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PARENT BULLETIN 21 23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy quality time with your families.

On Monday our Eagles class start their swimming lessons, if you haven't already done so please go onto school gateway and pay for the transportation to and from the sessions.

We know that they will love their time at the pool, it is such an important skill and part of their education to be confident in the water. Well done Falcons for a successful term of swimming.

The parking out the front of the school continues to be a huge concern. This week we have had more photographs sent to the school of cars endangering the lives of our children and an incident which caused damage to a car. These photos have been sent to the police and the council. We would urge anyone witnessing such parking to do the same. Parking on the yellow lines and over dropped curbs is illegal and extremely dangerous. Every car parked there this week is a parent of a child here at the primary school. Please, please think about other children and their safety.

All clubs continue next week including externally run clubs.

I communicated with you earlier week about outstanding payments. Unfortunately, this is the situation across many of the trips and visits that we are trying to organise for the children at school. We all know how important it is for children to experience exciting events, that enhance their education and life chances. We consciously book trips as far in advance as possible, keeping costs as low as possible. We feel that the notice we give parents supports paying for things over a reasonable amount of time.

Unfortunately, schools are no longer in a position where we are financially able to subsidise trips, as with everything in the world the cost of this things in schools have increased significantly. We therefore only book events when we are able to have a cancellation period and protect parents money (and not incur the costs ourselves). Unfortunately, we remain almost £190 short for the West End in schools visit and there is over £1000 outstanding in total for the other events we are hoping to run. When we previously had to cancel a trip parents asked us to give them notification of this in advance in order to be able to support potential running of the event. We will continue to do this however, this will not guarantee that a trip runs. Ultimately the school is responsible for that money and any shortfall. We do understand the current financial hardships and difficulties and are empathetic to different situations and circumstances. We remain committed to giving the children at our school, the best possible education and experiences.

World Book Day - Friday 8th March 2024

In the past, World Book Day has always been an occasion to dress up! This year, we are changing the rules slightly by offering three different options for children. Children can either:

1. Dress up as a character from Jack and the Beanstalk (our focus story for the week)

- 2. Dress up in a book costume of their choice
- 3. Wear their own clothes without needing to dress up as a character (appropriate for school).

We understand that dress-up days can become expensive, so the choice is yours!

Advanced Notice - Scholastic Book Fair - Saturday 23rd March 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Scholastic Book Fair for this academic year back in November. As always, your support at these fairs earn the school Scholastic rewards which allows us to further enhance the literary provision throughout the Primary Phase.

Our next book fair is on Saturday 23rd March 2024. It will run from 9:30am until 12:30pm. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Preschool

We are currently looking at our applications for Preschool places for September 2024. If you haven't already applied please do so via the form on our website.

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If you have any initial concerns regarding your child, please complete the following form: https://forms.office.com/r/CD1CHTscFR

Reflection



This week we invited our school community to reflect on Random Acts of Kindness Day which was celebrated on the 17th February.

This day is a reminder to celebrate the small gestures that show kindness and help other people feel good!

By being kind, we strengthen friendships and build new ones. Showing kindness to others can also

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help us to feel happier too, it produces oxytocin, which aids in lowering blood pressure and improving our overall heart-health. Oxytocin also increases our self-esteem and optimism.

Kindness makes our world a happy and caring place to live in. Let us show kindness to others and help everyone feel good!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

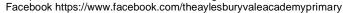
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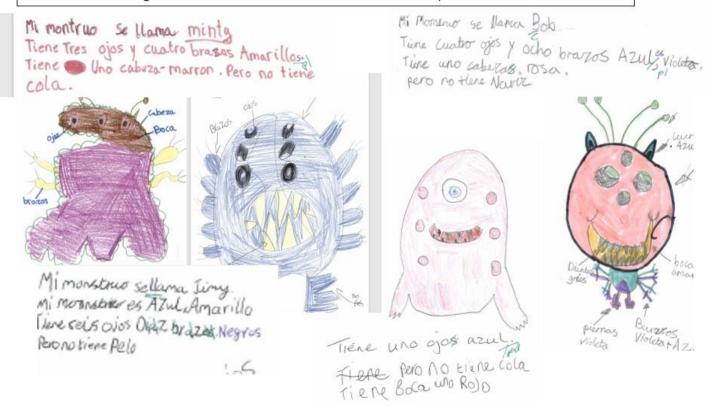


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Instagram: https://instagram.com/avaprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y= Any questions, please contact avaprimary@theacademy.me FAO: Mrs Clark Last term students have been using their imagination to create fantastic creatures and describe them in Spanish, these are some of their amazing works.

Year 3 and year 4= Have designed monsters describing their body parts (including colours and numbers to challenge themselves to describe them in more details)



Year 5 and year 6 = Have written a short a story about traveling on a distant planet, where they describe meeting hybrid creatures. They have described these creatures in detail using names of animals, numbers, body parts and colour vocabulary in complex sentences.

