



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...



Gong xi fa cai! With the commencement of Lunar New Year celebrations (21 January to 20 February), we know that you will enjoy seeing the photos of the Year R Chinese New Year festivities, which can be found later in this Newsletter. It was such a joy to see how proud and excited the children were to perform their 'dragon dance' for their Year 6 buddies. We understand, in the Chinese culture, that the rabbit is known to be the luckiest out of all the twelve lunar animals and that it symbolises mercy, elegance and beauty. We hope that, having marked this event, the Year R children enjoy a fabulous 'year of the rabbit'.

Our core value for January continues as 'honesty', and so we invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. 'The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' John 1 verse 14.

Best wishes

*Hannah Puller & Sharon Saunders*

Co-Headteachers

## GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Book certificates last week:

### YEAR R

Kiki B  
Anna-Sofia  
Baxter K  
Martina Y

### YEAR 1

Emelia L  
Gideon H  
Wilfie S  
Sofia W

### YEAR 2

Barnaby L  
India B  
Flora E  
Emily P

### YEAR 3

Elsa F  
Cameron A  
Poppie B  
Ethan NF

### YEAR 4

Fraser S  
Ethan B  
Jojo T  
Sophie A

### YEAR 5

Isla-Rose F  
Austin S  
Harry S  
Alexa D

### YEAR 6

Lola S  
Ellie A  
David K  
Alice H-B



welcome

This week, Sycamore Class have been pleased to welcome Leo C. In addition, the After School Club has been joined by Mrs Maryna Polushyna. Welcome to them both.

## RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH—THIS WEEKEND

The RSPB are, again, inviting everyone to join them in their 'Big Garden Birdwatch' which takes place this weekend.

*'Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up for your free guide and let's look out for birds together on 27-29 January.'*



## PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

Just a polite request that parents/carers abide by the parking restrictions outside the School, respecting all other road users and local residents.

Thank you.



For those of you with KS1 children, let us introduce you to TT Rock Stars. TT Rock Stars is a maths learning platform, used in KS2, to assist the children with learning and practising their times tables which they are encouraged to do 'like a rock star'.

This term, in recognition of the children's determination, KS2 children have the chance to be awarded a TT Rock Stars certificate. Each week, we will publish those who have earned a TT Rock Stars Certificate.

YEAR 3 –Costi O, Phoebe C, Bonnie F, Seb H and Martha R

YEAR 4—Thomas D, Joseph D, Hattie S and Imogen H

YEAR 5—Jasper B, Sasha S and Caelan C

YEAR 6—Zoe H, Tym K and Emma P

### SNACKS

Our KS1 children are provided with a piece of fruit for their mid-morning snack and our KS2 children are invited to bring in their own snack. Please can we politely remind everyone that this snack should be a healthy one, and not comprise crisps, sweets or contain nuts.

Thank you.

### TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

After half term, we will be enjoying a 'Book Fortnight'. More information will follow regarding plans for this celebration of all things literary. This event will encompass, not only World Book Day (2<sup>nd</sup> March), but also our annual Travelling Book Fair.

We know how much our parents, carers and children enjoy browsing the books on offer and together, making a selection. Purchases made at the Fair help us to buy more books for the School, and all sales make a huge impact in helping us to stock our libraries with new and exciting publications. This year, we will be running the sales on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March from 3.20pm to 4.30pm.

**It is not possible for us to fully staff the check-outs for the Fair and we would be enormously grateful for parent/carer help. If you are able to help at one-or-more of these sessions, please email [htpa@ladyboswells.kent.sch.uk](mailto:htpa@ladyboswells.kent.sch.uk). DBS not a requirement.**



## EYFS LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On Friday of last week, Year R enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year, which, this year, fell on 22 January. The children had a wonderful day, with everyone arriving at school dressed in red and gold.

During the day, the children were able to access a range of creative, fun and inspiring learning opportunities. They learnt about how and why each year is named after an animal and the fact that 2023 is the year of the rabbit. They made drums, had a go at some Chinese writing, created miniature dragons and lanterns and lucky red envelopes to give to their friends.

They concluded their New Year celebrations with a year group dragon dance which was performed for their Year 6 buddies. They learnt the importance of teamwork during this performance, working collaboratively to navigate the dragons around the space! Finally, at the end of the day, the Year R children sat together and tasted prawn crackers. It really was a wonderful day of celebration!





## YEAR 4 SCIENCE

Year 4 have been studying 'States of Matter' in Science. This week's enquiry has been addressing the question, "how does water temperature affect the amount of time it takes for a material to melt?". In groups the children melted white chocolate, dark chocolate, butter, ice and a rubber. The concluding results found that ice and butter melt the fastest at lower temperatures, and the rubber did not melt at all! The children discovered that when you apply heat energy to a solid, that the bonds between the particles weaken, changing its state. They also found out that all materials have different melting points and that rubbers need very high temperatures that could not be reached in the classroom environment! Great work Scientists of Year 4!

## TENNIS NEWS

Eight children from Years 5 and 6 competed in the 'Orange School Tennis Tournament' on Saturday of last week.

