



# Phoenix Arch School

## March 2024



### London Zoo...

During Science week all the KS2 classes visited the London Zoo. The children were fascinated and engaged in learning more about the amazing elephants, seeing the high-flying birds of the world or catching a fishy feeding time with the cheeky penguins. It was a valuable experience and reinforced their learning about various animals.



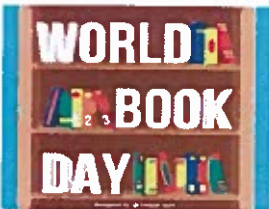
### Lexi Theatre...

All of our KS2 pupils visited Lexi cinema for the private viewing of the film Wonka. Whilst all the educational visits foster social interactions, the movie enforces the message of following your dreams and aligns with our PSHE topic of Dreams and Goals. It was a sheer delight to watch as the children danced following the choreography of the songs, smiled as they were amused, elated, and inspired cheers when the 'bad guys' were defeated.



### Swaminarayan Temple...

As part of the geography topic, Cedar and Rowan class visited the Swaminarayan Temple in Neasden. The children were mesmerised by the beautiful architecture. The children also learnt about Hinduism and had a first-hand experience of the Hindu faith in practice as they watched the prayer ceremony.



### World Book Day...

On World Book Day children (and staff) had an opportunity to dress up as a character from their favourite book. It provided a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.



### Wembley Stadium...

Rowan and Ash class visited the iconic Wembley Stadium, the trip had several cross-curricular links. During the stadium tour, they had an opportunity to study the sources such as objects, documents, pictures, buildings etc about the local history of the stadium. The children thoroughly enjoyed the maths workshop where they had to create a fantasy football team with a budget. The children linked the visit to their geography topic of Tourism and were able to explain the advantages and disadvantages of sports and music tourism.



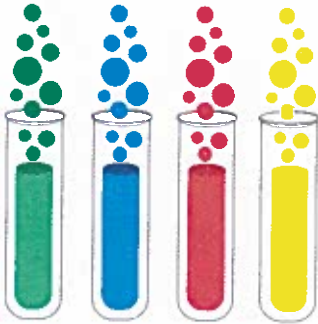
### World Maths Day...

Maths is more than a subject it transcends into everything we do and underpins everything from science and technology to art and architecture. We celebrated World Maths Day by engaging children in fun and exciting maths activities. The children had to estimate the number of sweets in a jar and put their mathematical skills to test by playing maths puzzles and games.



### London Landscapes...

As part of our DT topic of City Landscapes, Rowan and Ash class went on the river cruise to observe the amazing skyline of London. The children then planned, designed and created a model of a city during the 'We are Architects' workshops.



### Science Week...

For our Science week this year, we had a visit from Professor Bubbleworks, who sparked the curiosity of our children in bubbleworks. The children were empowered to explore with different size bubbles and they discovered the best way to hold bubbles without them popping. They also explored the smoke effect of combining certain gases and they were absolutely fascinated by it.



### Sports Events...

This term, some of our KS2 classes took part in inclusive events against other school located all over Brent. In the early parts of the term a combined mix of children from both Cedar and Willow class took part in a New Age Kurling event and competed against 7 schools. Our children competed well for their first time in this event and they finished 5th place overall. Weeks later Ash class travelled locally to Oakington Manor and participated in an all inclusive Panathlon event. This event consisted over seven different games and the aim was to generate as many team points as possible. Ash class represented the school positively and finished in 4th place out of 8 schools.

### Target Setting...

We are finally back to face to face Target Setting appointments. Your child would have brought home a target setting appointment letter with them on the last day of term. The Target Setting day is Tuesday 16th April. It is important that you attend this meeting with your child at the specified time. If for any reason you are unable to make the appointment could we kindly ask that you call the school office so that they can let the class team know.



### Attendance & Punctuality...

As you may be aware the Government have an initiative to improve the attendance of pupils across all schools. As a school we monitor attendance and we appreciate it if all children attend during term time as even a small absence brings our data down. We have never been driven by data but it has an affect on your child's wellbeing and learning. During absences friendships decline and learning is lost. We understand that illness does occur and DFE guidance says that if they have a cold they can attend. If your child has vomited, or has diarrhoea then we follow the Public Health Agency guidelines and your child should not attend for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. It is also extremely important that your child arrives to school for 9am. Arriving late means that they miss their one to one teaching time and also impacts the whole class and child who has to join in their learning late. Thank you for your co-operation, we are working closely with the transport providers to ensure that the school buses are prompt.



### Farewell...and a jolly HI!

We would like to say a very fond farewell to Cherry Class teacher Hannah White. She has been with us for five years and is moving onto pastures new. We wish her the very best with her new ventures.

We would also like to say a big Hi and welcome to our new School Business Manager Patricia, who joined us in January.

**The Staff and Governors wish you all a restful break.**