

4th March 2022

# Tavistock Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful World Book Day we have all enjoyed today! The array of costumes has been fantastic with many characters from nearly all the Roald Dahl books and also many other characters from favourite books. Through these characters, I have been introduced to some new books today and I look forward to exploring them.

All classes, from Nursery to year 6, have enjoyed a day packed with fun activities including competitions, art and craft creations, reading journal entries, and presenting Mrs Base with challenges to determine their own book character. As a school we have created a thoughtful corridor display portraying our passion for reading.

Each child has been given a book voucher which they can exchange for one of the special World Book Day books or use towards the purchase of a book of their own choice.

This afternoon, Darren Newland, our Chair of Governors, announced that the board has appointed Mrs Laura Handel as the Headteacher of Tavistock Nursery and Primary School. We are absolutely delighted with this news and I know the children will be too. **Many congratulations to Mrs Handel.** I know that she will continue to lead our school with energy and commitment over the forthcoming years.

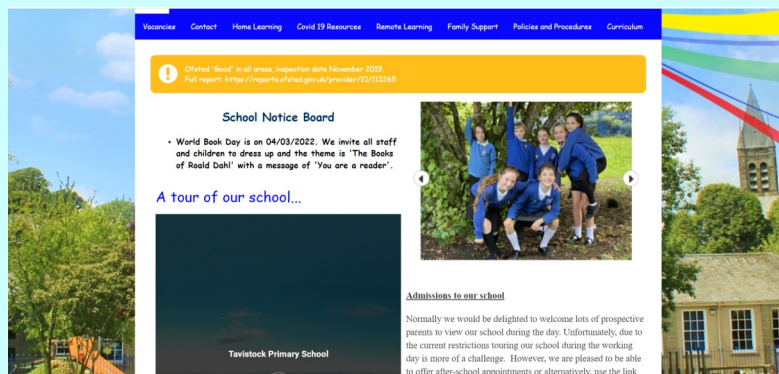
**Mrs H Alexander**  
Deputy Headteacher

## School Notice Board

We have added a brand new 'School Notice Board' area to the homepage of our website. We will be updating this section of our website regularly, so please check it often for important dates of school events and general school news.

<https://www.tavistock-pri.devon.sch.uk/website>

Don't worry, we will continue to use our social media platforms and email/text parents in addition to this area of our website.



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## Dates for Your Diary

- > World Book Day 4th March
- > Red Nose Day (My Hero) 18th March
- > Week commencing 28th March Y4 residential trip to Dartmoor
- > 11th April Easter Hols
- > Week commencing 9th May Y5 residential trip to London
- > Monday 2nd May school closed for bank holiday
- > May 30th half term week begins
- > Week commencing 27th June Y6 residential trip to Porthpean
- > Friday July 22nd School Closed

## Garden Days

Class 15 (Yr 6)  
Tuesday 15th March

Year 4  
Wednesday 16th March

Class 14 (Yr 6)  
Thursday 17th March

Year 1  
Friday 18th March

Year 3  
Thursday 24th March

Year 5  
Thursday 31st March

Reception  
Friday 1st April

Year 2  
Wednesday 6th April



This week is the start of March. Spring is around the corner, the days are (slowly) getting warmer AND we have a new Musician of the Month!

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, was an Austrian composer, born in 1756. He is widely recognised as one of the greatest composers in the history of Western music.

Unlike any other composer in musical history, he wrote in all the musical genres of his day and excelled in every one. His first symphony was written when he was just 8 years old and was composed while he was in London on tour.

He produced 626 works in total.



### REMINDER

The school car park is for Staff only.  
Meadowlands parking permits are available from reception.

### A 'Flipping' Great Pancake Day!



The children have really enjoyed learning about Pancake Day today. We read the story, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', we discussed what ingredients we needed to make our batter and all helped make the mixture.

Mrs Ruth then cooked and tossed enough pancakes for everyone and we got to choose a healthy topping, yum yum!

We counted our toppings and spoke about healthy food choices.



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**What is the donated money used for?** To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: (1) developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school; (2) engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.



## Tavistock Library Visit

The Nursery children have been lucky enough to have a visit from Cherry who works at Tavistock Library.

Cherry read 3 stories to the children, told us about how we can visit the library in Tavistock as well as how we can sign up to get a library card and borrow some books to take home.



Cherry read a very funny story about a crocodile and the children really enjoyed the story 'The Runaway Pea'.

Cherry gave each child a 'Bear's Reading Adventure' book, so they can start collecting stickers when they visit the Library. Once you collect all ten stickers, you will receive a certificate. Any child can collect a 'Bear's reading Adventure' from the library.



## Baby and Toddler Group

This week we welcomed back our toddlers and babies for our weekly group. It shouldn't be too difficult to guess this weeks theme!



## Year 1 Ball Skills

Balls or stinky cheese? Year 1 children had a lot of fun with Chris developing their balls skills. They played cat and mouse using the balls as pieces of cheese and developed throwing skills and accuracy. We are really looking forward to next week when we have a second session with Chris.



## New Covid Risk Assessment

Recently the government has changed the guidance for how we should live around Covid-19. In response to this, we are regularly reviewing and updating our Risk Assessment for Covid. The latest version can be found on our website.

**The safety of our children and staff is paramount!**

## Mary Anning Statue and Legacy Project

Mrs Barnes class are learning about Mary Anning who was known for her ground-breaking discoveries, including a 5.2m skeleton of an Ichthyosaur when she was just 12 years old. Twelve years later, she found the first complete skeleton of a plesiosaur, a marine reptile so bizarre that scientists initially thought it was a fake! Her life inspired the feature film 'Ammonite'. Crowd funding is taking place for a statue of Mary Anning and her dog to be erected in Lyme Regis.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-55953490>

Evelyn in Year 3 has been so inspired by what she has learnt that she has decided to complete a series of sponsored 5km runs on her treadmill at home throughout March in order to help raise funds for this cause. If this wasn't enough, Evelyn is also undertaking a mammoth 7 mile hike around Lyme Regis (where Anning worked) as well as a fossil hunt.



Evelyn describes Anning by saying:  
*"She's a good role model for women who have faced challenges through their lives."*

If you would like to contribute to Evelyn's fundraising efforts, please follow this link:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/evelyn-maryanninglegacy?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ExactTarget&utm\\_campaign=20220227](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/evelyn-maryanninglegacy?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20220227)

## Red Nose Day 2022

That time of year is nearly upon us once again and this year our theme is 'My Hero'. On **Friday 18th March 2022** we are asking all children to come to school dressed as their hero. Please bring £1 to school on this day.



*Come and join us for family activities  
@ St Eustachius' Church, Tavistock*



### Sunday Brunch Club

Join us on Sunday, 20 March at 11.30am in the church for craft activities, toys, games, snacks, a Bible story and a bacon butty! Everyone is welcome.

### Mothering Sunday Service

Join us on Sunday, 27 March at 9.45am for a special Mothering Sunday service. Everyone is welcome.

### Mini Messy Church

Our next Mini Messy Church is on Wednesday 6 April, from 4pm to 5pm. Join us for art, craft, worship and snacks. Everyone is welcome.

*Everyone is so welcome to join us*



This week's creative challenge comes from our very own clever Nursery staff and is inspired by the classic story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".

All you'll need is rice cakes and creative toppings to make your bear face. We've chosen banana slices and blueberries...but the possibilities are endless!

**Given it a try? Send us a picture to share on our social media pages.**





