



Pre-Prep News

27th January



Sir Teachalot

Tuesday this week saw Y2 with Sir Teachalot, travelling back into medieval times. Children and staff had a wonderful day, putting on armour, taking part in a jousting tournament and using a trebuchet to destroy a castle. They finished with a story of knights and dragons!

















Swimming awards

Congratulations to the Pre-School children who recently received their duckling swimming awards. Grade 2 - Stephanie, Kieran, Isabelle, Nathaniel, Imogen, Sebastian, Charlie. Grade 3 – Sebastian, Jack , Ellis, Flora, Dally and Camille.

Here are just a few of the proud recipients. Well done to everyone.

















Pots and Pans

The Reception staff and children would appreciate donations of old tin/metal pots, pans , sieves, spoons etc. They can be left in the Reception classroom.

Thank you!

Diary Dates

Friday 28 January - Exeat weekend, no after-school activities, crèche or late club on Friday; school finishes at 3.30.



Friday 11 February - half-term, no after-school activities, crèche or late club.

Thursday 31 March - After-school activities, crèche and late club finish for the Spring Term.

Monday 28 March, 2.00 Swimming Gala Reception, Y1 and Y2.

Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March, Parents Evenings Pre-School - Reception, Y1 and Y2.

Friday 1 April - End of Term.

'Bring and Buy Book Sale' continues for a second week!

Thank you for your contributions of good quality second hand books for children or adults so far. We are going to continue running this for a second week. So please clear out your bookshelves and replace with some bargains for only 50p or £1. Proceeds will be sent to the Red Cross to support the work being done to help the victims of the recent flooding.

Guide Dog Visit

We were very fortunate on Friday last week to have a visit from Jenny Langley and her guide dog Jaynie. Jenny is the sister of Megan one of our Gap students. Jenny is partially sighted and has been a guide dog owner for just over a year.

She showed us the amazing work that Jaynie does to help with her daily routine and how she helps her to travel to the school where she teaches visually impaired children.



Her visit reminded Pre-Prep staff of the visit of another guide dog Paxton when we were at Abbey School in Glastonbury. A search through the archives found the photograph below which we would like to share with you.



● CHILDREN'S author Dick King-Smith made a welcome return to Abbey School, Street, with his friend Mike Michelson and guide dog Paxton. Mr Michelson is a liaison speaker for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and explained to the children how the money collected was spent. The children received a photograph of a puppy, which has been named Absey, bought with the £355 they raised. Our picture shows pupils meeting guide dog Paxton and his owner Mike Michelson (left) together with Mr King-Smith.



Dance with Robyn

Dancing like animals - stomping like an elephant, slithering like a snake, stretching tall like a giraffe! The children made animal masks and used them during the dance session.



Mini swimming sessions

After half-term we hope to be able to offer swimming sessions for our Millfield Minis here at the Prep School; please register your interest with Mrs Berrow in the Pre-Prep office.