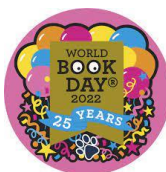


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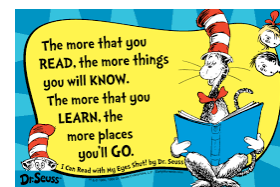
This month's newsletter starts with a focus on READING as we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March

Reading Stars

This year we have had many children achieve different awards on the Read to Succeed or Red Ted awards for their reading at home which is fantastic, and we will soon be holding our first Golden party.

Accelerated Reader continues to engage our readers from Year 2 upwards in a wide range of books. Below you will see some fantastic news relating to Accelerated Reader.

Readers with the most points	Year 2 – Bjorn, Loganberry class Year 3 – Martha, Vulcan class Year 4 – Luka, Galaxy class Year 5 – Pippa, Osprey class Year 6 – William, Spitfire class
Class with the most words read	Typhoon class
Class with the most quizzes passed	Lightning class



Every time a child gets 100% in a quiz their name goes into a raffle and a winner is drawn each week. The winner chooses a book to keep.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March. We are inviting children to dress up as a book character. This is always a fun experience and we love seeing the imaginative costumes and guessing each character. We would love everyone to take part but please do be creative and don't feel you need to purchase anything new – many books have children as characters that you could come as. Each child will be receiving a **£1 book voucher** after half term, which can be exchanged for a free World Book Day book or can be put towards the purchase of another book.



As well as dressing up on the day we have a **competition** that is running as part of Word Book Day. We would like children to design or make a room for a book character. This could be a drawing of the room or you may choose to create a room in a shoe box. You may choose any character you wish and create a room with everything they would need. For example a room for The Hungry Caterpillar could be filled with the food he eats and a nice leaf or a room for the Gruffalo could contain a mouse, gruffalo crumble and a log pile house. Everyone that enters the competition will have their name entered into a raffle to win a free book. **Please ensure that all entries come into school by Thursday 3rd March** and we will do the book raffle on Friday 4th March. All entries will be displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing your entries!

Road Safety Competition

On Wednesday our fantastic Junior Road Safety Officers Elliott, Jaina, Rhys and Sienna, led the assembly. They explained how to keep safe when coming to school and set a competition to create a Road Safety Superhero. Children can collect an entry form from their teacher and entries must be received by Friday 4th March. The Junior Road Safety Officers will be choosing the winners and prizes will be awarded to the winners.



Swimming Gala

On Tuesday, eight children from UKS2 took part in the swimming gala. We were extremely proud of them as they showed great resilience and really put in their best effort. The overall result was an amazing third place. We also came first in the girls' relay race.

Goodbyes

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Hobbs who is leaving us after two years. We also said goodbye, temporarily, to Mrs Cole as she starts her maternity leave. We wish both of them well.

This has been another busy and hardworking half term. The children have impressed us all with their determination and dedication and we are grateful for all the support you, our parents and carers, give us. A huge thank you today for your response to our sudden closure. We will only close the school as a last resort, taking advice from our estates team and weather forecasts. We did manage to communicate with nearly everyone through our various channels. Please do check Class Dojo, Facebook, the website and emails when there is extreme weather forecast as this is how we will communicate closures. You can also check the Suffolk website for school closures.

I wish you all a lovely half term break and we will see you on Monday 28th February.

Mrs. Naomi Brown
Principal

Dates For Your Diary

Please find general dates for the coming year/s below and details of events that have already been finalised. **We will send out additional diary dates for other events during the year once they have been confirmed.**

Also please check our web site www.greatheathacademy.trust.org.uk for further information about us. You will also find useful links to such sites as our uniform supplier and of course our Twitter Feed as well as have access to our calendar.

Dates for Academic Year 2021/22

Friday 11th February ~ **INSET day** (4 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Friday 18th February ~ Last day for pupils before the Half Term holiday

Monday 28th February ~ School reopens for pupils after the Half Term holiday

Friday 8th April ~ Last day for pupils before the Easter holiday

Monday 25th April ~ School reopens for pupils after the Easter holiday

Monday 2nd May ~ May Day – **School closed**

Friday 27th May ~ Last day for pupils before the half term holiday

Monday 6th June ~ School reopens for pupils after the half term holiday

Friday 1st July ~ **INSET day** (5 of 5) for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Wednesday 20th July ~ Last day for pupils before the summer holiday