

VELINE DAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Celebrating over 50 Years
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In Childcare

10th February 2017

WILD SCIENCE – NOCTURNAL ANIMALS VISIT EDS!

The children in Years One and Two had a fantastic morning when Lucy from Wild Science introduced them to some real nocturnal animals! They were quite shocked at first when she brought out a cockroach, as they were expecting owls and bats! However, they soon became fascinated by the information given and asked lots of interesting questions about the next animal, which was a scorpion! Nearly all of the children were keen to touch and hold the other animals, which included a millipede, a Corn Snake and a White-Eyed Tree Frog. They were overjoyed at seeing and stroking the last animal, a gorgeous Lionhead Rabbit called Logan!



Rob Lloyd Jones' Visit

On Tuesday 7th February, an author called Rob Lloyd Jones came to visit our school. He told us lots of interesting facts and his life story. He used his family to get some inspiration for writing his books, especially 'Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake'.

We learnt about his life by a treasure map that he showed us. He wrote down some clues on pieces of paper and handed them out to help tell his story. He also had a piece of string and unrolled it. He had knots in the string to show the different categories of history.

Rob said he got inspiration to write books from his two favourite TV shows called Robin Hood and Huckleberry Finn because he liked stories about treasures. He went to Egypt and found out about the ancient Egyptians. He said that they didn't have time to build Tutankhamen's tomb so they cut it off and used part of his mother's tomb for his treasures.

At the end, Rob Lloyd Jones signed a copy of his book for some of the children. We all loved it and thought it was a great visit. We hope to see him at our school again.

By Maddison Farr and Melanie Ferretti (Year 4)

Important Dates February

Half Term -

13th-17th February

Monday 20th- Cross Country at Warlingham Park School

Tuesday 21st- British Museum Year 3 & 4

Friday 24th - Upper Reception trip to The Polka Theatre

Tuesday 28th is Shrove Tuesday.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day


To find 'Term Dates' on our website the Password is: **2016eds**

9th March - Pub quiz to raise money to support Miss Norman's London Marathon run for 'Children with Cancer'

28th March 'A Brighter Sound Concert' at The Royal Festival Hall involving Years 3,4,5 & 6.

**28th April
KS2 Play 'Let Loose'**

Food Bank

We would like to continue to collect  non-perishable goods for The Trussell Trust food bank in Clapham. When we last donated at the end of October, the food bank's supplies were very low and we feel that it is so important to be able to help those in need, especially over the winter. We thank you in advance for your charity.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT 'GOALS SOCCER CENTRE'

On Friday 3rd February, six boys from Year Two (Alexander, Stanley, Freddie, George, Maximilien and Mikhil) and four boys from Year One (Daniel, Arthur, Nathaniel and Rahul) travelled by coach to their first football tournament for our school. We made the journey to Goals Soccer Centre in Wimbledon for the Prospect House School independent schools football tournament. Teams across South-West London as far afield as Chiswick and Cobham travelled to play in the tournament. The team competed well across seven matches against high quality opposition and learned a great deal about how to use space on a larger pitch. Sadly, our efforts were not enough to place in the top three but they had a wonderful time and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout. We were very proud of their efforts!



February Birthdays



Bethany Scott - 03/02/12 - LR
 Beatrice Murphy - 04/02/12 - UR
 Shawn Daniels - 04/02/12 - UR
 Georgia Bramall - 05/02/13 - LR
 Claudia Bentall - 06/02/13 - LR
 Hazel Merry 09/02/07 - Yr 5
 Daniel Moriarty - 19/02/11 - Yr1
 Grace - 10/02
 Miss Blanche - 19/02
 Miss Yodit - 20/02
 Lucas Jikiemi - 21/02/12 - UR



Strings Captains

 Violas Year 4 - Maddison Farr Year 5 - Hazel Merry	 Cellos Seniors - Amelia Molloy Year 3 - Ines Combarros	 Mini Bass Year 4 - Genevieve Kearney	 Violins Year 3 - Isabella Thornton Year 5 - Benjamin Pawson Year 5 - Olivia Mann
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Congratulations for this weeks stars!



Lower Reception - Zara Schmitt-For her excellent counting skills
 Martha Hitchcock-Excellent manners and willingness to help others
 Claudia Bentall-For her progress in her writing and literacy skills

Upper Reception - Reagan Trombly -For her improvement in her reading and writing.
 Vivaan Singhal - Good retelling of Billy's Bucket using speech bubbles.

Year 1 - Rahul Mackinlay- Fantastic effort when subtracting to 100 and being able to put words in alphabetical order confidently. Well done!

Year 2 - Maximilien Pawson-has done extremely well in his maths especially collecting and interpreting data
 Alexander Ferretti-Amazing Geography work, researching London and making a model of the shard

Year 3 - Julien Denham-Jones-For reading Gregory Cool and retelling the story in detail

Year 4 - Mya Wilson - For her kind and caring nature and for working hard at her efforts

Year 5 - Louise Wright - For her giving up sugar for February and motivating other people to do it too

Seniors - Jack Mann - A good attitude in numeracy and investing shapes.

★ Sports Stars ★

KS1 - Ella Mootosamy - For good listening and focus during the lesson, showed marked improvement in PE skills this week.

KS2 - Paul Kronacker - Showed good understanding and awareness during hockey this week.

Friendship Day

Today we had our Friendship Day and had such a fun time being in our house teams and enjoying a variety of different activities. The day started with all of the children from Upper Reception up to Year Six getting into their house teams in the garden and filtering off to different classrooms. Mr Roe and Mr Findlater had organised some fun team building exercises in the Expressive Arts room. The art activity this year was to reproduce the illustrations of American Pop Artist, James Rizzi and we have been very impressed with the level of artwork the children have produced. There was a hive of activity in the dining room where 'love bug biscuits' were being made in their dozens. Finally, in the Year One classroom, there was a calm and creative atmosphere as the children (and teachers!) enjoyed sewing a love heart to take home. Throughout the day it was so lovely to see all of the children with an age range of 8 years interacting and looking after each other. Everybody always looks forward to our special day and it is a lovely introduction to the half term break.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please sign the sheet on the notice board if you would like to see your child's class teacher on:

Tuesday 28th February Year One – Miss Norman

Wednesday 1st March Year Three – Miss Simpson

Thursday 2nd March Upper Reception – Miss Rachel

Friday 3rd March Year Five – Mrs Holloway

Monday 6th March Year Six – Mr Findlater

Tuesday 7th March Year Two – Mrs Brightley/Mrs Young

Wednesday 8th March Year Four – Miss DeGale

Thursday 9th March Upper Reception – Miss Rachel

If your child is on Lower Reception, please could you sign up with your child's Key Worker.
The groups are listed in the classroom alongside the signing up sheets.

Monday 6th March - Miss Marzena and Miss Yodit

Tuesday 7th March - Miss Anna

Wednesday 8th March - Miss Sarrasine

Thursday 9th March - Miss Melanie

20th February
Year 4, 5 & 6
Cross Country
Warlingham Park School
2pm

FIXTURES

6th March
Year 4, 5 & 6
Unihoc
Venue TBC
2pm