



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned the excitement of the disco, however I did not include that the wonderful total raised from the evening was £721 – which is brilliant. Thank you again to FODS.

On Tuesday, Year 4 headed off to Cokethorpe School to take part in our Corinthian Partnership creativity day based around the book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. I was lucky enough to join them on their day and enjoyed watching the children working with others to produce some good work.

The eagle eyed would have spotted that we will be celebrating World Book Day on the Wednesday 1st March. There will be activities during the school day, however this year, children can choose to come in dressed as their favourite fiction character. I would also like them to bring the book related to their chosen character to share with their class. *With the newsletter, we will include some ideas for dressing up using things around the house.*

Have a good week and stay safe and well and we will return refreshed on Monday 20th February. I look forward to seeing you then.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Courage

We can think about the importance of **standing up for what is right** against the odds, **sticking by one's convictions** and **not being swayed as well as strength of will**. We can also think about how we can encourage each other to do so too.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February –
Half term holidays.

Wednesday 1st March – School World Book Day
Wednesday 8th March – Artburst artists working with
Year 4-6

13th – 17th March – Y6 Pioneer Residential

Thursday 23rd March – IMPS Activity for Year 6

Tuesday 28th/Wednesday 29th March – Parents
Evenings

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Molly Rolls
Ducklings	Rosie Dickinson, Percy Cocklin
Owls:	Toby Hemming, Henry Lloyd
Mandarins:	Zoe MacGregor-Smith, Aron Kusnyerik
Eagles:	The Whole Class
Robins:	Bill Appleton, Elena Bakhandeh
Kingfishers:	Amelie Baldwin, Prue Walker
Red Kites:	Luke Adams

Around the School

The photo below is **Year 4** at the end of their Creativity day as part of the Corinthian Partnership. During the day, we worked with other Year 4s from Aston & Cote, Combe and Cokethorpe schools with a variety of different activities including poetry, comic strips, fact files and snowflake bead art. All our activities were based around the book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. Our parents were able to join us at 4pm and look at the work we had completed.



This week **Nursery** have been exploring rain, after the children were interested in the rain causing a puddle in our topic story book 'The Square'. In small groups, the children listened to light and heavy rain sounds and used rain sticks to mimic the sounds by changing how they manipulated them. We also had conversations about what happens when it rains and what we do and wear when it rains. At small group maths carpet time, the children matched numbered rain clouds to matching quantities of raindrops. At whole class maths carpet time, we measured a puddle then investigated what happened if we added more 'rain' to our puddle and measured it again. For phonics carpet time, the children helped sort different objects in to groups of the same initial sounds. At forest school last week, everyone enjoyed making funny pear monsters!





In **Reception**, we have been sharing the story, “Where the Wild Things Are”. The children created their own masks and thought about different ways of dancing and moving to the music. We listened to music and thought about different movements we could explore using our bodies. We learnt different words for dance movements.



