

# Newsletter Issue 12



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## Headteacher News

There have been so many wonderful things happening in school this week. We have included as much as possible in this newsletter but don't forget that photos on Twitter show you the exciting opportunities that have been going on too.

Every day I have the pleasure of seeing the learning develop across the school with so many improvements seen and wonderful progress made. We try to give you weekly snapshots and photos of this for each class on Tweet (X) but here is a little list of just some of the things seen recently :

We have seen so much writing going on in Lions and independent learning being developed so children apply their skills and knowledge across the curriculum. Children have been reminding themselves of good manners when sitting nicely to eat their snacks and making models using good fixing techniques.

In Giraffes I have been most impressed not only by their writing but also using known number facts to support some quite tricky mathematical concepts like finding missing numbers – wonderful!

Elephants have been focusing on handwriting and presentation in all subjects and, now their writing is such a good standard, applying this in all their learning. Their geography work this week was superb!

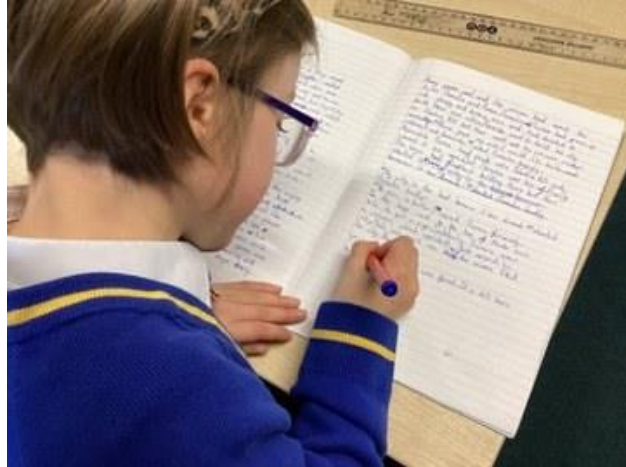
Zebras have been very proud of their retelling (to show their writing skills) of the legend Romulus and Remus that they learnt about in History. The application of their knowledge being used in another subject is showing that the learning is being remembered.

Rhinos did some amazing practical learning in science where they were learning about how sound is made and travels.

Eagles have been learning the techniques of drafting, editing and polishing their work and this was especially evident in their writing recently where they had to write precise instructions.

You could have heard a pin drop in Leopards on Friday last week when Alvin Shaw, a local magistrate visited to talk about British values and the law system. Children asked superb questions to find out about laws, what happens if you keep them or break them and so much information about prison, courts, how laws are made, what taxes are used for and much more.





### Parent Evenings

We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books and having time with their class teacher if you came yesterday and we look forward to seeing you if you are coming along tonight. Working together is vital and your children are so proud of their learning, we hope you can celebrate this with them too.

### World Book Day – Thursday 7 March (TOMORROW)

Tomorrow is our very first Vocabulary Parade. We cannot wait. This is a superb alternative way to celebrate WBD and much more interesting in many ways than the bought Spiderman or Belle type costumes that always creep in otherwise with children often having no idea if their character is linked to a book! If you need any last minute inspiration just google vocabulary parade – some of the simplest ideas are just fantastic!

We hope you can join us for the parade from 2.50pm.





### Whatsapp class groups

Whilst technology is wonderful at keeping us informed, it can also have negative repercussions and an often unkind undertone which is not useful or helpful in resolving issues in today's world.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents on the class group are commenting negatively about pupils, classes and sometimes staff. Clearly this is not an appropriate or productive way of communicating and we ask that if you have any concerns regarding your child you follow the correct procedure and ask for an appointment with the class teacher or the SENCO, DHT or HT if you feel the matter needs senior leadership intervention or support. Initially most issues in schools are far better resolved by good relationships between the class teacher and parent and direct, face to face conversations to encourage working together to resolve most concerns, worries or problems regarding your child or class matters eg work in lessons or homework. Remember we also are fortunate to have Mrs Ridgway who is also available to listen and support families if they need help or guidance at difficult times.

