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Newsletter No. 16

Dear Parents/ Carers,

How is it possible to fit so many opportunities and activities in to 2 weeks? Somehow, it has happened and what a fortnight of celebrations we have all enjoyed!

Year 4 children have been immersed in their History Topic by re- enacting Anglo Saxon practice of story telling and music making around the comfort of an open fire. Children and adults alike shared stories, poems and music to the entertainment of others. Dr Sean Lang visited too, inspiring the children further through role play and re-enactment of key Anglo Saxon events.

We were delighted to welcome back students from SVC who are involved in a collaborative art programme with our year 1 children. They produced fabulous buntings and a banner using print making techniques, which will be displayed in the Sawston Library before too long. We will look forward to taking our children for visits again, as soon as we can.

A huge thanks must go to our ever supportive Governors, who kindly and generously donated funds for book tokens to our latest winners in the writing competition, as well as taking time to read the fabulous entries too. Well done to all the children too for working so hard and making it a very difficult job to choose between such high quality entries!

As part of their rainforest topic, the year 3 children had a wonderful trip to Colchester Zoo this week. As part of their research work beforehand, the children became experts for the day on different animals, sharing information with others whilst visiting the different animals.

Year 6 children were very lucky to enjoy some super weather for their week of Bikeability. Thank you for supporting them in making sure that they had the correct equipment so that they could engage fully with this vital part of their education. The team from Bikeability were very complimentary about the determination, politeness and attitude of our pupils!

As the outdoor area of EYFS continues to be developed by our team, Reception children are increasingly enjoying more time engaging in learning using this area, which is ever more important as the weather starts to improve too.

We hope that you enjoyed sharing your children's successes with them, following their recent school reports and that you also had a good opportunity to unpick any queries at the follow up parent consultations. We were delighted with the number of parents who were able to attend these meetings and we suspect that the use of zoom in this particular case, maybe something that outlives the pandemic!

And finally, the Mother's Day breakfast felt like a perfect way to round off the term. It was a real joy to welcome parents back in to school again, and of course we hope that this is just the beginning of many more events. Thank you for your kind emails showing your enjoyment and appreciation of this important and thoroughly enjoyable event.

Despite a constant rising number of covid cases, particularly in staff this term, the children have managed to continue to achieve highly and have access to a fully engaging and inspiring curriculum, thanks to our amazing team! Soaring to success together.

Please can we remind you that whilst we plan to continue with children wearing PE kits for the whole day, it is important that they stick to the school PE uniform of white/ blue tee shirts plus navy/ black shorts or plain joggers and **do not wear** branded clothes or football strips. Likewise, children should not wear earrings on these days. Tape can be worn on recently pierced ears as a temporary solution only. Thank you for your support.

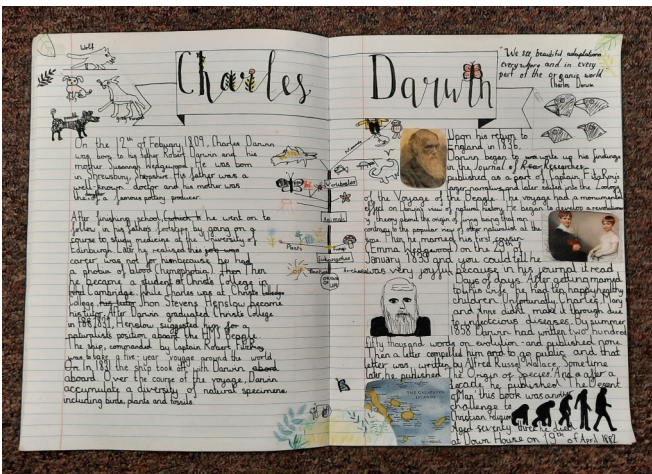
Have a safe and happy Easter break!

Mrs Kendall & Mrs Pentney | Headteachers

Anglo Saxon celebrations with visitor Dr Sean Lang and brooch making



Cross curricular work around the school



FABs will be organising a clothing collection on Tuesday 17th May, which will raise much needed funds for the children of the Bellbird School. Over the Easter holidays if you are having a clear out or moving to a summer wardrobe, can we ask that any items you are looking to get rid of are put aside for this collection. Post Easter, these will be able to be dropped into school and stored ahead of the collection. This will be publicised nearer the time, but we appreciate Easter is a good time for a de-clutter and a good sort out. Please extend this to family and non Bellbird people, it will be advertised widely in the village, as the more we collect, the more we raise



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 19th April	First day of Summer term—pupils return
Friday 29th April	Bank Holiday (extra for Jubilee)
Monday 2nd May	May Day—Bank Holiday
Mon 9th—Thursday 12th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 27th May	‘Picnic and Proms’ Jubilee celebrations (Parents invited for picnic and afternoon - details to follow next term)
Mon 30th May—Friday 3rd June	Half term holiday
Wednesday 8th June	Evening presentation for new Reception Parents
Wednesday 29th June	Whole school ‘move up’ morning
Wednesday 6th July	Sports day KS1 am KS2 pm
Wed July 13th—Fri 15th July	Y6 Residential trip
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term