



Savile Park Primary School



March Newsletter 2023

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Primary School – Moorfield and Heath. Please check out our photos.

Even though we have only just returned from the half term holiday, as always we are all very busy with many exciting things! Last Friday we all raised money for the victims of Turkey-Syria Earthquake. The generosity and support from all of our community was outstanding. Speaking to the children it was obvious that they were clearly thinking about others and wanted to help in any way they could.

Next week we are celebrating Book Week. The staff have been busily planning an exciting range of activities to celebrate and promote books and reading. These include visits from authors and a dressing up day on Thursday. The children have already been given their book token. It can be used to claim a free 'World Book Day' book or they are worth £1 towards the cost of any book or audiobook. The token can be redeemed between 16 February - 26 March 2023. It would be fantastic if you were able to get involved and celebrate World Book day at home. There are some great ideas of things you could do on the website <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Turkey – Syria Collection

The whole school community wanted to help raise awareness and more importantly much needed funds for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, so we held a non-uniform day on Friday 24 February.

As always we were blown away with the amount of support and money you donated.

At the final count on Tuesday 28 Feb we had a staggering £1709.45 to send the appeal which will go via The Save the Children Charity.

Thank you everyone, we really are a community that pulls together.

Parents' Evening 21 March 2023

Parents' Evening this year will be on Tuesday 21 March and it will be a face to face event.

We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers in person.

Details to follow.



Friday 17 March 2023

We will be supporting red nose day this year by dressing in red for a small donation.

Yes we have no bananas!

Contrary to the famous lyrics we now have a supply of bananas in school, which the children are enjoying as part of their healthy snacks.



Dinner Monies

Mrs Birch, who works in the office, has the responsibility of notifying you of any dinner monies owing each week by texting you. You should only receive a text if you have money outstanding. If you believe you received a text in error, please contact Mrs Birch immediately so we can investigate. Please do not ignore a text, as you may continue to be charged incorrectly.

SCIENCE



We have started using the Plymouth scheme in science lessons at Savile Park Primary school to support teachers with planning an exciting and well-sequenced science curriculum.

Children have been taking part in a range of fun experiments, including making blood, testing materials to see which are waterproof, making and testing their own glue and creating rockets in the playground to name just a few!

We are also creating displays at both sites to show how scientists are all around us in our community and not just people in white coats in labs.

Our first scientist is Ava, (Hawks Class at Heath), who helps her dad with his bee-keeping.



If you or your child use science in your work or free time, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you are a hairdresser who uses chemicals in your job or a keen gardener, we would really appreciate you e-mailing in a photograph of you or a family member using science so that it can be added to our display. Please add **FAO Miss Fretwell** to the title of your e mail.

We will be celebrating Science Week in school next half term: watch this space for further information.

Finally, if you're looking for inspiration for experiments to do at home, the link below contains a library of free and fun investigations:

<https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiment-library/>

Why not try some out? Have fun, Miss Fretwell

Robinwood Residential Visit

We are all extremely excited about the upcoming residential visit for the Eagles and Hawks (Year 6). On 17 May they will be setting off to Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden for a fun packed two days.

In previous years the children have had a truly amazing time and had the opportunity to experience a wide range of adventurous activities. The children will be embracing the giant swing, paddling their canoes, developing their teamwork and communication skills during the problem solving challenges.

Everyone has been sent details about this visit and the associated costings. A massive thank you to all those who have already made a voluntary contribution.

Playground Improvements

We are delighted to inform you that the recent playground improvements at both sites are proving very popular with the children. The once, old ball court at Moorfield, has been transformed into a multi-functional space where the children can play a variety of sports including cricket, football, basketball and target shooting.



And... Early Years area at Heath has now got a purpose built climbing frame and sand pit. In the near future these exciting additions to the learning environment are due to be installed at the Moorfield site too.



Works are still ongoing at Heath and soon, where the once muddy space near the fence was, it will be transformed in to a little oasis of calm where the children can sit and play with their friends.

Girls' Football

At Savile Park we are continuously looking at ways to improve our lunch time provision, to ensure our children are able to experience a wide range of activities and experiences. We also work very hard to ensure we are inclusive for all. Following on from the Lionesses World Cup win and their continued success, we have listened to our Student Voice. We are now dedicating one day each week to girls' football. This is to encourage the girls to take part in more sports and to build their confidence in participation. This has been trialled, with success, across both sites. The girls are really embracing the opportunity and proving to be fantastic role models, with huge smiles.

There will of course continue to be a range of other activities on offer for the rest of the children and those not wishing to take part, including basketball, cricket, skipping and free play.

On Wednesday 22 March Year 1 (Hummingbirds and Kingfishers) will be travelling all the way to Blackpool to visit the amazing Blackpool Zoo. This supports both their science and history topics; looking at dinosaurs and studying animals in their habitats.



Book Week 6 March - 10 March 2023

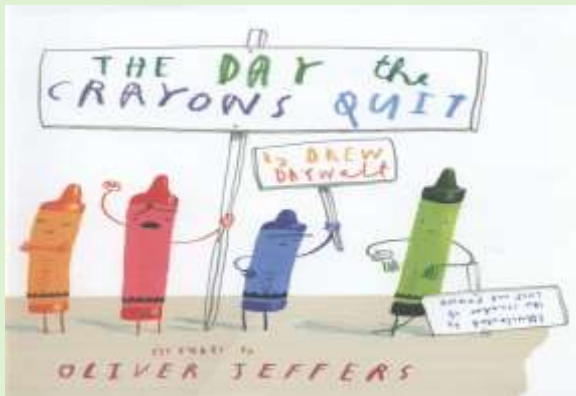
We sent you a letter on the 10 February regarding book week.

This year we have decided to mark book week in a slightly different way. The whole school is going to be reading and investigating the same book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' written by Drew Daywalt.

On Thursday 9 March we would love the whole school community to come dressed as a character from the book or come wearing the colour to represent your favourite crayon.

If you already have a costume, that your child wants to wear, they are welcome to come dressed in that instead.

Thank you for your support and helping us promote the love for the pleasure of reading.



Dinosaur Stomp!

The dinosaurs are in town!

Year 1's topic this half term is all about dinosaurs and the children are clearly enjoying it! From discovering foot prints, finding a dino egg, being a real-life palaeontologist studying fossils, learning about the history of dinosaurs, making fact files, to writing our own stories. We will leave no stone unturned in our quest to discover everything there is to know about dinosaurs.



Monday 6 - Friday 10 March Savile Park Book Week

Tuesday 7 March - Year 5 Family Group Learning workshop (Rainforests)

Thursday 9 March - Whole school dressing up for World Book Week as a crayon or character

Friday 17 March - Whole school dressing in red for Red Nose Day

Monday 20 March - Year 5 trip to Tropical World

Tuesday 21 March - Year 1 Family Group Learning workshop (Dinosaurs)

Tuesday 21 March - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22 March - Year 6 Poetry Slam final at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax

Wednesday 22 March - Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo

Thursday 23 March - Year 3 visit to the Vue Cinema

Monday 27 March - Year 6 trip to Viking Museum

Thursday 30 March - Year 4 Family Group Learning workshop (Roman Helmets)

Friday 31 March - School Closes for Easter

Monday 17 April - School Reopens for Summer Term

Friday 21 April - School closed Teacher Training

Monday 1 May - School closed for May Day

Monday 8 May - School closed for the King's Coronation

9 - 12 May - KS2 SATs