

Governors' Newsletter

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Last term may have been short, but what a lot was crammed in! Pupils enjoyed many enrichment activities, which provide positive experiences and opportunities for high quality learning. These included Thorndon Country Park, The Scott Polar Research Institute, WW2 and Ancient Greece workshop days, as well World Book Day and a visit by the Dog's Trust....

Sarah Lilly, Chair of Governors



SPRING IN YOUR STEP



Annelise Furnace and Kate Clark led a fantastic day on 21st March '18, when pupils from all the local primary schools celebrated sustainable travel. The event started at Spellbrook with pupils and the local cycling group joining together in a cycle around the school, carrying the travel Torch. The cyclists then rode to Mandeville with the Torch and were greeted by the whole school in the playground. Pupils were very excited to welcome the cyclists and Buster, the 'Stegosaurus' mascot, and the local PCSOs who accompanied the Torch in a car and on a quad bike! Mandeville's Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) from Y5 and Y6, were then handed the Torch and did a lap of the playground. They then scooted to Reedings, proudly holding the Torch, accompanied by Kate and Miss West. Many clapping and cheering pupils enthusiastically greeted them, and the Torch was then handed to Reedings pupils. They did a circuit of the playground and then walked to Fawbert and Barnard School. After a wonderful reception at F & B, the torch was again walked by pupils to the Town Council Offices and was handed to the Moving Mums for the final run to High Wych School. The Moving Mums and High Wych children ran laps of the playground and the Torch was handed over to High Wych School.

We would like to thank everyone who gave their time and enthusiasm to this successful day, including pupils, staff, Governors, PCSOs, Councillors and the HCC Travel Team. Our next challenge is Walk to School Week in May and we look forward to the annual Sawbo Travel Challenge week in September, celebrating sustainable travel.

PE and Sports Premium

We are delighted to welcome Melinda Brett as our PE LSA who is supporting pupils at breaktime, in enjoying keeping active. She is also assisting pupils by planning and supervising external sporting events, which pupils find rewarding.

Attendance Rewards ✓

Governors and staff have been discussing how to improve attendance of pupils at school and have introduced 100% attendance certificates and a trophy for the highest attending class awarded each week. We have also sent a letter to parents /carers to ask for their help in improving pupil attendance. Well done to all the 74 pupils who received 100% attendance certificates for the Spring term.