



As we come to the end of a another term, we would like to thank you for your support and involvement in school life and wish you a lovely holiday. We really enjoyed Dads into School Week!

**Dads into School (20-24 January)**

Year 2 had a brilliant week when we welcomed dads into the morning English lessons. We shared an exciting story about a clever jackal and a terrifying tiger and explored and experimented with the use of adjectives in fiction. We also used our research skills to find some fascinating facts about tigers and produced some information posters that are now on the walls. All the dads were so enthusiastic and smiley and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to confidently show their English skills and their enjoyment in their learning.



The Year 1 teachers and children had great fun exploring the fairy tale of The Gingerbread Man with the dads. The children enjoyed designing wanted posters for The Gingerbread Man or for the clever fox. They created a story map introducing different characters as well as writing an alternative ending to the story. Will The Gingerbread Man be saved or will he be eaten? All the teachers and children would like to thank the dads and grandads and partners who attended a very enjoyable week.

Each morning ended in a special assembly where the children were able to express why their dads are so special and loved. The dads were then rewarded with a nice cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or two or eight!

Miss Grierson

**SWIMARATHON**

On Saturday 11th January, 15 Alwyn children took part in the Swimarathon at The Magnet Leisure Centre. Together, they raised more than £500 swimming in the style of a relay. The children swam a magnificent 67 laps all together. We are all so proud of them as they helped raise funds for Alwyn Infant School and The Lions Club of Maidenhead. Miss Parsons would like to thank everyone who participated and is looking forward to attending the event again next year.

Miss Parsons



**Year 2 RE Day**

Year Two thoroughly enjoyed their RE day on the topic of Islam this term. The children learnt about the features found inside and outside of mosques. Some children shared their experiences of going to their mosque. We discussed the meaning of 'belonging' and we thought about how it feels to be part of a community. We were lucky to have visitors from Maidenhead Mosque, who showed their traditional clothing and items from the Mosque. The children were able to ask our visitors further questions about their beliefs. What an exciting day we had!

Miss Martin

## Music Week

From 27th to 31st January all our children enjoyed music week. There was a visit from Teddies Music Club for our reception children and a Chinese music workshop for our Year One and Year Two children. There was a lot of participation and a great deal of fun. A big thank you to all the children's families who took part in our assemblies. The children loved listening to all the different instruments.

A big thank you to guitar teacher Tom Halliwall who played the electric guitar for us and Claire's Court choir who sang for us. The high standard was just fabulous..

All our visitors helped us to have a fabulous music week.

Thank you! **Mrs Snapes**



### **Obscene language/swearing on the school grounds**

As a school we do not allow obscene language/swear words to be used. I politely ask that all parents/carers, siblings and visitors to our school grounds at the start and end of the school day do not use obscene/bad language and do not swear.

We acknowledge that this is a rare occurrence however we would like it to never happen.

Thank you for your cooperation.



### **Parking and Driving Outside School**

We request that everyone drives and parks carefully and considerately around school.

Please do not mount the pavements as many of our children walk to school on those pavements.

Please do not park across the driveways of local residents.

Please only use the disabled parking bays if you are entitled to do so, making sure your disabled driver permit is on display.

Thank you for your consideration.





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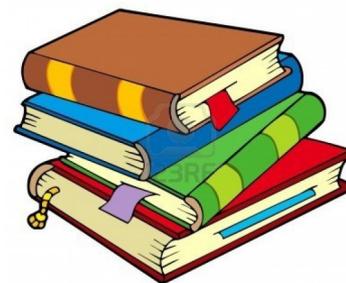
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## BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Book Week is 10th –14th February 2020  
We will be asking your children to dress up as a book character on Friday 14th Feb.

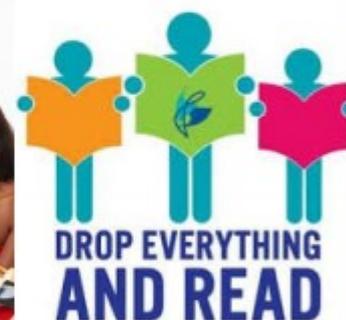
All members of staff dress up and we are really looking forward to it!



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### Big Read Inspiration Theatre

Be inspired and hear from:

- bestselling authors
- story illustrators
- Literary influencers

Located in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre in the unit next to Dorothy Perkins.

### Big Read Stop

- Reading Zone
- Pop-up Book Shops
- Book Swap
- Competitions

Located in the Nicholsons Shopping Centre in the unit opposite Dorothy Perkins.

### Drop Everything and Read

At 10am on Thursday 5th March 2020 (World Book Day) we invite you to join us in dropping everything and picking up a book for just 5 minutes... no matter where you are!

Lets get all of Maidenhead reading at the same time!

Spaces at each venue are limited. You can book your seats in advance on our website or at the Square in the Nicholsons Centre from mid-February.

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## PTA

A big thank you to our fabulous PTA for helping to fund some new computers throughout the school.

The Spoore, Merry and Rixman Foundation also gave us a very generous donation towards computing equipment.

We are very lucky to have such great support.

