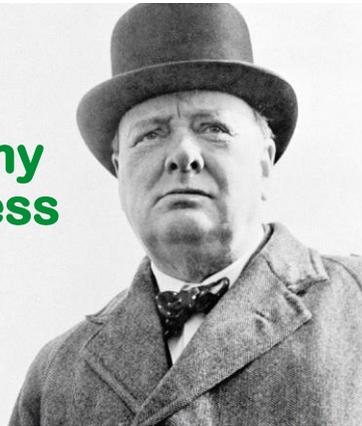


Pixies news



**“In the course of my life,
I have often had to eat my
words, and I must confess
I have always found it a
wholesome diet ”**

Winston Churchill



Value of the month

Humility is one of the hardest values to teach. Our children are growing up in a world which values celebrity status and power so highly that we had to search hard for some materials to use with the children. We started by asking the children why some people are humble or not humble and understanding why this might be. We also talked to the children about healthy pride and how this is different from boasting and finally, with Easter just around the corner, we looked at how Jesus washed his disciples feet and what he was trying to teach. The value of the month for April/May will be **Kindness** as we think about everyday kind acts that can really make all the difference.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

World Book Day



Everyone has a very productive World Book Day this year and there were a lot of colourful costumes on show including this shot of Year 1 above. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities throughout the day and we had a show and tell assembly in the afternoon so that children could show their creations and work. Thank you to all who dressed up. Feedback on making dressing up voluntarily or non-uniform worked well so we will adopt this policy next year.

Pizza Anyone?

Year 1 went to Pizza Express to learn how Pizzas are made from scratch. They were taught about food hygiene, how to make dough, how to mould dough and what ingredients they needed for a topping. The pizzas were baked and then the children took made a home delivery with their creations in boxes. A big thank you to our parent helpers who assisted in making the day run smoothly!



Upcoming events

Thurs 29th March | 2pm
End of Term

Tues 17th April
Children Start Back

Wed 18th April | 3.30pm
Governor SIC Committee

Mon 30th April | 7pm
Full Governor Meeting

Thurs 3rd May | 9.15am
Year 4 Class Assembly

Mon 7th May
Bank holiday

Tues 8th May | 5.30pm
Parent Forum

Mon 14th May – Fri 18th May
KS2 SATs Week

Thurs 17th May | 9.15am
Year 3 Class Assembly

Mon 21st May – Fri 25th May
KS1 SATs Week

Thurs 21st May | 1.30pm
Growing Up Online KS2 Workshop

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June
Half Term

FACES After School Club

FACES After School Club have been in touch to inform us that they have concluded further recruitment and are able to take additional children with immediate effect. There should be no shortage of spaces available for any children who would like to access after school provision. If you would like to speak to Denise who runs the club to enquire about spaces then please see the contact details below:

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HP1 2JU
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childcareclub@chauldjenm.herts.sch.uk
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**We love to learn
and learn to love!**



Stars of the week

Recruitment

It is with a great deal of sadness that we announce the news Miss Poszwinska has resigned from her post due to sustained ill health issues. She has been a fantastic teacher during her short time here and an inspiration to many of our children.

We have wasted no time in our recruitment search and I am pleased to announce that Mr Kit Allsopp will be joining the team from September. Mr Allsopp currently works at a school in Hendon and following a really good lesson and the seal of approval from our school council team, we are very much looking forward to his arrival.



Art Competition

A number of our Year 5 children have entered the Dacorum Young Artist Competition. Mrs Van Rhee worked with this group to produce some stunning pieces of aboriginal art which will be on display at Astley Cooper School on Saturday 12th May along with other school entries. There will be prizes given for the overall best school entry as well as individual prizes and looking at the quality of the children's work, I certainly think we are in with a chance of winning! Prizes will be presented by the Mayor and Mayoress of Dacorum and Mike Penning MP. Do go along and support the event, especially if your art is on display.



Numeracy Workshop

The Numeracy Workshop was really well attended. Thank you for the many emails and positive feedback comments of the event. A lot of hard work goes into these events and we appreciate the support. Parents were taught the many strategies that are used in school with an emphasis on understanding rather than systematic calculations. We also place a strong emphasis on problem solving activities and real life problems. I have already had requests to repeat the workshop and I will look to do another workshop along the same lines in the future.



Sporting Events

We've had such a lot of sporting events taking place over the past month. Firstly, the Y5&6 children played at the Tag Rugby Festival organised by the Saracens Sport Foundation. 32 teams took part in a non-competitive event but we still managed to win all our games and the level of teamwork meant everyone scored a try. Year 5&6 then followed this up with a competitive Football Tournament at King's Langley School where we managed to finish 3rd.



The ultimate sporting event was of course the Staff vs Y6 Netball team for Sports Relief. After a rather dodgy start for the staff finding themselves 0-4, Mrs Axford and Miss Best found their shooting chops and the game finished 6-5 to the staff. More photos of the match are on the school website news page.

Week of 09/03/18

Reception: **Zara Tredoux**
Year 1: **Freya Fairman**
Year 2: **Jack Steel**
Year 3: **Ferrell McNulty**
Year 4: **William Morgan**
Year 5: **Isabelle Parrott**
Year 6: **Bhavan Walia**

Week of 16/03/18

Reception: **Enzo Guerreiro**
Year 1: **Charlotte Farmer**
Year 2: **Raya Prestedge**
Year 3: **Alicia George**
Year 4: **Zoe Eveson**
Year 5: **Finley Smart**
Year 6: **Lucy Fidler**

Week of 23/03/18

Reception: **Lily Mortimore**
Year 1: **Tommy Stewart**
Year 2: **Whole Class**
Year 3: **Whole Class**
Year 4: **Ava Lee Sarosh-White**
Year 5: **Katie Beaumont**
Year 6: **Amelie Driver**

Kitchen of Excellence

We are so proud of our school cook, Mrs Hodgkin, who has built such a reputation that our school kitchen will be renamed a 'Kitchen of Excellence' and we will be a training centre for other cooks across Hertfordshire. Well done Mrs Hodgkin!

