

EYFS Chinese New Year

EYFS had a wonderful day full of cultural learning for our Chinese New Year celebration in Reception. The children learned about Chinese culture through a range of creative and hands-on experiences. They designed and made their own dragon masks, and constructed concertina dragon puppets, exploring how dragons are an important symbol in New Year celebrations.

The children also experimented with early Chinese writing using sticks and black paint, showing great care and concentration as they created their own marks and symbols. They made special money wallets inspired by traditional red envelopes, painted beautiful watercolour dragons, and created sparkly Chinese lantern collages.

To bring their learning to life, they transformed the classroom into a Chinese restaurant. The children had the opportunity to taste vegetable rice and prawn crackers, which were a big hit, with many children asking for seconds.



Cross Country

A large group of KS2 children recently took part in a local cross-country event. The children really did our school proud, with everyone showing fantastic determination and completing their race. Their effort, perseverance and positive attitude were a credit to the school. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to the parents who volunteered to help. A special mention to the following pupils who finished in the top 10:

Benji (Y3/4) - 2nd place
 Ruby (Y5/6) - 5th place
 Leo P-S - 3rd place
 Oscar G - 8th place

Sofia (Y5/6) - 3rd place
 Oscar P-S - 1st place
 Morgan - 6th place

World Book Day

We had a fantastic World Book Day at Linchfield with some amazing costumes from the children. Staff performed the story What the Ladybird Heard, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Year 6 also spent time reading with their EYFS buddies, sharing their love of books. We were delighted to welcome Carousel Nursery, who came to read with our Reading Ambassadors. It was a wonderful day celebrating reading and enjoying lots of great books.



A Visit from Poet Valerie Bloom

The children and staff of Linchfield Academy were delighted to welcome poet and writer Valerie Bloom to their school. Valerie taught the children about Jamaica and even introduced them to some Jamaican language. This helped the children join in with many of Valerie's performance poems. Many of the pupils were inspired by her engaging stories and poems, making it a memorable and exciting experience for everyone involved.

We would like to thank the PTA for funding this fantastic experience for everyone at Linchfield.



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Year 6 Science

In Science, Year 6 became scientists by applying their learning about Charles Darwin and classification systems. The children created their own classification keys to sort different sweets, working in pairs to apply their knowledge and ask thoughtful classification questions.



Outdoor Reading Area

The outdoor reading area has become a favourite place for children to enjoy reading for pleasure. Pupils love spending time there with a good book, relaxing and sharing stories with their friends. The calm and welcoming environment encourages children to share different books and develop a love of reading.



RNBI Workshop

This week, some of our children took part in a pilot session with the Royal National Institute of Blind People to raise awareness about sight impairment and blindness. The children took part in a range of activities, including guiding each other safely around a space and wearing 'sim-specs' to experience how their vision might be affected by different impairments. They also learned that small actions, such as bringing your bin in, can make a big difference to people with sight loss.



Signs of Spring

The gardening group have recently started planting peas, tomatoes and spinach, and are excited to grow even more. Children from KS1 and KS2 worked together on this activity, making it a lovely, shared experience. They are also hoping to sell some of the plants once they are ready, so watch this space! The children have also enjoyed visiting the pond to look for frogs, which has been very exciting. With signs of new life appearing, it certainly feels like spring is on the way.



Diary Dates

Wed 11 - Tues 17 March
Tues 17 & Wed 18 March
Friday 20 March
Thursday 26 March
Monday 30 March
Wednesday 1 April
Thursday 2 April

Monday 20 April
Mon 11 - Thurs 14 May
Tuesday 19 May
Friday 22 May
Tuesday 2 June
Tues 2 - Fri 12 June
Wednesday 24 June
Thurs 25 - Fri 26 June
Friday 3 July
Wed 8 - Fri 10
Friday 17 July
Wednesday 22 July

Book Fair - After School In the Hall
Year 5 First Aid Workshops
Comic Relief - Non-Uniform - Wear Something **Red** If You Have It
Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Burghley House
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
Rock Band Tour
End of Term 4
Term 5 Begins
Year 6 SATs
Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting
End of Term 5
Term 6 Begins
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Year 6 Pop Up Restaurant
Year 4 Residential
Crazy for Music Concert - 9.30am
Year 6 Residential - PGL
Year 6 Fun Day
End of Term 6