



# Newsletter

Wednesday 1st March 2023



## Welcome Back

Welcome back after the Half- Term break—I hope you enjoyed the week with your families.

We have been going through the process of recovery following the flood damage caused just before we broke up. Fortunately, none of the damage reached the classrooms; it has very much been contained to the main entrance end of the school. We are working closely with restoration contractors and look forward to when the reinstatement works can commence.

Thank you for your co-operation in switching our second Parent/Teacher Meetings to telephone appointments. I hope you found the discussions informative. As always, if you have any queries whatsoever, please contact us when they arise through whichever means suits you best: speaking with class teachers after school; emailing the office; telephone; seesaw message. Thank you.

## Hedgehogs' Visit to Ford Green Hall

Just before Half-Term, Hedgehogs Class travelled back in time to 1666 as they stepped into Ford Green Hall and met THE Samuel Pepys for the very first time!

The children have been learning all about his life and the Great Fire of London in class, so Mr Pepys was very impressed with the children as they already knew so much!

The children had a great time discovering what life would have been like in the Tudor period, seeing how people would have lived in their homes, the different objects that they owned and how they would have wrote with a quill and ink!

Thank you to all our Parents for supporting this educational visit.

Take a look at our social media for some great photos of the visit!

## Trust-wide Dodgeball Competition—Badgers' Success!

Badgers' Dodgeball team recently took part in the Windsor Park Middle School Dodgeball Competition!

The event was a great chance to meet and make friends with some of the other children in the Trust who will also be starting Middle School in September, whilst having the opportunity to engage in a competitive sport.

We had some great individual success—well done to Archie and Evie who were on the winning team!



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## Badgers' Help the Homeless Sponsored Event

As part of their learning based around the David Walliams' text 'Mr Stink', our Year 3 and 4 children made the trip back to school on the evening of Thursday 16th February to take part in a 'Help the Homeless Night'. The sponsored event helped to raise money for The Macari Foundation—a local charity that helps support and provide safe, secure shelter for the homeless and people in need in Stoke on Trent.

The children took part in a range of activities outdoors and finished up in the soup kitchen with a hot meal and a hot chocolate to end the night. Thank you to everyone who took part and to Mr Burnett for organising!

The evening helped to raise the children's awareness of homelessness within our city and learn how they can be 'courageous advocates'.

Thank you to all our families who have so generously sponsored the event.

You can find out more about the Macari Foundation here: [The Macari Foundation](#)

## Turkey / Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you so much for supporting our recent non-uniform fundraiser organised by The School Council.

We have been completely blown away by your generosity and have managed to raise an amazing £224 which has been donated to the Red Cross to help all those who have been affected by the unimaginable devastation caused.

In the space of just one week, with your support, our children have been able to help the vital work of charitable organisations both locally and globally. Thank you!

## New Playground Equipment—it's arrived!!!

We are now the proud owners of a fantastic new outdoor trim trail which was completed over the half term break!

On behalf of all the children, I'd like to thank all our families, friends and the community who have supported the incredible fund-raising efforts of the PTFA. The time, effort, commitment and dedication given towards 'project playground' is hugely appreciated by us all and will be enjoyed by the children now and in years to come!

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## Celebrating World Book Day 2023

We began our 'World Book Day' week with the children bringing in their wooden spoon made characters. Wow!!! It was fantastic to see their efforts and listen to them talk about their characters and share with their friends.

We are looking forward to sharing our favourite stories with Parents this afternoon, many of whom are joining the children in their classes to share in story time!

Tomorrow, the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their PJ's!! Lots of children have had me guessing this morning as to which character they've chosen! An exciting day to come.....!

## Bringing Books to Life

We are delighted to welcome 'West End in Schools' next Monday to deliver their 'Bringing Books to Life' Dance Workshops to each class.

Their Bringing Books to Life dance workshops give children a unique insight into books by using dance and movement to tell stories.

During the dance workshop the children work alongside a professional choreographer to explore their chosen book (from a special World Book Day selection) through movement in order to create a dance that retells the story from beginning to end.

They use a range of dance and movement techniques alongside music that is tailored for each story, and each session is differentiated to suit the interests and age of the children. Each class session concludes with a performance moment, when the children perform aspects of their work to each other and to their teacher.

More information can be found at [West End in Schools](#)



## Social Media

Please follow us, like and share our posts on Instagram and Facebook! We are increasing our presence on these—it's a great way to share with you snippets of school life and celebrate some of the amazing work and achievements of our school.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our school.

Paula Snee