There was lots of strong competition, but the children held their own. They showed brilliant support for one another and impressive communication within their pairs. They represented the school extremely well, both on the court and when they were required to wait patiently between their matches. It was a wonderful occasion and we look forward to continuing to expand tennis within school.



## STEM CLUB



On Thursday, Year 2 and 3 STEM Club started. Two investigations took place, with the kind support of our Science Ambassadors. The first challenge was to find out what would happen to raisins when dropped into lemonade. Predictions were made, and the result showed that the gas bubbles in the lemonade made the raisins dance, lifting the raisins to the surface before popping and making them sink! After that, the KS2 playground was buzzing with excitement as the children investigated what would happen when Mentos were dropped into Coke. To the children's excitement, the coke bottle erupted, shooting liquid into the air. Stay tuned for more fun Science experiments!



## A PLEA FROM THE ORCHESTRA!

The Lady Boswell's School Orchestra, under the tutelage of Mr. Guy Saunders, would be extremely grateful for the donation of any unwanted music stands.

Please drop any donations into the School Office.



This article is taken from Primary News and will be discussed in School next week. Please feel free to discuss this with your child at home. They are then welcome to bring in and share any thoughts or comments that they may have.

# In the news this week

Brazil's new president has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest. In his first speech, Luiz Inácio da Silva (also known as Lula), promised to make climate protection a priority and explained he wanted to reach zero deforestation in the Amazon. Scientists often call the rainforest the 'lungs of the planet', because of the role it plays in absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen, saying that preservation of the Amazon is vital to stopping climate change.

## Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about the Amazon rainforest with others at home and talk with others about what they know.
- > Do you believe enough is being done to protect the Amazon rainforest? Do you think the natural habitats close to where you live are protected?
- > Whose responsibility do you consider it is to protect natural habitats?

30 Jan - 5 Feb



# TAKEHOME



Does the natural world have rights?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA ...



### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM....

You may already have spotted our new pre-loved uniform 'bin' which has now taken up position next to the PTA cupboard inside the main entrance gates. Please drop your clean pre-loved uniform (in a tied carrier bag please) into the bin. No whites or greys please. We look forward to updating you shortly regarding a date for the next second hand uniform sale.



**TESCO**  
Community Grants

Calling all Lady Boswell's School families to get voting! We are delighted to announce that Lady Boswell's PTA have been selected, as one of three charities to be awarded a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants. Voting will commence around mid January and will continue until 31st March at Sevenoaks Riverhead store. Customers will cast their vote using a Community Grant Token given to them at the checkout each time they shop – if you do not get given one, please ask!

Please help our school's bid by voting when you enter any of the Tesco shops above. The winner will receive £1,500.

Thank you for your continued support.

## DIARY DATES

TERM 3—DIARY DATES		TERM 4—DIARY DATES	
	<b>Parent Prayer Meetings</b> —9.00am 13 & 17 January and 10 February		<b>Parent Prayer Meetings</b> — 3, 17 and 31 March
	<b>Term 3 swimming</b> —Copper Beech, Sycamore and Holly Clas- ses—5/12/19/26 Jan and 2/9 Feb		<b>Term 4 swimming</b> —Silver Birch, Sycamore and Holly—23 Feb and 2/9/16/23/30 March
<b>3/2/23</b>	NSPCC Numbers Day—please see Parentmail of 11/1/23. £1 donation in return for dressing up in aid of NSPCC	<b>20/2/23</b>	First day of Term 4
		<b>20/2/23</b> <b>—3/3/23</b>	Book Fortnight—more information to follow
<b>4/2/23</b>	PTA Parents' Quiz Night	<b>21/2/23</b>	9.15am Lent Service—Year 5 parent/carers invited to attend
<b>6/2/23</b>	Children's Mental Health Week commences	<b>22/2/23</b>	Year 4 history workshop
<b>7/2/23</b>	Safer Internet Day	<b>23/2/23</b>	Year R—'Life Long Ago' workshop
<b>9/2/23</b>	Enrichment Afternoon—more information to follow	<b>23/2/23</b>	International Mother Language Day—more details to follow
<b>10/2/23</b>	Last day of Term 3	<b>2/3/23</b>	World Book Day—more information to follow
		<b>6 and</b> <b>7/3/23</b>	3.20pm Travelling Book Fair Sales—more information to follow
		<b>10/3/23</b>	Bentley Class Photos
		<b>15/3/23</b>	9.15am Mother's Day Service— Year 1 parents/carers invited to attend
		<b>15 and</b> <b>16/3/23</b>	Love2Dance Shows—more information to follow
		<b>24/3/23</b>	School clubs finish (please note that Activity Extra club dates may vary)
		<b>28/3/23</b>	Prayer Day in School—more information to follow
		<b>29/3/23</b>	10.00am Easter Service at St. Nicholas Church for KS2 children —all parents/carers welcome to attend
		<b>31/3/23</b>	Last day of Term 4

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Lady Boswell's PIA**  
*proudly presents*

## **Quiz Night!**

**Saturday 4 February 2023**

**7.30pm - 11pm (Quiz starts at 8pm)**

**£15 per person**

(price includes the Quiz, a drink on arrival and the option of a Fish & Chips supper (alternatively Sausage & Chips or a Vegetarian Sausage & Chips).