

## Achieving success with determination and joy

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Newsletter

Dear Families,

I trust this message finds you well. In addition to our assemblies on Monday focusing on International Womens Day, we have a great display exploring the contribution of female scientists. Additionally, I have enjoyed talking with many children about their learning. They are so rightly proud of their achievements and keen to share their learning.

I'm delighted to share that our Outdoor Learning Coordinator has been orchestrating engaging activities, fostering curiosity and exploration of our amazing world. The majority of year groups will have the opportunity to have a session outside between now and the end of the year, to enrich their curriculum. If you have skills or time that you could volunteer to support this endeavour, Mrs Alexander (MaddyAlexander@brunswick.brighton-hove.sch.uk) would be delighted to hear from you.



The children in Year 3 and 4 are preparing for their performances, celebrating their learning, in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming you to these events.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs S Thompson, Headteacher

### Coming up next week:

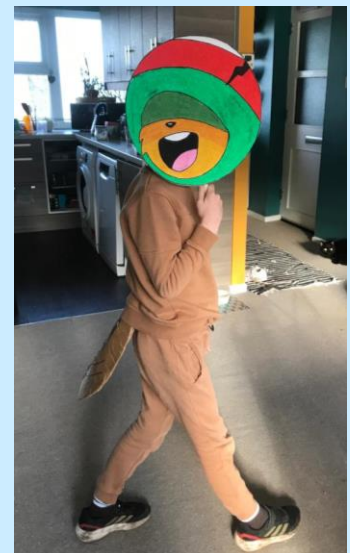
<b>Monday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 2	Zoolab Workshops
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3	Salamander Gecko Assembly 9:30am
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3  Reception	Iguana Chameleon Assembly 9:30am  Visit to St Ann's Well Hamster Class
<b>Thursday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Reception	Visit to St Ann's Well Duck Class
<b>Friday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Reception  Year 3	Visit to St Ann's Well Rabbit Class  PTFA Year 3 Disco – see Classlist for more details and tickets

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## World Book Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered to read to children for World Book Day! We loved seeing your imaginative costumes and the children in KS1 enjoyed the author visit from Robert Tregoning.





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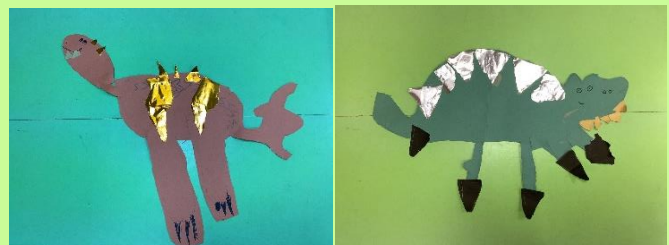
### NHS Competition

The 'Step into the NHS' competition is an exciting opportunity for Key Stage 2 pupils. It is designed not only to raise career aspirations but also to challenge stereotypes and contextualise learning for the future. It is a fantastic chance for our pupils to explore the diverse range of careers within the NHS and consider their own aspirations.

To enter, children will need to create a poster, painting, poem, song or story on a piece of paper or card no bigger than A3, showcasing the diverse range of jobs within the NHS. Entries must be given as a hardcopy or by email to Ms Mould before the end of term.

### Roarrrrrsome Reception!

We have been enjoying our learning quest 'What does a beast look like?' We have enjoyed reading Dear Zoo, Dinosaurs Galore and we are now enjoying The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. During Reading week, the children thoroughly enjoyed our author visit and sharing stories with our Year 3 buddy class. It was lovely to see everybody in their costumes and feeling excited about reading! As a class we wrote our own dinosaur poems and also worked collaboratively with our friends to create amazing dinosaur collages. We think they are ROARRRRRSOME!



[Help with the chickens this Easter holiday-click here](#)



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Three of our Year 1 and 2 pupils attended an enrichment morning at Brighton College and we received this wonderful feedback:

*Three of your pupils attended and were wonderful ambassadors for your school, participating with energy, enthusiasm and great knowledge. I hope they enjoyed the morning and the opportunity to meet new people and continue their learning journeys in coding, art and sport.*

Well done!



Families of Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2025 to the Christ's Hospital Open Morning on Saturday 27 April 2024.

Christ's Hospital was established 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential.

Our means-tested bursaries are granted to 635 of our 900 pupils; 11% of those receive a free place with 35% paying less than 10% of the full boarding fee.

