



Newsletter

March 2020

What we did this term

During these uncertain times, we thought it would be nice to keep in touch with you via the monthly newsletter and this month we want to celebrate what has happened in school this term.

We celebrated Book Week in school during w/c 2nd March. Activities during the week included Drop Everything & Read, lots of additional reading opportunities & competitions. To mark World Book Day, the children & staff dressed up in some amazing book related costumes. On Wednesday 11th March, we hosted the Roving Books book fair in school so that the children could spend their World Book Day vouchers. The competition winners for Book Week were:



Emma in Class RW (pictured) won the prize draw from Roving Books and won £7.50 worth of books

Saara in Class LI, Ahmed in Class SA & Salwa in Class FC won prizes for designing alternative front covers for books

Sadia in Class RH who coloured in her favourite character from a book
Well done all of you!

On Wednesday 4th March, the FS2 children went on a 'Bear Hunt' to Swithland Woods for the morning. Although they all came back with muddy shoes, it sounds like they had a fantastic time exploring the woodland.

On Friday 13th March, the children and staff came together to complete the Sport Relief Mile. The children could run or walk but all of the children managed to complete their mile, with many continuing running for much further than a mile! Thank you to all of you who kindly donated - we are still calculating how much money was raised for Sport Relief and will update you as soon as we have a final figure.

Work for the children to complete at home is posted on the school website every Monday morning and we post the latest news and guidance on the 'Updates' section as and when we have any new information.

Finally, to all our families, we hope that everyone remains safe and well during this difficult time.

End of Week One and the Start of Week Two!

We have all completed a week that only a short time ago we would never have imagined, with children at home completing activities while many adults are also juggling working from home themselves! I hope that everyone is finding the children's activities on the website accessible and that the children are enjoying completing them in order to continue with their learning. If you are having any difficulties accessing the resources, please phone or email school (see the school closure communication link on the home page of the website).

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that while we are hearing about some staff and pupils showing possible Covid -19 symptoms, they have been mild symptoms and, as far as we are aware, everyone has recovered or is recovering well.

At the moment we have not had any of the children eligible to attend come to school, so we are using the time to deep clean the school. If you know your child is in one of the priority groups for child care provision and you wish to take up the offer at any point, please contact the school to make arrangements.

Take care and stay safe.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE!!!

We are still accepting applications for our nursery for September 2020.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in applying for a part-time Foundation 1 place, then please ring the school office or email office@evingtonvalley.leicester.sch.uk.



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Resources for SEND Pupils

The Local Authority have sent through some resources that may be helpful for parent / carers of children and young people with SEND or children and young people themselves.

National Autistic Society – guidance and helpline for parents', young people and staff:
[https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/vanguard/news/2020/march/coronavirus-\(covid-19\)-advice.aspx](https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/vanguard/news/2020/march/coronavirus-(covid-19)-advice.aspx)

Mencap - Easy Read guide to Coronavirus: <https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-03/Information%20about%20Coronavirus%20ER%20SS2.pdf>

Place2Be – Guide to helping parents answer questions from their children and to support family wellbeing: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/coronavirus-information-for-children/>

Young Minds - Talking to your child about Coronavirus and 10 tips from their Parents Helpline to support family wellbeing: <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

Carers UK - Guidance for carers: <https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/health/looking-after-your-health/coronavirus-covid-19>

Covibook – an interactive resource designed to support and reassure children aged 7 and under, designed to help children explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing during the pandemic: <https://www.mindheart.co/descargables>

Amaze - information pack for parents <https://amazesussex.org.uk/faqs-about-the-coronavirus-for-parent-carers-of-children-with-send-brighton-hove/>

Eco Work



The children have been really busy this term promoting environmentally friendly practices across the school and in the local community. Their work has included:

- Putting up posters around the outside of the school to encourage our whole community to stop dropping litter. The posters were produced by the children and explain the dangers that litter causes to both wildlife and humans
- Children from across the school went out onto the local streets to help Mr Bland pick up litter and make the streets cleaner therefore setting a good example to others within the community
- The Eco Warriors have been surveying how many resources our school uses, such as glue, paper and pens. They have then been planning ways to reduce the usage, as well as planning ways to increase the reuse and recycling of our waste
- The Kitchen Garden has been really popular at lunchtimes this term with lots of keen pupils of all ages coming to help with weeding, preparing the soil and planting vegetables. Just before the school closed, they managed to plant potatoes, garlic, carrots, spring onions, pumpkin, tomatoes and rainbow chard, so fingers crossed for a good balance of rain and sunshine in the coming months. Several children are having fun planting and looking after seedlings at home that they can bring back to school when we re-open.

