Amble Links First School LINKS NEWS



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| Attendance for | Last Week |
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| Our School Targ | get is 97% |
| LAST WEEK WE AC | 'HIEVED 97.2% |
| Class percentages for | last week : |
| Nursery (am) | - 99% |
| Nursery (pm) | - 91% |
| Reception (Turtles) | - 99% |
| Year 1 (Jellyfish) | - 99% |
| Year 2 (Puffins) | - 94% |
| Year 3 (Sharks) | - 96% |
| Year 4 (Penguins) | - 98% |
| Well done Turtles am Seaho | - |



World Book Day — Photo Competition Winners

Well done to everyone who went to the effort of creating a costume for our World Book Day Celebration today. The children should each come home with a voucher that they can use towards a book. We were really impressed with the photographs of 38 different children reading in unusual places that were emailed in to us. Each one will receive a small treat next week and our favourite ones from each year group will receive book tokens.

Our overall favourite was Lee Nyberg reading whilst in the dentist's chair! Other favourites were: Nursery: Eden Handyside, Reception: Faith Elliot, Y1: James Pollard, Y2:Caitlin Waddell, Y4: Evie Bell. We only received one adult entry, so Annie's dad will also receive a book token for his photo of reading in the bucket of a digger! Hopefully we'll have some WBD photos in the paper soon.

EdUKaid Coffee Morning

On Monday we were lucky to welcome Tim Varney to speak to the children about the work of EdUKaid. The children and a small number of parents were interested to hear about the good work of this charity in Tanzanian schools despite some of the challenges faced. A further £50 was raised from the coffee morning held afterwards. Thanks to everyone who attended and donated.

Y4 'Be Safe' Talk

This week our Y4 Penguins welcomed a visitor from 'Be Safe' to speak with them about anti-bullying and stranger danger. Their discussions also

touched upon how to keep safe and behave respectfully online. We are often surprised at how many of our children are already using social media sites despite the minimum age for these being 13 years old.

Mosaic Workshops and Roman Projects

Our Y3 Sharks pupils welcomed a visitor to school this week to help them learn more about mosaics. Each child in the class created their own amazing mosaic which we hope to have on display in the hall soon. Thank you to our PTA who funded this opportunity for the children. We've also been really impressed with the Y3 homework projects about the Romans that have been brought into school. It's clear to see that children and parents have had great fun working together to create these and learn much more about the Romans!



Next Week Thursday—Year 2, Friday—Year 4 Please don't forget to send your contributions!

| 2017 SCHOOL DIARY | | - |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---|
| Friday 17th March | PTA Movie Night Y1-Y4 | |
| Tuesday 28th March Wednesday 29th March | Parents Evenings | |
| Wednesday 29th March | Y4 Visit to Life Museum | |
| Wednesday 29th March | 6pm—Dance Showcase at JCSC | |
| Thursday 30th March | 9am Year 2 Puffins—Class Assembly | |
| Thursday 6th April | 9am—Turtles Class Assembly | |
| Friday 7th April | 9am—PTA Chocolate Raffle after Assembly | |
| Friday 7th April | 2pm—School Closes for End of Term | |
| ***NEW*** Monday 24th April | School Reopens for Summer Term | |

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Willing Garden Helpers Needed

Due to illness, Mrs Gascoigne (one of our governors and regular helpers) is unlikely to be able to help us in the school garden this year. We are looking for any willing volunteers who can help keep it ticking over during this season. Any help would be much appreciated whether it is just a couple of hours tidying/weeding or more regular help to work with the children to plant, water and harvest crops (we would need to complete DBS checks for this). Please get in touch with us through the school office if you are willing and able to help.

In to Win—Attendance and Punctuality

We place great emphasis on good attendance and punctuality at school as it is proven that when children attend well they make better progress in school. We do not authorise holidays

during term time and, in line with our school partnership policy, will continue to apply for penalty notices when children with already low attendance are removed from school for holidays. Children missing school miss large chunks of learning and can find it difficult to catch up with their friends when they return. On a more positive note; the winners of last half

term's 'In To Win' Draw are : Kyle Nyberg, Zak Wilson, Corey Freestone, Lincoln Dellbridge, Ben Belisle and Holly Crook. Children achieving 100% attendance with no more than 2 latenesses are entered into this draw for a trip to Spurreli each half term. Also a big 'well done' to the children in our afternoon Seahorses class for their hugely improved attendance this week!

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