



March Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March Newsletter. As we move through the spring term, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful energy and enthusiasm that continues to define our school. There has been much to celebrate in recent weeks, and I am delighted to share these highlights with you. This has been a short, but busy term with lots of fun and learning had by all. Our pupils have had the opportunity to engage with some inspiring experiences which will stay with us forever. We wish you all a happy and healthy Easter holiday, from Mrs Hillman and the Slimbridge team.



Good bye to Mr Ford

Today in a special celebration assembly we said goodbye to Mr Ford, who has been an integral part of Slimbridge for 17 years. The children performed songs and poems for Mr Ford and presented him with special books.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ford for everything he has done for Slimbridge. His contributions have been immeasurable. As our maths lead and drama club coordinator, he leaves a huge hole that is going to be tricky to fill. We know that children, staff and parents/carers will all feel the absence his leaving brings. Mr Ford has touched the lives of countless pupils, fostering and nurturing their confidence and talents. Beyond his professional responsibilities, he has been a wonderful colleague and a true ambassador for all that makes our school so special. We wish him every happiness in the next chapter of his journey, and his legacy will remain with us. Class 3 will now be taught by Miss Glover and Mrs Malkin. They are both looking forward to working with the new class and have enjoyed spending time with the children over the last few weeks as part of our transition programme.

World Book Day

Once again World Book Day was a wonderful day full of the joy of reading. The array of costumes were spectacular and we were so pleased to see so many parents and grandparents come to visit the reading cafe. At Slimbridge we love reading, so it was a great excuse to spend time finding out more about our favourite authors and book characters. Well done to everyone for making the day one to remember. Our fancy dress parade on the playground was once again, a huge success.



Readathon

The Readathon is nearing its end and we have so far raised £118. Well done everyone. There is still time to read and raise more money with the last day of the readathon being the 31st March and the last day for donations is the 17th April. If you need to you can donate via this link:

[Readathon Sponsorship](#)



Tag Rugby

We are super proud of our Y3/4 Tag Rugby team, who entered a recent tournament at Dursley School. Many thanks to Mr. Oakhill for supporting our school by coaching the rugby team, giving the children techniques and guidance to support. Thanks also to Mrs Mutalindwa who took the team to the tournament. Mrs Mutalindwa said that the children were all impeccably behaved and a credit to Slimbridge due to their teamwork and generosity to others.



Comic Relief

There were lots of activities around the school to raise money for Comic Relief. Henry guessed the correct number of red items in the jar, which was 61. Well done Henry.



We were also delighted to host our Comic Relief Talent Show, which showcased the remarkable talents of our pupils and raised vital funds for this important cause. We were entertained with jokes, dancing, singing, rubix cube challenges and even football 'keepy-uppies'!

Easter Cake Sale

Today we had a hugely succesful cake competition and sale. The winners were chosen by the School Council. A huge congratulations to the first prize winners: Zac R, India S, Melea V, Florence G, Max S, Lila G, Lola R, Matilda B, and Dot Andrewartha. There were lots of other prizes too. A super well done and thank you to our parental community for their support in making this fundraising event possible. Well done to all the entries. Please look at our facebook page to see the amazing cakes!

WonderDome

On 26th March we had a visit from the WonderDome. This was an exciting virtual reality experience, transporting our learners into space. This kind of innovative engagement is precisely what we strive to provide at Slimbridge: experiences that ignite imagination and deepen understanding. We are very grateful to FOSS and the kind donation from Mr Couzens, which helped us to provide this experience free to our children.



The Wonderdome squeezed into our school hall!



Lots of joy on faces!



Dates

Term 3, 4 and 5



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Date	Who?	Event
Friday 27 th March	Whole School	Last Day of Term: 1:30 p.m. End
Monday 13 th April	Whole School	Return to school at 8:40 a.m
Friday 17 th April	Y3	Baking Club
Friday 21 st April	Y3	Baking Club
Monday 20 th April	Athletics Club	Club starts after school 3:15 p.m.
Monday 20 th April	School Council and Class 2	Litter Pick with the Parish Council
Thursday 23 rd April	Reception	Trip to Redwood
Tuesday 28 th April	R and Y6	School Nurse visits to school
Wednesday 29 th April	Class 2	Berkeley Castle Trip
Friday 8 th May	Y2-6	Craft Club - Bee Themed make and bake
11th-14 th May	Y6	SATS Week
Friday 22 nd May	Whole School	Term Ends
Monday 1 st June	Whole School	Return to school at 8:40 a.m.
Thursday 4 th June	Y5/6	Boys' Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 9 th June	Whole School	Sports' Day
Wednesday 10 th June	Whole School	Class Photos
Thursday 11 th June	Y5/6	Girls' Cricket Tournament
Monday 6 th -Wed 8 th July	Y6	Residential to PGL
Thursday 2 nd July & Friday 3 rd July	Y6	Transition Day at Rednock
Friday 3 rd July	Whole School	Summer Fete
Wednesday 15 th July TBC	Drama Club & Y6	Summer Production (afternoon & evening)
Thursday 16 th July	Y6	Leavers' Assembly: 2:30 p.m.
Friday 17 th July	Whole School	Last Day of Term: 1:30 p.m. End