

# Kilby St Mary's

## C of E Primary School

### Newsletter

March 2024

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*'Together , we are learning to live life in all its fullness'* John 10:10

Christian Value Focus: Hope

British Value Focus: Tolerance of Different Faiths & Beliefs

#### Message from the Headteacher

It has been such a lovely half term with lots to celebrate. We had a wonderful World book day with some amazing costumes. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and it certainly met the target of encouraging everyone to 'read for enjoyment!' We also invited in all the mums for our 'Mother's Day assembly' it was such a delight to hear the children celebrating the wonderful qualities their female carers have. It was very fortunate that this fell on 'International Women's Day'. This was followed by tea and scones in the school hall. Our Easter Service on Tuesday was also highly attended, as usual.

The Friends of Kilby have worked hard this term to raise funds for our school. This year's project is to refurbish the school's kitchen. The aim is to extend the kitchen and totally re-fit it so that, not only will it make lunchtimes and wrap-around care easier, but it will also be a space where children can learn cooking skills at school. The current kitchen is the original one that was fitted when the school was extended in 2002. It has certainly served us well but we now require bigger sinks and a better oven. It is an exciting project and with the support of the FOK, will be something that every child will benefit from at school. I will update you on the plans as I get them.

Today in Collective Worship I reflected on Easter being the oldest and most important Christian festival. It is a time when many Christians celebrate the death and coming to life again of Jesus Christ. The dawn of Easter Sunday, with its message of new life, is the high point of the Christian year. As we break up for the Easter Holidays I want to say thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely Easter and as spring begins, that we have a change in the weather and are able to enjoy some time outdoors. Happy Easter and see you all on the 8<sup>th</sup> April.



Miss Hartshorne

## Goodbye

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Alarakhia. She has made a huge impact on Kilby School and will be fondly remembered. We want to wish her all the best at her new school.

## Kilby celebrates World Book Day 2024!

We had a wonderful day celebrating our love of reading on World Book Day. Thank you for all your support in creating such fantastic costumes and sending in your favourite books for us to share.



## Oak Class News

In Oak class we have been finding out about famous explorers and how exploration of our world has changed over the years as our technology and inventions have developed.

Did you know that Christopher Columbus spent 5 weeks at sea before he found land and all their food supplies ran low so they were left to eat biscuits riddled with maggots?!

We imagined what it would be like to be a sailor on such a long voyage, not knowing where you were going and what you might find. We decided it would be exciting but also scary - and lots of hard work climbing the rigging and scrubbing the decks!



We have then been finding out about the exploration of space and how as a little boy, Neil Armstrong was fascinated by flying and planes - he learnt to fly before he could even drive! He then made history by being the first man to step onto the moon.

## Willow Class News

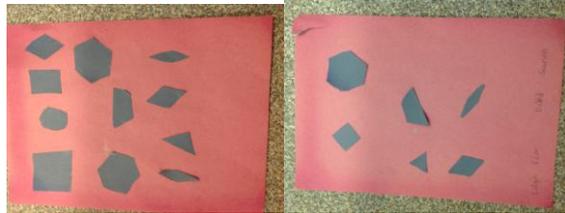
In Willow Class we have been learning about deforestation and the impact it has on our lives. As a class we felt that it was important to raise this awareness about the environment. We decided to write a letter to Rishi Sunak. I have posted the letters and hopefully should receive a reply after Easter. In addition, the children have loved our reading for enjoyment sessions. This has been part of our morning routine. It has been lovely to see the children sharing books with a friend.



I just wanted to say that it has been a pleasure to be a part of Kilby St Mary's Primary School. It has been an unforgettable journey. Kilby will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you to all you wonderful parents and carers for being extremely supportive. I wish you all the best for the future. Keep smiling!

### Maple Class News

In Maple class we have been finding out about light (darkness is the absence of light and without light we cannot see), and shadows and why shadows are formed, how they behave and change size. Did you know that light travels in straight lines? The children started with an experiment to see the effects of UV light on coloured paper.



The children were surprised by the results considering how little sunshine we'd had. We have also set up our Prayer Spaces, our focus is on forgiveness and letting go or forgiving.



### Rowan Class News

In Rowan class, we celebrated British Science Week (8<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March) by having our own Science Week! Our topic is Properties of Materials, and we made lemonade, melted chocolate and experimented with starving fire of oxygen and noting the effect.

We've been having a great time in dance. The theme is Rock n Roll, and we have learnt the Hand Jive, as well as some rockin' steps and twists.

We also celebrated World Book Day by joining the BBC's live lesson (we even got a mention on their message stream!) and, thanks to Harry and his 'Golden Ticket' from the friends of Kilby's Wonka Bar, we decorated biscuits!



## Seedlings News

The little Seedlings enjoyed spending time with the lambs before the Easter Fair. Lots of cuddles were shared! They even got the chance to give them their milk - which was great fun!



### PE Days for Spring Term

**Oak and Willow**  
Mon & Thurs

**Maple & Rowan**  
Wed & Thurs

### **Absences**

We are now looking at improving our systems to record absences. We have set up a new mail box;

[absence@kilby.leics.sch.uk](mailto:absence@kilby.leics.sch.uk) please use this to inform the office of any absences or alternatively ring the office and leave a message on the answer phone. This is regularly checked so you can be sure your message has been heard.

**Attendance Matters!**

### March Birthdays

**Happy  
BIRTHDAY**

Eliana, Shannon, Alijah, Ben, Poppy M  
**Happy Birthday from Kilby!**

### Dates for your Diary

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9:15am	Easter service at the church
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays	
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Class group photos
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday	
YEAR 6 SATs WEEK BEG 13 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 All Children MUST be in school	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May Half Term	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July 9:15am	Yr 6 Leavers service at school
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July School Closes for Summer	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug School reopens to children	

