



NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th March 2025

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Triangle class have had a fun-filled start to the second half of the Spring Term full of lots of exciting learning opportunities!



The visit from the Fire Service last week was great timing and they learnt more about how to prevent fire and keep themselves safe.



The students continue to go to weekly Forest School sessions at Portway Primary School, which the children absolutely love - they spend time exploring the environment, digging, swinging in the hammock, and climbing trees. It has been made all the more enjoyable by the lovely Spring weather that has started to appear, too.

In Literacy the class book is *The Flashing Fire Engine*, which is a rhyming story. The children have been exploring words that rhyme, listening carefully to the end sounds and identifying the ones that sound like each other, or choosing objects from a basket that rhyme with a symbol card they are given. It's tricky, but the staff are really proud of the progress they are making with it! The children have also been working hard on their mark-making and writing skills in these sessions.

The foci in Numeracy this term are number and counting and position. They have been singing 'Five Little Firemen', counting firefighters to put on the fire engine, and putting their firefighter toys in various positions relating to their cups. It's been lots of fun so far, and they're looking forward to lots more of it over the coming weeks!

GOOD LUCK JON!

Today we said a fond farewell to Jon Evans who has been a regular member of our bank staff for the past 18 months. Jon has worked with all our students throughout the school while seeking his dream job in clinical psychology. We are so pleased he has managed to gain what he aimed for. He has been a fantastic member of staff to have around and we have greatly benefited from having his enthusiasm and "ready for a challenge" attitude. We wish him the very best for the future and hope he keeps in touch.



FIRE SERVICE

Last week the students in school were visited by Corryne and Claire of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire Rescue Service. There was great interaction during the three sessions which were enjoyed by both the students and staff.

Many of the classes benefited from the sensory experience. They tried on different elements of the fire safety equipment, sang songs and learned how to keep themselves safe around fire.



Phoebe liked feeling the weight of the heavy helmet and was confused by the clear visor stopping her thumb from reaching her mouth! Shristi couldn't wait to try on all the gear! Jesse loved the sound of the Velcro opening on the salopettes. Frankie, James, Chloe and Ajax enjoyed watching the blue flashing lights and feeling the bumpy texture. Missy tried her strength pulling the fire hose handle and Amelia persevered to get the salopettes on.



PARENTS' COFFEE AFTERNOON

Sharon (Family Support Practitioner) will be holding a Parents' coffee afternoon next **Wednesday, 19th March at 1.30pm** in school.



We had a wonderful turn out of parents when CAMHS representatives came to the last meeting—it was lovely to see so many of you. This session will be spent discussing the CAMHS visit and having a general chat and exchanging of experiences. Please could you advise the school office or Sharon if you intend attending—all parents/carers are welcome.

CHILDREN'S EASTER KARAOKE

Steph Carroll (Danny's mum) has recently helped some of our older students with their musical talents, i.e. how to hold a microphone, use it correctly and give a stage presence. It was a great opportunity for them all.



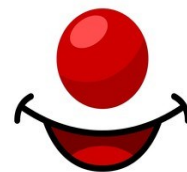
Steph has asked us to make parents aware of the upcoming Children's Karaoke event she has organised and is being held at Easter. The date to put in your diary is

Sunday, 20th April from 3-6pm in the White Hart Hotel.

There will be a free Easter gift for all the singers volunteering to show off their skills, as well as an Easter Bunny visit!. Why not pop along and give it a go?! Who knows what future pop idols we may have here!

21ST MARCH EVENTS

The Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Days are both being held next Friday. Bearing this in mind, if you wish to donate towards these two amazing charities, we are suggesting a **£1 donation for each**. However, if you wish to donate more then we won't stop you. Any money raised will be split between the two charities. All students are welcome to come to school dressed down (maybe with a red nose?) for Comic Relief, and/or with brightly coloured odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day.



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



Spring	grow	flower	tree	garden

DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (2) 2025

MARCH

- 17th Theme Week (3 of 3) - Holi
- 18th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (09.30am)
- 18th Hamlet performance, The Lights (7pm) - ticket only
- 19th Parents' Coffee Afternoon (1.30pm)
- 21st Down Syndrome Awareness Day
- 21st Comic Relief
- 24th Wiltshire Air Ambulance visit (FE)
- 25th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)



APRIL

- 1st Hants Music Service Special Event
- 2nd World Autism Day
- 2nd Yr 10 & Yr 11 Parents' Information Evening @ FE
- 4th **INSET DAY (FE only)**
- 7th-21st **Spring Holiday**
- 22nd **INSET DAY (Whole school)**
- 23rd Return to School (Whole school)

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

- Archie, Tambourine 11 yrs old
- Tiger, Tambourine 10 yrs old



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

Chimes - Olly
Drum - Carter
Maracas - Chloe
Tambourine - Gustavo
Triangle - Jakey
Trumpet - Gus
Oboe - Kieran
Banjo - Finlay
Cello - Jack



The School Superstar of the Week is ...CHLOE!!

Chloe has the ability to twiddle anything using a scurrying motion while wearing a cheeky smile. Her favourite time at school is when she is in the hydropool where she splashes around and sings! Chloe enjoys exploring the leaves in the playground and is starting to initiate communication with the adults in her class. She is also very much into stacking objects and inset puzzles.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

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Caynan & Kiera

