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MERIDIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Meridian Primary School
Spring Term Newsletter
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Message from Headteacher, Miss Becky Snelling

Welcome Back to Spring Term 2!

What a fantastic start to the half term — well done to all of our children for returning with such positivity and enthusiasm. We are very proud of the way they have settled straight back into their learning.

Although it is a short half term, there is certainly a lot to fit in. Please do keep a close eye on your emails and the diary dates below so you don't miss anything.

Coming Up Soon:

World Book Day – Next Thursday, children are invited to come dressed as a book character or in their pyjamas, ready for a cosy bedtime story. There will be lots of reading fun! I wonder what the staff will be wearing...?

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - We look forward to this special event. Further details will be shared shortly.

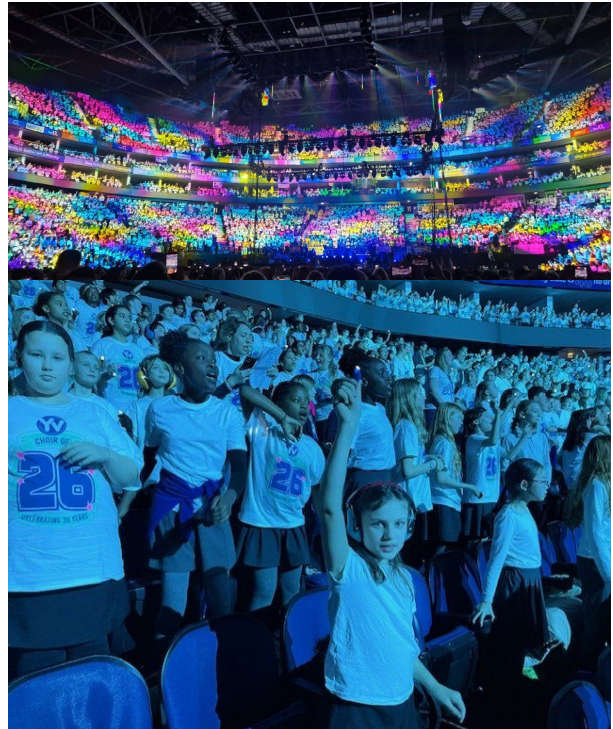
School Tidy-Up Day – Saturday 21st March. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare some time, we would love to see you there to help keep our school looking its best.

Parent Consultations – These are during the last week of half term. This is a valuable opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, look through their books and find out how they are getting on. Please watch out for emails with details on how to book your appointment.

Welcome Wednesdays are coming up too - Reception and KS1 are next week.

The half term certainly began with a bang for some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children. This week, we travelled to the O2 Arena in London to perform in the Young Voices choir alongside over 8,000 other children. It was an incredible experience. Not only performing in such a spectacular venue, but also enjoying amazing live singers and dancers. The children represented our school brilliantly and fully embraced the party atmosphere. It was such a memorable day and so much fun for everyone involved. We hope to make this an annual trip, so current Year 4 and Year 5 children have an exciting experience to look forward to next year!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.





What has your child been learning this week?

Acorn Class

The children have come back to school so confidently and have settled quickly into their routines. This week, we have used the story of *Cinderella* as the focus for our writing. We have sequenced pictures from the story, drawn story maps, and written sentences about Cinderella. The children have worked very hard to retell the story in their own words. In Guided Reading, we have been applying our phonics knowledge to read longer words. We are also continuing to develop our comprehension skills by talking about what we have read and making predictions about what might happen next in the story. In Maths, we have been learning about 1p, 2p and 5p coins. The children have been practising making different amounts using these coins. For PE, we went out onto the field to practise kicking and dribbling with a football. The children enjoyed taking turns to score goals. In the dinner hall, we are continuing to work on using cutlery carefully to cut our food and feed ourselves independently.

Well done to everyone for such a positive start to the term!

Apple Tree Class

This week we have been reading and discussing *Madlenka* by Peter Sis. We enjoyed looking at how to read sentences with exclamation marks expressively and then the children practised writing their own. In maths, we explored finding halves of objects, shapes and amounts.

In science, we started our topic on materials. The children were very knowledgeable about what materials objects are made out of. In history, we explored how we know about the Great Fire of London and considered different types of historical evidence. In geography, we looked at the meaning of 'rural' and 'urban' and sorted city and village photographs. In PE, the children practised different ways of jumping safely and then created and performed jumping sequences. We had lots of fun in our music lesson experimenting with body percussion and looking at musical notation.

