



Preston Primary

Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Collaboration



Communication



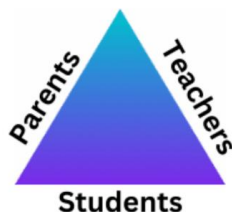
Creativity



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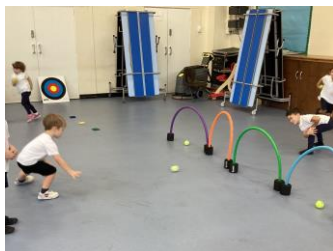
Parent Meetings

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us during this week's Parent Teacher Meetings. We enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and share your child's progress with you. We look forward to our continued partnership throughout the remainder of the school year.



PE

For the last couple of weeks, we have been developing accuracy when throwing to a target. We had a rotation of activities in the hall using bean bags and tennis balls. Each activity required us to work in a group, take turns and improve our aim and accuracy to hit the target or roll the ball under an arch. We used the archery boards to practise throwing beanbags at the bullseye using an overarm throw. It was noticeable how the children's accuracy has improved already!



Lunar New Year

As part of the Chinese New Year celebration, the dragon dance is often performed. This week, the children enjoyed performing their own dragon dance in the school hall. They all had the opportunity to dance with the dragon and play musical instruments. It was wonderful.



The children were also given the chance to taste some traditional Chinese food, including stir-fry noodles, prawn crackers and vegetable spring rolls. The children all enjoyed being adventurous and some even surprised themselves by how tasty it was. They each received a pair of chopsticks and were challenged to use them to eat the delicious food. They amazed us with their ability to pick up the food with their chopsticks, especially as for most of them, this was their first attempt at using them. The children wanted to keep their chopsticks to use at home.



Lego Discovery



In Lego Discovery this week the children recapped their learning from last week and talked about all the different jobs people do on a construction site. They were challenged to build a construction site and recreate the vehicles and tools from last week. We focused on the teamwork skill of listening to one another. They talked about how they could amend and improve their designs from last week. We were very impressed with their ideas and creations.





Rock Up and Read



On **Monday 18th March at 2.45pm** we would like to invite you to a 'Rock Up and Read' session. This will be an opportunity for you to come into the classroom to share the love of reading with your child. There will be lots of books available for you to read with your child. The children really enjoy reading for pleasure and they would be delighted to share the experience with you as well.

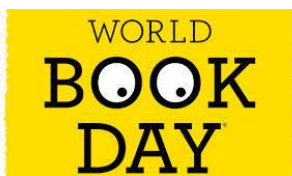
The adult collecting your child that day will be able to come into the classroom at 2.45pm (via the playground) to share some stories and then you will be able to take the children home at 3.15pm.

If you are unable to attend the session, please do not worry. Your child will still be able to enjoy reading for pleasure with their friends and the teachers in the class.

If you have any queries, please come and ask the class teacher.



World Book Day - Friday 8th March



At Preston Primary we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**. It is an annual event and is a wonderful way to promote reading, books, and authors. It is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world!

On the day the children can come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Please don't feel pressure to buy anything especially for this day. Use the dressing up clothes or onesies that you already have. There are so many story books with characters containing pirates, witches, animals, etc. Look at what you already have before buying new.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child does not have something to wear.

On the day, we will have an exciting interactive session with a local story teller.

The children will also be taking home a voucher which can be exchanged for a book in special display stands in your local bookshop or in supermarkets.

There will also be lots of other book related activities happening in class. We are looking forward to such a special occasion!



To promote good oral health, yesterday, we were visited by a local Dental Nurse. She spoke to us about how we can look after our teeth and gums. We found out about the different foods and drinks that contain sugar. Plain milk is a healthy drink, which has calcium in which strengthens bones and teeth. She told us that it is important not to rinse our teeth after brushing because it washes all the toothpaste and fluoride away.

We then all brushed our teeth! We now have toothbrushes at school, and we are going to clean our teeth after lunch each day.



Your child took home a gift pack containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, cleaning chart and a 2 minute timer.

Thank you to Candice for talking to us about your job and the importance of looking after our teeth.

Home Learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.
- Enjoy the Lego Six Bricks activity on Seesaw.
- Send in a family picture by Monday 4th March ready for the children to use in class. This can be sent via e-mail to foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk or sent via Seesaw.

Diary dates

- **Wednesday 6th March** - Mother's Day shop by FOPPS.
- **Friday 8th March** – World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a book character.
- **Monday 18th March** – Rock up and Read session at 2.45pm
- **Thursday 21st March** – World Down Syndrome Day (come to school wearing colourful socks)
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Theatre Trip.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Last day of term before the Easter holidays.
- **Monday 15th April** – First day of Summer term.

Kind Regards, Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague and the Foundation Stage Team.