To book now sign up here > [Book an open morning - Christ's Hospital \(christs-hospital.org.uk\)](https://christs-hospital.org.uk)

## Year 3 visit the Booth Museum



Year 3 have been lucky to visit the booth museum this term, continuing our scientific learning about skeletons. We walked to the museum and took part in two sessions, one led by Museum staff and one led by our adults. The Booth museum was closed to other visitors during our visit so we had the whole place to ourselves! We also had time to complete some observational drawings. A big thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers who accompanied us on our exciting trip.





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### Outdoor Learning

Despite the wet weather, several year groups have enjoyed outdoor learning this week. Year 1 have been very busy outdoors constructing bug hotels for mini-beasts and getting our raised beds ready for some Spring planting.

A group of Year 5 children made their own wild garlic bread with Mrs Alexander. They built a campfire and cooked the bread outdoors.



We look forward to more outdoor learning opportunities for children as the year progresses.

### Rucksacks

We want to teach the children to look after their belongings and keep the corridors clear of trip hazards. However, this is proving very challenging given the high number of very large rucksacks that make it impossible for all coats and bags to be hung up. We recognise that some children go to after school activities or to the homes of different family members so need to bring more to school.



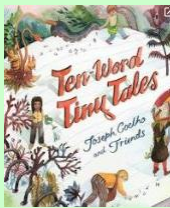
If this *does not apply* to your child, please ensure they only bring a small rucksack or their book bag to school.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe in the corridors.

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### Book Week

We have had an exciting Book Week filled with lots of fun, engaging activities. Our whole school text Ten- word Tiny Tales by Joseph Coelho provided great inspiration for discussions, writing and art work. Children enjoyed new books from the book swap, reading with friends from other classes and listening to many stories.



Once again, we were amazed by all the fantastic costumes on Thursday. A huge thank you for all your hard work with this.

Brighton and Hove Library service visited school on Monday and every class had a fun, interactive introduction to the library. You can register for a free library card online or by visiting the library.

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-arts/libraries/register-library-card-online>

What you can borrow from Brighton & Hove Libraries

For free:

- Books
- Graphic novels
- Music scores
- Books in other languages
- E-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines
- Toys (from Whitehawk Library)

For a small charge:

- DVDs
- Audiobooks
- Language courses

We are very fortunate that the Book Nook provides our school with a great variety of author and illustrator visits.

### Author Visit

On Thursday year 1 and EYFS were visited by author and illustrator Robert Tregoning. He introduced his new book during an assembly and many children met him during the book signing. Both Robert and the Book Nook were incredibly impressed by the children's exemplary behaviour, thoughtful questioning and amazing singing. Signed copies of Robert's latest book are available to purchase from the Book Nook

[info@booknookuk.com](mailto:info@booknookuk.com)

Thank you for all your hard work with costumes and sharing stories with your child's class.



### Turn on the Subtitles!

Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading?

Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple.

Please

visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

If you found this helpful, please share it with as many other parents as possible.



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Den Building

# Donations Needed



We require - Tarpaulin - Tents - Sheets - bunting - Cushions - Chairs - Tables - matts

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### Class Awards – Congratulations to our worthy winners!

	<b>Reception</b> Rabbit – Cleo and Eesa Duck – George and Kaitlin Hamster – Ethan	
<b>Year 1</b> Seahorse – Alan and Dina Lobster – Liyah and Josh Starfish – Percy and the whole class! Octopus – Ivy and Aubrey	<b>Year 2</b> Grasshopper – Verity and Esme Ladybird – Mariiaa & Dakshin Dragonfly – no one & Rafael Bumblebee – Helena and Zeb	<b>Year 3</b> Salamander – Jacques and Martha Gecko – Harriet and Sahara Chameleon – Mia and Gabriel Iguana – Orla and Elliot
<b>Year 4</b> Puma – Olivia and Leon Tiger – Matthew and Colette Lion – Gracie and Emmelina Jaguar – Aria, whole class	<b>Year 5</b> Griffin – Aihem & Tayler Pegasus – Phoenix – Gabriel and Kimya Dragon – Dexter and Valentyn	<b>Year 6</b> Osprey – Eula and Athena Kite - Angelica, Amelie Owl - Shianne, Amelia

### Diary Dates

*Please check the school website on a regular basis for upcoming events and class information.*

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 2	Zoolab Workshop
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Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Reception	Visit to St Ann's Well Rabbit Class
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4	Lion Class Performance 9.30am Jaguar Class Performance 2.20pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4	Puma Class Performance 9.30am
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4	Tiger Class Performance 9.30am
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Bank Holiday – School Closed
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Whole School	Easter Holiday – School Closed
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Whole School	Welcome back to school!
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATs – Please don't book medical, dental or other appointments this week.

**INSET Days 2023 – 24:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July**