Cherry Tree Class

This week in Cherry Tree class, we have moved onto coin recognition in Maths. The children thought carefully about item prices for their very own shop and even sold and bought items from other tables. In English, we have learned about the present progressive tense using the suffix '-ing'. In

Science, we considered which things may be alive around us, such as plant life and small animals. In History, we used historical context to help us better understand Mary Anning as a person.

Birch Class

This week in Birch Class, we have been learning to divide a 2-digit number by a 1- digit number in Maths. In English, we have been reading examples of personal narratives and identifying their features. We have been finding out where the Roman Empire came from in History and in Science, we have been using our knowledge of food groups to plan a balanced lunch. In indoor P.E, we have been exploring sailor actions and experimenting with different group formations collecting ideas for our sailor dances to the Hornpipe. In outdoor P.E, we have been brushing up our basketball skills and understanding the role of an attacker when in possession. A great first week back. Well done Birch Class.

Sycamore Class

Year 4 have had a busy and productive week!

In Maths, the children have been learning to identify, compare and order angles using the correct mathematical vocabulary.

In English, we have been reading *Leon and the Place Between* by Grahame Baker-Smith. The children used their senses to describe the magical setting, choosing powerful adjectives, verbs and adverbs before writing their own spooky, fantasy or sci-fi story openings inspired by the text.

In History, we have started exploring the Ancient Greeks and their significance.

This week's spellings focused on words ending in *-sion* (zhun), such as *decision*, *collision*, and *television*.

Well done Year 4, for another great week of learning!

Willow Class

Willow Class have had a wonderful first week back and have enjoyed spotting the first signs of spring around the school. Several of our class had a unique opportunity to participate in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Area in London. We all enjoyed hearing about how they got on and are very proud of how well they represented our class. In English, we have been reading *The Watchtower* by Gary Crew, which combines rich, descriptive language with spooky illustrations to create an atmospheric and mysterious story. In music, the class have begun exploring reggae, learning how rhythm gives this genre its distinctive style. In PE, we have had a calm and relaxing introduction to yoga, learning a variety of poses and even creating our own yoga flows. What an excellent start to the half term!

Oak Class

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 6!

In English, the children have been developing their narrative writing skills by using dialogue to advance the action and reveal character details. Building on a role-play scene created in class, the pupils have worked incredibly hard to ensure their speech not only includes accurate punctuation, but also engages the reader and deepens understanding of the characters. This is a challenging skill, as it requires careful balance between action, description and conversation — we have been so impressed with their focus and creativity.

In Maths, we have launched our new topic on algebra. The children have begun exploring substitution, learning how letters can be used to represent unknown values. This abstract concept can feel very different from previous maths learning, but the class has approached it with enthusiasm and resilience.

On Tuesday, a large group of Year 6 pupils joined Year 5 for an unforgettable trip to Young Voices at the The O2. It was a fantastic experience and a truly fun-filled day. The children represented the school brilliantly and enjoyed being part of such a spectacular musical event.

In Geography, we have continued our work on trade, focusing on how sustainable farming and production can positively impact climate change. The class has been considering how consumer choices and global trade systems can help create a more sustainable future.

Finally, in PE, we have started our new gymnastics unit. The children have been learning how to use equipment safely while building on the skills they developed in the Autumn term. We are already seeing growing confidence and control in their movements.

Well done, Year 6, for another week of hard work and enthusiasm!

Dates for your diary

March

4th	EYFS & KS1 Welcome Wednesday (08:45-9:05)
5th	World Book Day
11th	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 14:30-15:30 (Details to Follow)
17th	National Dental Epidemiology Programme - Acorn & Apple Tree Classes
18th	KS2 Welcome Wednesday (08:45-9:05)
21st	Community Clean-Up Day (09:00 -14:00) - All Welcome
24th	Parent Consultations (14:00-17:00)
26th	Parent Consultations (16:00-19:00)
27th	iRock Spring Term Concert (iRocker families are invited 09:30)
27th	Last day of Term
Easter Holidays 30th March - 10th April	

April

13th	Start of Summer Term
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Resilience | Kindness | Community | Respect | Curiosity

Achievements

Values Award

Acorn- Anthony
Apple Tree- Ruairidh
Cherry Tree- Rowan
Birch- Sofia
Sycamore- Isaac
Willow- Ada
Oak- William

Star Writer / Maths Whizz

Acorn- Rafael
Apple Tree- Phoenix
Cherry Tree- Tyler
Birch- Camille
Sycamore- Oliver
Willow- Darrington
Oak- Ilithyia

House Points

Challenger- 1847
Discovery- 1841
Explorer- 1740
Voyager - 1657

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