### IMPORTANT - Secondary School Parent Appeals

Further to the secondary school offers last week, if you are planning on doing a parent appeal, and would like a letter from the school to support this, you must let the school office know no later than



Friday 15 March. Mrs Holman will co-ordinate these requests but if you would like us to include anything specific, any achievements or have input from a particular teacher, please let us know as soon as possible so these can be included in the letter. Mrs Holman will have the letter ready for your collection on Monday 25 March.

Finally, it is always a pleasure to hear good reports from visitors who always comment on the children and how polite, friendly and mature they are.

I wanted to share this feedback from Mr Shaw, the magistrate who recently visited Leopards.

It was a pleasure to talk to your Year 6's. They listened well, interacted brilliantly and had many insightful questions. The school can be extremely proud of them.

I am confident they significantly increased their knowledge of the British justice system and the teachers will be able to refer back to the topics we covered to remind the pupils of the potential consequences of their actions during the rest of the school year.

Have a lovely week and enjoy the weekend when it gets here

Sarah Holman



[Click the link to see Dates for Diaries](#)

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## Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Children will wear their own clothes.

Please make any donations via the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14706>

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**MOTHERING SUNDAY COMMUNION 2024**  
**10am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Trinity**  
**Sissinghurst, TN17 2JG**

Join us 10am in the Parish Rooms for pastries/toast and a cuppa - and time to chat, before we head into church for the service.

Posies for all ladies present, as well as the opportunity to thank God for mothers no longer with us. Children's groups later in the service.

All warmly welcome - please come along!

**PARK ON THE ROAD OR REAR OF MILKHOUSE CARPARK**



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## SISSINGHURST FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY

**AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024**

**ENTRY FROM 2.30PM IN SCHOOL HALL**

Please enter one or more of the following categories:

- A piece of Spring time artwork (no bigger than A4 please)
- A decorated flower pot
- A mixture of spring garden flowers in a jar
- 4 rice krispie bird nests

In exchange for your child's entry to the show they can wear their own clothes on Friday 22nd March. Please bring your entries to the School Hall on the Friday morning at drop off and place your entry on your class table.

Child's own work with minimal adult help. Entries from children at other schools are welcome. To be judged in school year age groups.

Please mark your entries clearly with your name, class and age.

Please take this fantastic opportunity to get involved with the local flower society. It's great fun and you can visit the school hall, where it's all taking place to find out where your child's entry has come. If you're

new to the community, it's a lovely way to meet people and take a look at all the entries and see the fabulous things they can grow in their gardens and bake in their kitchens.

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## Draft Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Centre Plan – Vision 2040 Public Consultation

**Tunbridge Wells Borough Council** is working in partnership with a range of organisations and residents to develop a strategy which will shape the future of Royal Tunbridge Wells town centre. We have completed some initial engagement work and we now want to know what you think about the strategy we're calling the '**Draft Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Centre Plan – Vision 2040**'.

The Council is undertaking a public consultation to get views and comments and **we would like to hear from students, school staff and parents alike.**



Further details about the consultation can be found here <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/> on the Council's consultation portal and here <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/rtw-town-centre-plan> on the Council's website.



## Short Survey and Art Competition

You can also provide your feedback by taking part in a **short survey** and entering our lucky draw to win prizes – including video games and food/drink vouchers.

<https://talkingpointtunbridgewells.uk.engagementhq.com/town-centre>



Or if you're 18 or under you can unleash your creative side and take part in our **Art Competition – 'Design Your Town!'** With exciting prizes including Trinity Theatre tickets or art supplies to be won!!!



More details are available on the Council's Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/twellsbc/> and website <https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/news/2024/february/design-your-town-art-competition-for-under-18s!>

**Please get back to us by midnight on 15 April 2024.**

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**THE UK'S FAVOURITE BARRACUDAS Activity Day Camps**

**SPRING**

**Fun Fact:** Spring is the season when animals like bears and hedgehogs awaken from hibernation!

**Colour your Butterfly**

Fill the pots with plants and flowers!

**SCAN ME!** To see more info about our camps!

**How many bees can you find?**

**Help the Squirrel find a golden Nut!**

**QUIZ TIME!**

- Which insect visits 2,000 flowers each day?
- What's the name for a baby rabbit? (eg. Puppy + Dog)
- What type of bread bee is eaten through spring?
- What two seasons is spring in between?
- Which Disney movie is about a young deer?

