



Science Challenge

You may remember that at the end of January, the children took part in the Squashed Tomato science challenge. This week saw the children begin another. The whole school took part in a Beat the Flood Challenge, where children had to design a house that was durable, resistant



to extreme weather conditions and stayed afloat, thinking about how flooding is a serious problem in many parts of the world. They simulated rain by using watering cans to test whether or not their houses were waterproof. The children from Reception to Year 6 created fantastic designs and we had a look at the winning homes in assembly today, where children were presented with a prize and certificate!

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching. This year it will be held on Thursday 2nd March. World Book Day Ltd is a small, registered charity which uses this day to promote reading and the enjoyment of books. The main aim is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them with an opportunity to have a book of their own through the National Book Tokens Programme.

Ferry Lane will be celebrating WBD by giving all children the chance to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book. Throughout the day the classes will be doing lots of activities involving books and which will of course include doing a lot of reading!

Term Dates + INSET Day

This is the last day of school for the first half of the spring term. Next week the school will be closed for the half term holiday. The holiday runs from 13th - 17th February. Please be aware that Monday 20th February is an INSET day and the school will therefore be closed. The children will have their first day back on Tuesday 21st February at the usual time.

We then have 6 weeks of school, beginning on the 21st February, for the second half of the Spring term. The last day of the spring term will be Friday 31st March. The Easter holiday will run from Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April. Monday 17th April is a bank holiday, so the children's first day back will be Tuesday 18th April.

Monday 13th—Friday

17th February:

Half Term Holiday

School Closed

Monday 20th:

INSET Day

School Closed

Tuesday 21st:

School opens

Stay and Play

Wednesday 22nd:

Homework club

Thursday 23rd:

Stay and Play

Reading club

Year 4 swimming lessons

Friday 24th:

Parent Coffee Morning -
9.00-12.00 Community Hall

Hockey club

Monday 27th:

Football club

Tuesday 28th:

Stay and Play

R + Y1 Sports club

Wednesday 1st March:

Homework club

Thursday 2nd:

Stay and Play

Reading club

Year 4 swimming lessons



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Charity Skydive

Vicky Ladizhinskaya, our school governor, is taking part in a charity Skydive to raise money for Doctors without Borders on the 25th February. Vicky is covering the cost of the dive herself so all the money she raises will go to the charity for their work in war zones and refugee camps. You can support Vicky at www.justgiving.com/vicky-ladizhinskaya/4w350m3/Donate. She promises pictures from the day!

Y4 Swimming Lessons

Year 5 have now come to the end of their swimming lessons at the school. As part of our annual programme, Year 4 will now have a chance to learn! Starting in the first week back on Thursday 23rd February, Year 4 will be spending the afternoon each Thursday at the Tottenham Green Leisure Centre. A letter went out this week with further details about the lessons, but if you would like more information, please do contact the school office.

Walthamstow Wetlands

We are excited to be working with Walthamstow Wetlands, which is on the doorstep of our school. During the holiday we would love for you to explore our local area. Perhaps you could take a stroll along the River Lea or to the marshes? We encourage you to look for species of birds, animals and plants. You can draw and write about your experience and bring it in after half term! Or if you like photography, perhaps send in your favourite photograph to: Ferrylanestudent@gmail.com

School Meal Payments

We are soon to be changing the way we take school meal, and other, payments. Our goal is to bring in a cashless school environment, which will allow parents to pay online, and possibly via other methods, thereby saving you the need to bring money into the school, and to reduce the administrative duties of the office team. We hope to bring you more information about this exciting change soon. In the meantime, as processes in the office are changing, it may not be possible to provide change for payments. Therefore we ask that you bring in the correct change when paying for your child's meals, uniform, trip or other activity.

Dogs Trust

This week, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 were visited by the Dogs Trust, a charity that carries out invaluable work in rehoming abandoned dogs. The children were lucky enough to meet one of the dogs-Tigger-and hear about his story. The class wrote non-chronological reports based on what they learned during the session.

Institute of Imagination

In another exciting event this week, the children in Years 4 and 6 attended the Imagination Lab on Thursday. While there they explored the world of coding, chain reactions and DNA. We were very privileged to be the first school to visit the venue ahead of its official launch!



Office Opening Hours

Please be aware that the school office will now have set times for parents to come in to make payments or for other queries. It will be open in the mornings from 8.45 - 10.15am and in the afternoons from 3.00 - 4.30pm. We ask you to use these times for normal queries, although you can of course still come in if you have to collect your child for an appointment/home dinners/etc. You can also still reach the office at any time via a telephone call as normal.. We will begin using these hours after half term.