



This week Year 3 children were exploring Jackson Pollock's painting technique. If they returned home covered in paint, now you know why. Year 5 became Vikings for a day again.

Riddle: At Chinese New Year celebrations I breathe fire, dance and run amuck with a few men to guide my steps. My presence brings good fortune and luck. What am I?\*

See if you can guess and find the answer in our newsletter.



**Reading is THE MOST IMPORTANT aspect of helping your child succeed in school, hence our requirements that each child reads at home daily as part of our homework expectations in every year group.**

**You can read more about the benefits of reading with your child for 20 minutes a day in the documents attached to the email with this newsletter.**



A warm welcome to Miss Wakeman, who started this week as our new Year 5 Support Teacher.

## REMINDERS



**Dinner accounts** - please ensure that your child's dinner account is topped up via Arbor to cover meals until the end of term. Thank you.



### Turn off the engine!

Please switch off the car engine whilst waiting to pick up/drop off your child from/to school. We need to be considerate of our neighbours and it is not good for the environment.



## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



A huge congratulations to Riku from Year 6K for achieving a 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize with Distinction in the Youth (10-11 y/o) – Baroque Styles category at the 9<sup>th</sup> Piano competition Online held at Around the Globe International Music Festival 2023. He did this despite all the hard work he had to do to prepare for his 11+ academic and 11+ violin tests. What a dedication and determination! It was an absolute delight hearing him play at the assembly today.



## Dates for your diary

### Year 4

#### Swimming

Thank you to all Parents and Carers, who paid for the swimming. Your contributions do matter and we do appreciate your input.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL

We will start our World Book Day celebrations by having the Travelling Book Fair for 3 days in the Lower Hall after school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of March, until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Children will receive book tokens on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March. They can use them towards a book purchase at the fair or as £1 discount in any other participating bookstore. More information to follow.

### Year 3

#### CELTIC HARMONY (Hertford) - Friday 8th March 2024

Cost per child = £25 The children will have the unique opportunity to experience life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will get to make Stone Age tools and Bronze Age beaker pots, along with experiencing what life was like in round house buildings. The children will be given the opportunity to trade and role play using real Stone-Age artefacts as farmers, hunters, miners etc and exchange goods of different values using numeracy skills. It really is a fantastic school trip that will fully enhance the children's historical understanding. (Please note this is the only trip in Year 3). Email was sent on the 17<sup>th</sup> January.

 **ELSA** The ELSA study is screening children for type 1 diabetes. Children aged 3-13 years can have a simple finger prick blood test to find out their risk of developing type 1 diabetes in the future.

I would strongly encourage you to take up this offer of screening your child for their risk of getting Type 1 diabetes. From a personal point of view, as a Head Teacher who has had many children pass through school with diabetes and as a friend and family member of many people who have diabetes, I know how important it is to recognise diabetes early.

I am excited by the fact that taking part in this research could enable a delay to the start of type 1 diabetes and to develop the understanding of Type 1 diabetes.

I am looking forward to seeing many of our families at Field take up this offer.



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a **free** donation for Field Junior School - Watford? There are over 8,000 brands ready to give them a donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising. Not only that, but if you sign up and raise £5 in donations, easyfundraising will also give them a bonus £5 donation. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up: See if you can beat the staff members donations!!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fieldjuniorschoolwatford/ei1w6u/s2s/KuPMmkmc/R3025/facebook>

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This half-term team points winners were Otters!  
They can celebrate with a non-uniform day on  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February



### Highest Attendance this week

**3M 98.9%**  
**6K 97.8%**  
**3WA & 4C 97.4%**



### This week's class winners are:

3M  
4C  
5W  
6K

Year 3 Boys won!  
Year 4 Girls won!  
Year 5 Girls won!  
Year 6 Boys won!

Well done to everyone who is logging on and practising!



### Next week birthdays:

Findon (Yr 3), Ayana (Yr 4), Aila (Yr6)

*We wish all the children celebrating their birthdays lots of fun and many happy returns.*



### **Donated school uniform**

We have the following items at the office, which you can collect for a donation:

Fleece size S 6/8

Sweatshirt Age 7/8 (3 of them)



### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Spring half term:**

Mon to Fri, 19 February to 23 February 2024

**Thur, 28 March pick up time 1.30pm**

#### **Easter break**

Friday, 29 March to Friday, 12 April 2024

#### **Inset Day**

Monday, 15 April 2024

**Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer 2024 term on Tuesday, 16 April 2024**

#### **Bank Holiday**

Monday, 6 May 2024

#### **Summer half term:**

Monday, 27 May to Friday, 31 May 2024

#### **Inset day**

Monday, 10 June 2024

#### **Last day of the Academic Year – School closes at 1.30pm**

Tuesday, 23 July 2024

**School closed for the summer 2024 holidays** Wednesday, 24 July to Sunday, 1 September 2024

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