



Book Week

This week, we aimed to promote a love of reading and to create shared experiences through the same text. Journey by Aaron Becker was an excellent choice, as it follows a lonely girl who draws a door on her bedroom wall and steps into another world. Aided by her magic crayon, she travels through this strange, new place. Shifting landscapes give way to a remarkable city where there's a villain to confront, and the girl needs all her courage and resourcefulness in order to survive. She does, of course, and goes home with the greatest treasure of all – a friend. The children have really relished the concept of looking at a wordless book, and the opportunities for working across-phase have been as enjoyable for the adults as they have for the children. Thank you for sending your children in dressed for our Bedtime Stories theme, and thank you for the donations of books for our book swap. Don't forget to use the World Book Day £1/free book vouchers at participating retailers.

Nursery: Year 4 visited us on Monday and read our favourite stories to us. We have listened to and learned some new repeated refrains from some traditional tales e.g. "Not by the hair on my chinny chin chin" and "Who's that trip trapping over my bridge?" etc.

We've made our own puppets and performed puppet shows for our friends. In PE, we pretended to be a magic bean and we grew and grew taller and taller until we stretched as tall as we could on our tippy toes. We pretended to be Jack and we ran away from the giant holding the hen and the harp. We also took giant steps shouting "Fe fi fo fum" and chased Jack around the hall.

Reception: The children in Reception have had a great time celebrating Book Week at school. We have focused on the book, Journey, as well as enjoying some of the children's favourite books like The Gruffalo and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children used their imaginations to create their own fictional worlds and got creative using junk modelling to build hot air balloons and cars. The children also enjoyed having the opportunity to hear teachers and students from older classes read during the class and book swap activities.

Year 1: Year 1 have had a fun packed week for Book Week. By using the whole school book "Journey" to base their lessons, each class have been able to take charge of their own learning and follow their interests. Sparrow class have enjoyed designing and creating their own magical kingdoms with Lego, writing their own story maps, exploring the thoughts and feelings of the characters, producing their own front covers using pastels and particularly enjoyed shared reading with Year 5. Starling class have worked with Year 5 this week to make papier-mâché flying hot air balloons, they have done their own journeys around the school, retelling the story. They particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to work with the Year 5 pupils.



Year 2: Year 2 have had a fun-filled Book Week exploring Journey, by Aaron Becker. During the week, each class were treated to a Stop Motion Animation Workshop by Lotte (Poppy's mum). The children worked in groups to draw different backdrops and then each child created their own plasticine character. Lotte then took a group at a time to create a short stop motion animation of the characters journeying through the different settings.

In Geography, the children thought about what destinations they would like to travel to in the world, exploring the different continents and oceans. We also ventured outside this week to create stories using the purple bird from Journey as inspiration. Each group used their imagination to come up with an original story - we had everything from princesses locked in towers to magical tornadoes! Thank you to all the parents who helped out this week!

Year 3: This week in Book Week Year 3 have used the book Journey, focused on creating their own version of this story. They enjoyed creating their own setting using oil pastels and then using this setting to begin their own journey. We even looked at travelling back in time as part of our journey. Children have enjoyed experimenting with new vocabulary in their stories. After reading Journey, we looked at the front cover of other books by Aaron Becker and are now intrigued to read those stories too.



Year 4: Year 4 have had a great week thinking about adventures. We began the week by looking at people who had been on real life adventures including Neil Armstrong, Matthew Henson, Valentina Tereshkova and Nellie Bly and we wrote fact files about our chosen explorers. We then got a bit more creative and started to think about magical adventures we could go on using the book 'Journey'. We imagined where we would go and what we would do if we had a magical crayon, then we painted some landscapes of this and wrote a fantasy narrative to go with our stories.

Year 5: Year 5 have fully engrossed their learning with Aaron Becker's book 'Journey'. Children have participated in role-play, written diary entries and poems about the book and even made a trailer for it.

Heron class have also shared their learning with Starling class. They investigated different modes of transport, made hot air balloons and carried out some reading with each other.



Year 6: This week Year 6 became published authors by writing a narrative to Aaron Becker's Journey. We created our own booklets and designed a front cover using watercolour paints. We really enjoyed the teacher book swap and reading with the Year 2 classes.



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Book Fair

From 28th March to 4th April, the Book Fair will be coming to school. They provide a great selection of books you can purchase that aim to inspire and entertain our young readers, but most importantly, earn free books for our classroom libraries. Exact times and days that you can come and browse will be provided in due course.



