



Friday 12th February 2010

Update on Science Week

We have come to the end of a hugely enjoyable Science Week and the children have shared their learning in our Eco Assembly today.

Year 2 children have been introduced to the processes involved in turning coal into electricity. They have investigated the power of wind and water, made windmills and water turbines and considered how their energy could be harnessed to make electricity. They have shared what they have learned about the different ways of producing electricity through their power station drama in our Eco Assembly.

Year 1 have investigated solar power. Through their work on the Eco House they have learnt that there are ways to save energy and even produce it from renewable resources. They have made windmills and transformed their Big Sad Wasteful House into a Big Green Happy House. They have shown this to the rest of the school during our Eco Assembly. They also made posters to encourage others to save energy.

Reception classes have had fun learning how rubbish can spoil our environment and the importance of reducing the amount we throw away, recycling where possible, and making new things out of old.



Professor Green Says Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

There practical activities were:

- Making recycled paper from old newspapers and other scrap paper;
- Making a draught excluder from old shredded textiles;
- Making bracelets or necklaces from old buttons, corks and beads;
- Making musical instruments from recycled materials(out-of- date rice, pasta and lentils, egg boxes, cardboard tubes, plastic containers and cereal boxes, rubber bands etc);

- Considering how to reduce the amount of unnecessary packaging in their lunchboxes;
- Discussing and recording their views about littering and its effects on our environment;
- Making posters to encourage others to look after their environment;
- Sorting rubbish and deciding what materials could be recycled.

In our Eco Assembly they helped Year 1 transform their Sad House into a Happy House.

Please look at our Science week display board as you come into school by the main entrance to see what the children have been learning. More photos of the children taking part in Science Week will shortly be uploaded onto the school website for you to peruse.

Working towards our Eco rewards

A big thank you to all of you who have been on the Generation Green Website earning leaves for our School.

You can access this at www.generationgreen.co.uk and earn leaves in a variety of ways:

- ✚ Some adults have already filled in an energy report on their home and earned 150 leaves.
- ✚ Children have created a home manifesto and earned 200 leaves.
- ✚ You can earn leaves by playing the online games in Kids Zone.



Please continue to support us so that we can reach our goal. We have collected 7713 leaves so far which is 38%. Only 12,339 leaves to go!

Book Week – 1st – 5th March 2010

The theme this year for Book Week is rhyme through stories and poetry and so this year the children will not be dressing up as a book character. The children will be taking part in outings:

- Year R will be visiting Reigate library for story time
- Year 1 will be visiting Bookworms book shop
- Year 2 will be visiting Reigate library to explore different poets



Roger Stevens, a poet, will be visiting the school on Friday and all classes will work with him.

Book Fair:

Children will visit the Book Fair with their class either on Wednesday or Thursday to enjoy the books. It will be open to parents from 2.45 pm onwards on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and the school will receive commission on every book sold. If you would like to donate a book, the school would be delighted.



Cake Fridays

Year 2 will be holding Cake Fridays for the PTA where the class brings cakes to sell at the end of the day on the playground. Honeybees will be selling cakes on Friday 26th February and Dragonflies on Friday 19th March. Please can the class which is selling the cakes bring plenty of cakes for the event and everyone bring some money to buy cakes for tea on those days. Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club

This year Shrove Tuesday falls within half term and so in Breakfast Club this week it has been Pancake Week and the children have all really enjoyed eating pancakes with different fillings. Over 70 pancakes have been enjoyed with lemon and sugar being the favourite filling. As the whole week has been a great success we would like to draw your attention to Breakfast Club's French Week which is running from 9th - 12th March 2010. During that week the children will be eating croissants, crepes, brioches, French toast and fruits. So please get your children to come and join us for 'le petit dejeuner' during that week.



RNLI

Thank you to everybody who kindly donated money to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, including the coffee morning organized by the PTA. The total the school has raised, including the money donated during our Christmas productions, was £317.44.



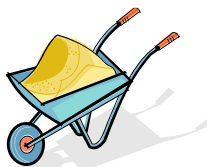
School Lunches

Please look in your child's book bag today for next half term's lunch letter. The cost for the whole half term is £51.30 or £9.50 if you are paying weekly.



The Garden

Many thanks go to the families who gave up part of their Sunday afternoon to help Nick Wilkes further develop the garden. They shifted soil into the raised beds, moved compost, dug out a seating area and put in the paths. If you haven't had the chance to have a look at the developments in the garden then please do so.



The reception and Year 1 children are enjoying their gardening time and Year 2 will have an opportunity next term. If there are some people who could help Nick start another lunchtime gardening club, then please speak to Miss Lambert. There is going to be another working party later on in March but on a Saturday this time. Nick would appreciate any offers of help.

TESCO

Vouchers

We are collecting Tesco vouchers again so please bring your vouchers into school. We should be grateful, at some point, if a parent could volunteer to count these for us. If you are able to do this, please speak to the office. Thank you.

The Parents' Forum

If you have any suggestions about future topics it could cover then school would welcome them. Also if you have comments on the best time to hold the forum then please let the office know.



Travel Questionnaire

Many thanks to the parents who have completed and returned the travel questionnaire. Over half term the answers will be analysed and then the results shared.

Diary Dates 2009/2010: - New dates have been added, highlighted in red

SPRING TERM 2010	
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 25 th February	9.00 am Grasshoppers' assembly in the hall. Grasshoppers' parents welcome.
Friday 26 th February	PTA Cake sale at the end of school
Wednesday 3 rd March	9.00 am Parish Prayer Group in staffroom
Thursday 4 th March	9.00 am Butterflies' assembly. Butterflies' parents welcome.
Monday 8 th March	School Closed - INSET training
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th March	French Week at Breakfast Club
Friday 12 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 17 th March	2.15 pm Parents' Forum
Thursday 18 th March	9.00 am Honeybees' assembly. Honeybees' parents welcome.
Friday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00 am Dragonflies' assembly. Dragonflies' parents welcome.PTA Cake sale at the end of school
Thursday 25 th March	9.00 am Ladybirds' assembly. Ladybirds' parents welcome.
Friday 26 th March	9.00 am Caterpillars' assembly. Caterpillars' parents welcome.
Tuesday 30 th March	2.00 pm Easter service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 31 st March	Terms ends at 1.30 pm
SUMMER TERM 2010	
Monday 19 th April	Term at 8.55 am
Wednesday 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 singing in Redhill and Reigate Music Festival7.30 pm PTA meeting
Saturday 15 th May	May Ball - Please note change of date
Thursday 20 th May	Tempest class photographs
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term
Saturday 12 th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th June	School Closed - INSET training
Thursday 8 th July	PTA Quiz Night
Friday 23 rd July	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm - end of year picnic and term ends at 1.30 pm

