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Year 2 Visit RSPCA

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their visit today and learned about caring for pets and the work of this organisation as part of their topic on animals. They are looking forward to sharing their work with parents in their class assembly next Friday 27 January at 8:30am.

Book Week: 27 February – 2 March

The theme for our annual Book Week is **Friendship and Teamwork**. I have asked the girls to start thinking about stories that they know and enjoy at home which include this theme. Your daughter can bring these books into school and share them with her class. Friday 2 March is our character costume day and the whole Junior Department will be dressing up as character from a story about friendship or teamwork! Here are some ideas of stories to read with your daughter and to help you plan her costume, I am sure you will think of many more:

Younger Readers:

- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- Percy the Park Keeper Stories by Nick Butterworth
- Kipper stories by Mick Inkpen
- Big Bear and Little Bear s Stories by Martin Waddell
- Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

Older Readers:

- Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graham
- Harry Potter by J. R. Rowling
- Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- The Famous Five / The Secret Seven
By Enid Blyton

There will be competitions running all week, visits to the Senior Library, shared reading sessions with older girls and different teachers and a special visit by John Houghton, playwright of Hagbane's Doom, which Y3-5 will be performing later in the Spring Term. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be in school for you to purchase books form. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



Your learning journey begins here

Y3-5 Production of Hagbane's Doom by John Houghton

All girls in Y3-5 will be bringing home a script of 'Hagbane's Doom' this weekend to read. They have been allocated a part and need to read the script to familiarise themselves with the plot and their character's role. Teachers will talk to their classes next week and deal with any problems that may arise.

Mirror, Signal, Manoeuvre!

Please make sure, after dropping your daughter at the Junior Department in the morning, that you check the flow of traffic to your right before pulling away. Staff are concerned about the safety of other drivers and passengers. Thank you.

Chinese New Year: 23 January - The Year of the Dragon

We will be learning more about this next week in school. YF and YR are spending a whole day on related activities to raise girls' awareness of this event and provide them with a greater understanding of the Chinese culture. At Chinese New Year celebrations people wear red clothes, Red symbolizes fire, which according to legend can drive away bad luck. The fireworks that shower the festivities are rooted in a similar ancient custom. Long ago, people in China lit bamboo stalks, believing that the crackling flames would frighten evil spirits. If your daughter is able to tell her class teacher on Monday in which animal year she was born, she

Pupil Contribution to the newsletter by Amatulla Sadikot Y5

Last Saturday Y5 girls sat the Senior School Entrance Examination for Y6. It was a scary but exciting experience for me because it was the first time I had sat a 3 hour exam. The first section of the exam was English which contained a comprehension and a story writing section. Then we had a hot chocolate and cookie break! We then completed the maths section and finally the verbal and non-verbal reasoning sections. We all worked really hard for the exams and are looking forward to the results in the next couple of weeks. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Davies for all the help and support she has given us in preparation for the exam.

Clubs

There will be no Tennis and Gymnastics Clubs on Wednesday 25 January due to a school Netball Match that Mrs Williams is attending.



Stars of the Week:

The following girls were presented with a certificate and badge to wear for the week in this morning's Celebration Assembly:

YF	Nevaeh Sachdev	Excellent attitude to learning and
YR	Charlotte Smith	Remembering an offset brick pattern and using the construction bricks to recreate this
Y1	Lytheah Heskey-Morrison	Lovely thoughts and ideas during class discussions
Y2	Isha Ghosh, Pari Kathuria, Trinetta Ruben, Reya Arjan	Working well to write a group story and produce illustrations
Y3	Aidaphi Uppal	Selecting words for effect in a piece of imaginative writing
Y4	Tiah Bains	Improved concentration and working hard all week
Y5	Sandali Aluthge	Creative writing and beautiful poetry
PE	Hannah Fowler	Improved hitting in tennis
Music	Sophie Henson	Memorising and singing a musical phrase perfectly in tune as a solo