Year 1 Sightseeing Trip

To conclude last half term's topic Bright Lights, Big City, Year 1 went sightseeing. On Tuesday, we travelled by foot, train and river to see some of London's riverside sights. We were all excited to see the iconic landmarks like Tower Bridge, The London Eye and the Houses of Parliament. However, the highlights were Southbank's skate park and of course the river bus. It was a brilliant experience that has inspired us to want to visit some of these places.



Year 2 Outdoor Learning

This week's outdoor learning was all about storytelling! Using the story of the Journey by Aaron Becker as inspiration, the children created their own versions of the purple bird in the book. They used the purple bird as the main character and working as a group (and using nature as inspiration!) created their own stories. We had a range of different stories including magical tornadoes (it was a very windy day!) and princesses stuck in towers! Great fun was had by all and a huge thanks to the parent helpers!



WE Day

Ms Eaves and Ms Petch had the pleasure of taking 14 Year 6 children to the Annual **WE Day** event at Wembley Arena on Wednesday 6th March.

Ryelands is a WE School. This means our school is involved in the charity that takes part in a yearlong programme that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create change in their local and global communities.

WE Day is a celebration of these young people and an acknowledgement of all their achievements. The day brings together WE schools from across the country to hear motivational speakers talk about what they have done to make change for good and what more they can do.

The line-up included, Naomi Campbell, Nicole Scherzinger, Tom Walker, Liam Payne, Pixie Lott, Nikki Christou and Isabelle Weall, just to name a few. The crowd went wild when HRH, The Duke of Sussex, Prince Harry, came on stage to give his motivational speech! After the event, one of our Year 6 children said, "It was an amazing day and has inspired me to want to make a difference."

Ms Eaves and Ms Petch are so proud of our children who attended the event and are looking forward to hearing their ideas on how they can make a positive change in their local and global communities.



Maths Challenge

Four talented Year 5 mathematicians took part in an inter-school tournament this week at Elmhurst School in Croydon. Tychannai, Ketayah, Kieran and Malakai were outstanding competitors and rose to the challenge of competing against other schools, displaying our I-CARE qualities to perfection. They were a credit to us as a school and to themselves.

A very proud (and impressed) Mrs Francis.



All – Family Holidays During Term Time

Parents/carers are strongly discouraged from taking family holidays during term time. Term time holidays will only be approved in very exceptional circumstances. Families wishing to take holidays during term time will need to complete a 'Leave of Absence Request' form. Current government guidelines on holidays during term time are very clear; headteachers are not permitted to authorise holidays except under very exceptional circumstances. Parents need to be aware that the Education Welfare Service may issue a Fixed Penalty.

Please note that no leave will be granted in May for Year 2 as they sit their statutory tests during this month. Year 6 Statutory tests are from 13th – 16th May all Year 6 children must be present. No leave will be granted before these dates.



Upcoming Class Assembly Dates

Please note class assemblies are on Thursdays and start at 9.05am. We welcome all parents / carers and family members that would like to come.

14 th March	Magpie
21 st March	Woodpecker
28 th March	Goldfinch
4 th April	Hawk



Parent Lunch

We invite parents/carers to come in and have lunch with their child once a term. Letters are sent out a couple of weeks before the lunch date. The cost is £4.00 per adult, which must be handed in to the office with the form by the due date, which will always be the Monday before the day of the lunch. Dates are always on a Wednesday and are as follows for each Class/Year Group:

- Year 4 - 13th March
- Year 5 - 20th March
- Year 6 - 27th March



Comic Relief

As you may be aware, Red Nose Day is fast approaching. The Red Nose Day Appeal is one of the main ways Comic Relief raises money. The day is an opportunity for us all to join together to support those in need, whilst having fun! Every penny we raise will be used to help disadvantaged people in the UK.

On Friday 15th March, the staff and children are invited to wear red for the day. **We ask that all children wear red by wearing clothes from home.** We hope that your child will join us in this fundraising event.

Children, who wish to take part in the dressing up, are asked to bring in a donation of £1.00 for the charity, to a maximum of £3.00 per family.

