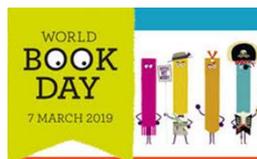


Spring 2nd Half Term – April 2019

Hard to believe it's already the end of the Spring Term and two thirds through the academic year. We've had a busy term doing lots as usual!

World Book Day

On Friday 7th March 2019, we enjoyed World Book Day where each classroom had to dress up as characters from the fairy tale their class is named after! Each class had to create an animation, a book and also act out a few scenes using the Green Screen, again, keeping to the theme of their class' fairy tale.



BSL Recognition Day

On Monday 18th March 2019, we had our annual BSL Recognition day. Mischa explained the history of the BSL march and campaign, and how BSL was finally recognised as an official language in 2003. The children then watched "Reverberation" as part of our "futuristic" theme of the day – inspired by BDA's "Mission: Reboot" theme. Eight other schools were then welcomed into our hall to watch Abigail Gorman from the BDA deliver a fantastic talk focusing on the work of the BDA. She emphasised the message that children are our future, and how they will be instrumental in helping us to preserve our language and keeping our Deaf community alive.



The children were split into groups and had to create the best signing Robot out of recyclables and a few tools. We all sang Happy Birthday to BSL and ate lovely cakes made by Fahima, Bhavna and Catherine. It was a successful day and the children really enjoyed themselves.

PE & Sports Development

This term the children enjoyed gymnastics coaching and the bike club with Catherine has been really successful. Next term the children will be doing tennis and we'll be starting a new running club!



Deaf Awareness

On Wednesday 13th March 2019, William Patten School came to visit us for a project they are currently involved in with deaf schools in Uganda. One aspect of this will be exchanging short films which will allow all of the children involved an opportunity to compare and contrast their school experiences. The children from William Patten were taken on a tour led by our Puss in Boots class around Frank Barnes School, filming as they went along. We had a Question and Answer session where they could ask our children any questions about being Deaf or about our school. We received very positive feedback on their visit.



Staffing

We have appointed a new 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Little Red Riding Hood Class, Fahima Hussain. We have also appointed Coco Briden, a new BSL teacher, for Kings Cross Academy. We welcome back our Deaf Instructor, Lisa Smith, from maternity leave after Easter.



We have also appointed a new Facilities Assistant, Masimiliano Crisera, who will start with us next term and work between both FBS and KCA.

IT systems

We will be upgrading our IT operating system to Windows 10 over the Easter holidays. This means that the network will be down for most of the two week break and this may result in a delay in responding to any emails. Hopefully all will be up and running in time for the Summer Term.



Class news

The **Nursery** and **Cinderella class** have been on a trips to the Whippendale Woods, where they made a tent where they had lunch. They also did a mini-beast hunt at Golders Hill Park and enjoying looking at worms, wood and black beetles through a magnifying glass. They enjoyed climbing on huge logs and made sandwiches for their picnic.



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Little Red Riding Hood class have been doing "Around the world" as their topic, and loved learning about art from different countries. They have made Australian boomerangs, Peruvian dream-catchers and painted African watercolour art.

Beauty and the Beast class did 'Animals' for their topic this half term. They visited Whipsnade Zoo, Paradise Wildlife Park and the Aquarium and identified the continents different animals come from. They made a non-fiction A-Z class book about animals.

Puss in Boots class have been learning about Ancient Greece this half term. They all made their own Parthenons and Greek vases. They have also taken part in an animation project with our 'Artist in Residence', Rowland Jobson, and made a short animated film on the theme of 'identity'.

Governors

We are still looking for a parent governor to fill the vacancy on our Governing Body, so please do get in touch if you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent for this role.



This is an exciting opportunity to represent parents with 3 other parents to influence decision making in the school, and support the school's vision in ensuring high standards of teaching, learning, strategic leadership and management.

School attendance

Our current whole school attendance stands at 92%, which is just on target! Please ensure your child attends school every day to ensure we don't fall below our whole school target. If your child's attendance falls below 92% we will write to you and let you know.



Our 2019/20 term dates are now available on our school website, so please ensure that any family holidays are booked in advance outside of term time.



Fundraising

Six staff members will be travelling to Nepal this summer to help transform the school dormitories of Sri Jana Deaf School, which are in desperate need of a revamp. Please support them to raise money for this project through their justgiving page:



www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frankbarnesstafnepaltrip

Any donations, however big or small, will be very much appreciated. They are also arranging cake sales and a quiz night to raise funds.

Events coming up next term:

Sports Day – Wednesday, 10th July

Deaf Festival Week – 15th -19th July

Whole School Trip – Monday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Tuesday 23rd July

Term Dates

The school term ends on **Friday 5th April at 2.30pm** for the Easter holidays. School opens again for the Summer Term **on Tuesday 23rd April**, with half term the week of 27th May, and the end of the Summer Term on **Tuesday 23rd July**.



Wishing everyone a very

Happy Easter Holiday!



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