**SPRING TIME SCAVENGER HUNT!**

- DAFFODILS
- DUCKLINGS
- POLLEN
- ROBIN
- WORMS
- BUTTERFLIES
- KITE
- BUMBLEBEES
- WINDY TREES
- BUDGING BRANCHES
- LADYBUGS
- BIRD NEST
- RAIN CLOUDS
- BLUEBIRDS
- WATERING CAN
- TULIPS

**SPRING WORD SEARCH**

Help the Squirrel find a golden Nut!

**ANSWERS**

1. BEE  
2. RABBIT  
3. HOT CROSS BUNS  
4. WINTER AND AUTUMN  
5. Bambi

**HE!** I'm BELLY Barracuda! I'm looking forward to blooming spring!

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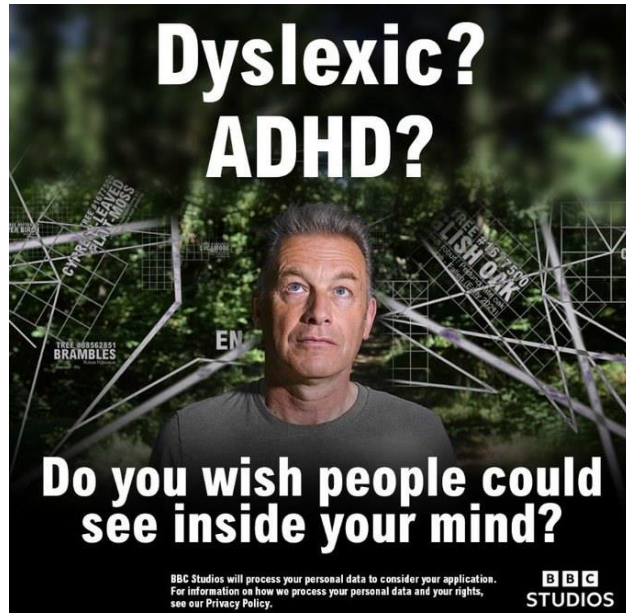
**BARRACUDAS Activity Day Camps**

**SCAN ME & LEARN MORE!**

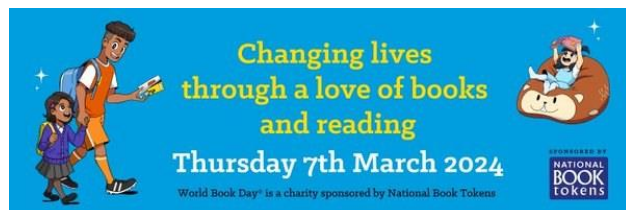
\*Not to be used in conjunction with other offers



Chris Packham's award winning Inside Our Autistic Minds is back for a new series on BBC 2 exploring ADHD & Dyslexia. If you want to make a short film about how ADHD or dyslexia shapes your life to apply <https://bbc.castitreach.com/a/bbciom/iom/welcome...> Privacy Policy: <https://bbc.castitreach.com/a/bbciom/iom/privacy...>



## World Book Day UK



How do you [#ReadYourWay](#)? Ask children what they like to read. Reading for pleasure is so important for a child's future success, and making reading enjoyable is key. Tag us in your pictures with [#ReadYourWay](#) for [#WorldBookDay](#)



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## Sissinghurst Scouts



Wed 3:40 - 4:40.....SQUIRRELS 4y & 5y  
Wed 4:45 - 6:00.....BEAVERS 6y & 7y  
Wed 6:00 - 7:30.....CUBS 8y - 10½y  
Fri 7:00 - 9:00.....SCOUTS 10½y - 14y  
Fri 7:00 - 9:00.....EXPLORERS 14y - 18y  
Anytime available .....ADULTS 18y - 99+

Each week, Little Owl (Jan), Akela (Arun), Tina, Curtis and Izzy help young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing "Skills for Life". Why not join us?

The fun is for adults too! Be active with the youth or become a trustee and help the GROUP develop. We need support behind the scenes. In particular, we need a CHAIR person.

Everyone's welcome. No experience necessary.

There are places available in all the youth sections for girls & boys, and ladies & gents.

Email:

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[www.SissinghurstScouts.org.uk](http://www.SissinghurstScouts.org.uk)



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