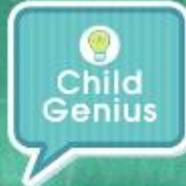
Class Attendance Figures for this week

Robin	97.9%	<p>Green Group 97% - 100%</p> <p>Yellow Group 95% - 96.9%</p> <p>Amber Group 93% - 94.9%</p> <p>Pink Group 90% - 92.9%</p> <p>Red Group 0% - 89.9%</p> <p>Whole School Target: 97.5%</p> <p>Well done!</p>	Wren	97.2%
Sparrow	95.1%		Starling	95%
Chaffinch	100%		Goldfinch	98.3%
Kingfisher	99.2%		Woodpecker	97.2%
Magpie	95.2%		Owl	96.6%
Heron	99.2%		Raven	97.9%
Eagle	98.2%		Hawk	97.8%
School Weekly Total	97.5%		School Year to Date Total	96.7%



The dates for the whole of the academic year are published on our website.

Date	Activity
Mon 11 th March	Debate Mate to Myddleton Primary School Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics Competition Reception Height and Weight checks
Tues 12 th March	Parent Workshop: Restorative Justice - 14.30 in the Main Hall. Come and find out more.
Weds 13 th March	Year 4 Parent Lunch
Weds 20 th March	Year 5 Parent Lunch Dance Club going to Trinity School
Weds 27 th March	Year 6 Parent Lunch Nursery Zoolab visit
Thurs 28 th March	Year 4 trip to Tower of London
Fri 29 th March	Year 3 Rainy Rainforest Workshop
Mon 1 st April	Dragonfly Class trip to Lloyd Park
Weds 3 rd April	Poetry Recital Year 3 & 4 One Day Bike Training
Thurs 4 th April	Mufti Day – What I want to be when I grow up! £1 per child. Please note, this is a date change from 8th March Easter Discos - £2 per child
Fri 5 th April	Easter Egg Raffle Tuck Shop from 13.30 Last day of term. 13.30 finish. All pupils must be collected by an adult.



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Popcorn Chicken

Serves: 4

Preparation time: 10-15 minutes

Cooking time: 18 minutes

Approx. cost per portion: 80p

Ingredients

3 chicken breasts, skin removed

150g/6oz wholemeal breadcrumbs

½ tsp of dried thyme

¼ tsp of black pepper

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped

1 large egg beaten

Sunflower oil

Polyunsaturated oil spray

Things you will need

Sharp knife and chopping board

Baking tray

Large mixing bowl and spoon

Small plate for beaten egg

Small plate for flour



Method

1. Preheat the oven to Gas mark 6, 400°F/ 200°C and brush a baking tray with a little oil
2. Chop the chicken breasts into cubes (approx. 4cm X 4cm)
3. Put the garlic, thyme and black pepper in a large bowl, add the chicken cubes and rub the herbs and garlic into the chicken
4. Dip each chicken piece in the beaten egg and then roll into breadcrumbs until well coated
5. Place the chicken pieces onto the baking tray and lightly spray with oil
6. Bake the chicken in the oven for 18 - 20 minutes until the chicken is cooked through
7. Serve hot



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN
TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2020

These are the key dates for Year 7 September 2020 entry process for the six schools listed above who work together to conduct a joint Selective Eligibility Test.

REGISTRATION DATES	
1 May 2019 (Wednesday)	Online Registration System OPENS . Visit the website of any of the schools to access the system.
28 June 2019 (Friday)	Deadline for requests for special adjustments for candidates with SEN, and for supporting evidence (see further guidance online).
16 August 2019 (at midnight) (Friday)	Deadline for Registrations – the online system CLOSES . No late registrations will be accepted under any circumstances.
OPEN EVENING DATES	
26 September 2019 (Thursday)	Greenshaw High School - 5.30pm to 8.30pm (last entry 8.00pm)
11 July 2019 (Thursday)	Nonsuch High School for Girls - 4.00pm-8.30pm
25 September 2019 (Wednesday)	Sutton Grammar School - 4.00pm-9.00pm
4 July 2019 (Thursday)	Wallington County Grammar School - 3.30pm-8.00pm (last entry 7.30pm)
4 July 2019 (Thursday)	Wallington High School for Girls - 4.00pm-8.30pm (last entry 8.00pm)
27 June 2019 (Thursday)	Wilson's School - 3.30pm-8.30pm (last entry 8.00pm)
TEST DATES	
17 September 2019 (Tuesday)	Selective Eligibility Test
For the participating schools that have second stage tests, all boys/girls who reach the required standard in the Selective Eligibility Test will be invited to sit second stage Entrance Examinations on the following dates:	
28 September 2019 (Saturday)	Joint Second Stage Test for Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls
5 October 2019 (Saturday)	Shared Second State Entrance Examination for Sutton Grammar School and Wilson's School

Further information about the tests and admissions process and each School's admission criteria, please visit the participating schools' websites or contact the schools' admissions offices.

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