

2nd March 2018

Badger Room: This week in Badger Class, we read *Cave Baby* by Julia Donaldson and talked about what it would be like to go on a real adventure with a woolly mammoth. We discussed how we would look after an imaginary Stone Age pet, such as a sabre-tooth tiger, hyena or cave-dwelling bear and children made posters to teach people what these pets would need to survive. In maths, we explored weight using balance scales to compare the weights of everyday objects, predicting which will be lighter or heavier before measuring. Despite the weather, the children turned up in some fantastic outfits for World Book Day on Thursday - thank you for all your support with this. We spent the day immersed in many other Julia



Donaldson books and used our new-found measuring skills to weigh ingredients to make our Gruffalo Crumble!

Hedgehog Room: Hedgehogs have enjoyed making cards, envelopes, stamps and parcels to post to each other this week in our class post box, focusing on our book of the week 'Delivery Man Stan'. Despite the weather we were able to get outside and paint the ice and snow on the ground and had fun jumping in icy puddles! Lots of indoor parachute games this week too.

It was brilliant to see the children dressed up in such great costumes for World Book Day on Thursday. We had a Dr Seuss themed day, recreating red and white patterns on our light box, and decorating our own tall hats for some paper plate cats! The bravest children tried making some 'green eggs and ham' sandwiches but we pretty unanimously decided "we do not like green eggs and ham, we do not like them, Sam-I-am"!



Next week our theme will be 'Our favourite transport' and we have lots of fun activities planned. Vehicular Show and Tell items and books from home would be very welcome.

World Book Day: It was fantastic to see so many different characters for World Book Day. The children really enjoyed dressing up and it was so good to see the children thinking about their chosen characters. It was a shame that the bad weather cut the day short. Mrs Williams is going to write a news article for the website and we will include lot of photos from the day on that for you.

Parent questionnaire: Thank you so much to all who have already responded to our satisfaction survey. It really is essential to get feedback from parents and carers and to ensure that any concerns are dealt with quickly. If you haven't already, please do complete the questionnaire by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Key Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 29th March – last day of term

Friday 30th March-Friday 13th April – *EASTER BREAK*

Monday 16th April, return to school

Friday 29th June – INSET day, no children in school

Have a fantastic weekend



Julie Hiddleston and the school team



CLUBS

at Longford Park
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR SWAY DANCE</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts Starts on Thursday 8th March</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR KICK BOXING</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR RUGBY TOTS</p>

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