



Garswood Gazette

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Dear Parents,
As usual we've been very busy this term so it's impossible to fit in all the wonderful events that have taken place at Garswood since the last newsletter. Please follow us on Twitter for regular updates. Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a safe and fun Easter break.

Pamela Potter

**Pamela Potter
Head Teacher
Sponsored Skip**



On the 2nd March we welcomed Skip2BeFit and had a great day with some amazing new skipping ropes which count the skips! We skipped along to different music tracks and improved on our own scores to achieve a personal best. It was great to apply these skills when we skipped for the sponsored skip on Friday. Raising money for the Oncology Unit at Alder Hey in support of one of our own families who are accessing the provision. Everyone put so much effort in and we raised £1,024.



Holi Celebration

On the 2nd March there was great fun for Nursery and Reception who celebrated Holi. This celebration of colour is the Hindu welcoming of Spring. We've never celebrated in the snow before but there was still lots of Bhangra dancing, drumming and the colour throwing!



World Maths Day

Children had a fantastic time on the 7th March celebrating World Maths Day. Taking part in a whole school Countdown assembly in which the house captains picked members for their teams from across the school - It was a close run thing but the Sumtastic Sycamores calculated their way to winning 100 points for their team.



World Book Day

On the 1st March we celebrated World Book Day by dressing as our favourite characters. We saw lots of smiles and lots of wonderful books.



Y5 Assembly

The Y5 assembly was a great success on the 28th March. The children all took on a role in the play and demonstrated the achievements of great scientists and inventors through history. It was entertaining and informative for the audience and it was great to see so many parents there in support of the children.



Gymnastics Success

Emily in Y4 has recently won Gold in the North West prelims meaning she has qualified for the British Acrobatic Finals.

Sports Competitions

Among other competitions we have taken part in a Y4 Everton Football Festival, KS1 Multiskills and a Y3/4 Dance/Gymnastics competition which we were thrilled to win.



Walk Once a Week

Our Junior Road Safety Officers informed everyone of the new initiative Walk Once A Week - promoting the healthy approach to travelling to school and saving the environment at the same time. They are logging everyone's efforts so get healthy and join the movement. Don't forget you can 'Park and Stride' from The Stag and there will be a monthly class winner. This month's winners are Year 6.



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Y5 Trip - Jodrell Bank

On the 7th March Y5 visited Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre. The day included a hands on science experiment workshop in the morning. All the children were so enthusiastic and enjoyed reflecting on their results. In the afternoon they had the opportunity to experience the inflatable planetarium where they were able to look closely at constellations, planets and moons. Following this they had time to get close to the enormous Lovell telescope and enjoy the exhibitions both indoors and outdoors.

FRoGS & DHL Funding



Mrs Hamlet, one of our FRoGS members has secured funding from the company she works for, DHL. The grant is for £10,000 and will be used to improve and expand the forest school area in our school. This is a substantial amount of money which will benefit all the children with-in school. Big thank you to Mrs Hamlet and FRoGS.



Grandparents Week

It was lovely to see grandparents of children from Reception to Y5 children engaging in activities with their grandchildren last week. They played board games during the Fun and Games session, enjoyed some Arts and Crafts and took part in a Forest Schools session.

Extra-Curricular Clubs



Over this term children have been able to take part in Judo, Fencing and Dance Clubs. Yesterday the parents of those attending dance were able to come into school to watch the choreographed routine the children have learned and thoroughly enjoyed it.

N Trip - Acorn Farm

On the 22nd March Nursery visited Acorn Farm. Children enjoyed helping the farm staff to feed the animals, especially the greedy goats. They spent time in the petting area, meeting hens, a rabbit and a Guinea-pig. They also enjoyed the play area and some delicious home made ice-cream that had been produced on the farm.



Easter Fun

The infant children enjoyed showing off their bonnets in the Easter parade today. The School council judged the entries along with the egg competition and winners were celebrated in assembly this afternoon. There were some superb entries and thank you to all who took the time to send one into school. We are glad that the children were deciding the winners as it was a tough call!



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Ducklings

Y2 have had a wonderful 2 weeks looking after ducklings. They have incubated them, watched them hatch, helped to look after them and watched them grow. The children have learned so much about life cycles and what animals need to survive. They have become duck experts. They were sorry to see them go but are happy that they will enjoy lots of space to run around and play in the pond at the farm.



Other Trips

Other trips this term have been:
Y4—Dewa Centre, Chester
Y2 - Mosque, Liverpool
Y1—Lowry, Manchester
Details of which have been posted on Twitter.

