Aragon Day. The children learned about Peterborough and its history and the links between the City and Katharine of Aragon. Katharine of Aragon was born on 16 December 1485 at Alcalá de Henares in Spain, daughter of King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella and is buried in Peterborough Cathedral. Today Alcalá de Henares is Peterborough's Spanish twin town. Look East was filming there covering the story and some of our children and staff were seen on the Look East news that evening. I am sure you heard all about it.

On the last day of term, the whole school took part in the NSPCC Number Day where the children dressed in non-uniform and a variety of maths challenges throughout the day. We managed to raise £469.71 here in the Juniors for the NSPCC.



Parents Cake and Coffee Afternoon



Thank you to all the parents who took the time to come and join us at our Coffee and Cake afternoon last term. We were really pleased to see so many of you and giving us very positive feedback. The cake stall raised £63.05 which will go towards our communication project. Thank you so much to all of you that donated.



SIMSParent – Don't Miss Out Get Connected

As you know, we are now communicating through the new SIMSParent app. This app is free to download and easy to use. This gives you instant information regarding your child including invitations to school for achievement assemblies. If you have not downloaded this app can you please do so as soon as possible so that you do not miss any messages. Please make sure that you have a current e-mail account set up and that we have your current e-mail address in school.

Supervision of Children

We have noticed that there are a few children who are coming to school early on their own without adults and playing on the field. Can I remind you, in line with our safeguarding procedures any children coming to school before the gates open at 8:40 a.m. without an adult, will be put into the Breakfast Club and you will be charged. Staff are not available before 8:40 a.m. to supervise children. Thank you.

PE Kits and Lunch Bags

We have a number of children who are coming without their PE kits and lunch boxes. Please make sure that your child brings these with them for **the start of the school day**, and that your child's name is clearly marked on all clothing and their lunch box.

Payment for School Lunch

We are seeing an increase in children's lunch accounts that do not have enough money on them to pay for their lunch. Please ensure you check your child's dinner money account on ParentPay at the start of each week to make sure there is enough money on your child's lunch account.



2 nd - 6 th March	Yr.6 Mock SAT's week
31 st March	Yr.5 visit to Burghley House
1 st April	Yr.4 visit to Woburn Safari Park
3 rd April	Yr.4 Parents Showcase
11 th May	Yr.6 SAT's week
20 th May	Yr.5/6 Kingswood Residential Parents Information Meeting (Details will follow later)

3rd April School finishes for Easter holidays and reopens on Monday 20th April 2020