



Pre-Prep News

29 September



Book Week 3 - 7 October 2011

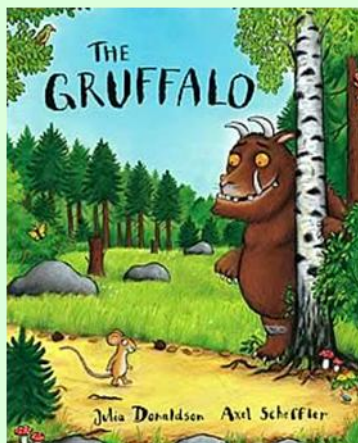
'A Julia Donaldson Week'

Julia Donaldson is the current Children's Laureate. The role of Children's Laureate is awarded once every 2 years to an eminent writer or illustrate of children's books.

Activities in the Pre-Prep during Book Week will focus on a selection of Julia Donaldson books – the displays in the corridors are taken from some of her stories. During assembly the children will listen to a selection of her stories and songs. We have an exciting piece of art worked planned too!

On **Wednesday 5 October** we have a 'dressing up as a book character day' when children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a favourite story book. In previous years we have had visits from Harry Potter, Pooh Bear, a variety of Mr Men, Sleeping Beauty and Thomas the Tank Engine. If coming in costume, the children are asked to bring the story book connected with their character – if they prefer not to dress up then their favourite story book is fine. (For safety reasons the children will need to wear school shoes.)

We are also running a Book Fair with a selection of books suitable for children up to 8+ including fiction and non-fiction.



European Day of Languages

The morning began with a 'trip' to France arranged by Mrs Gabb with visits to the Eiffel Tower and a patisserie. The children sang a selection of songs in French and had croissants and French bread for morning snack.



Christmas Fun and Games

Thanks to all those who came along to the first meeting – there were lots of new and exciting ideas! The next meeting is planned for Monday 17 October at 8.30 in the Pre-Prep Dining Hall. In the meantime we would be grateful for donations of sparkly beads and buttons, ribbon and plastic plant pots of varying sizes. Please leave them with Mrs Berrow in the Pre-Prep office.



Parents Evening

Pre-School Open Evening: **Thursday 6 October**
Pre-School parents have received details separately.

Individual Photographs

A photographer from Academy Portraits will be in school from 9.00am on Thursday 6 October. Details will be sent home with a reply slip.



Pre-School Trip

On Wednesday morning the Pre-School children visited Burns the Bread in Glastonbury. They had a wonderful time watching the bakers at work making bread, pasties and cakes, wearing special hairnets and even choosing their own cake to take home! A huge thanks to everyone at Burns the Bread for making it such an enjoyable visit.



Harvest Festival Friday 30 September Pre-Prep Hall • 9.15am

Parents and friends are invited to join the Pre-Prep children and staff at the Harvest Festival in the Pre-Prep Hall on Friday 30 September at 9.15am. As in previous years, we are encouraging the children to decorate a small box e.g. a shoe box and fill it with harvest offerings. The box can be decorated in any form and should be covered securely with cling film. The children will be given some ideas for decorating the boxes during assembly on Friday 23

September. The Harvest boxes will be collected by the Street Branch of the Salvation Army. Consequently, only dry and tinned goods will be suitable for the boxes – rice, pasta, sugar, cereals, tinned soup etc. A representative from the Salvation Army will attend our Harvest Festival to receive the boxes. The Harvest boxes may be brought to the classrooms from Monday 26 September onwards. The Harvest Festival will be approximately 30 minutes in duration.

Coffee will be served in the Pre-Prep dining hall before the service

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME IS 9.15am not 9.30am



Forest School Fun!



Parents' Evenings: 12 and 13 October

Parents' Evenings for Reception, Y1 and Y2 will take place on **Wednesday 12 October from 6.00 – 8.00 pm** and on **Thursday 13 October from 6.00 – 8.00 pm**. We have changed the time in the hope that we can accommodate everyone over the two evenings. Some members of the Prep staff will be available so you will have the opportunity to meet and chat informally with them over a cup of coffee in the Pre-Prep Hall. To enable you to have an uninterrupted conversation please make arrangements for your children to be looked after as there are no crèche facilities on either evening.

The appointment length is 15 minutes and sign-up sheets will be available in each classroom from Monday 3 October. Appointment sheets for Mrs Hawkins will be available in her room.