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**Edition 24: Friday 15th March
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 19 th March	10am Year 3 Production-Bee Musical
Weds 20 th March to Weds 27 th March	3:15-3:30pm Travelling Book Fair in hall
Weds 20 th March	2pm Year 3 Production-Bee Musical
Weds 27 th March	Infant Spring Fling
Thurs 28 th March to 12 th April	Easter holidays
Mon 15 th April	Start of summer term
Fri 26 th April	New date for EYFS height, weight and hearing screening

**More information coming*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ **Attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94% and Key Stage 2 was 90%
- ✓ The winners of the **World Book Day Bake-off** were announced in assembly on Monday and awarded a £15 book voucher each. Well done to our infant school winner, Erica, and our junior school winner, Mia. And thanks once again to the PDSA for organising the event.
- ✓ Our **U9 girls football** team won their match against Winchcombe School 8-2 on Monday, progressing through to the semi-finals of the county cup. Well done!
- ✓ 54 of our KS2 pupils competed valiantly with 1,576 other runners in the wind, rain and MUD to take on a challenging 2.35km **cross country** course around Newbury Showground on Tuesday. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mrs Hoskins, Mrs B and all the volunteers who were just as wet and muddy as the runners by the end of the afternoon!
- ✓ Our year 6 netball team enjoyed a **friendly tournament** with Falkland, Speenhamland and Basildon schools on Thursday. A number of spectators commented on how well the team played, with sharp passing, superb movement and excellent defence. They won every game!
- ✓ We raised £163.20 for the Marine Conservation Society on Tuesday, when the whole school took part in **Ocean Protectors Day**. Find out more on our school blog. <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/ocean-protectors-day> Thank you to everyone who donated.
- ✓ We are in the **Newbury Weekly News** this week with a special article about our World Book Day celebrations. <https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/world-book-day-special-nwn-supplement-out-this-week-9356923/> Mrs Hayward also sent a letter home about the **Travelling Book Fair**, which will be in school from Wednesday 20th March.
- ✓ Next week will be the last week of clubs. A letter about **summer 1 clubs** will be emailed home on Monday. Please make sure you complete the Forms link by Friday 22nd March. Thank you.
- ✓ Our annual **Infant School Spring Fling** is on Wednesday 27th March, for children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2. The children are invited to make an Easter bonnet at home and bring it into school on the day. We can't wait to see their creations!
- ✓ The PDSA have sent home paper plates and information about their **Easter Plate competition**, which will be judged by the school council at the end of term.
- ✓ The children are looking forward to taking part in a **fun run** this afternoon to raise money for Comic Relief and round off a fantastic week of sport.

Finally, be kind, be safe, be respectful. Miss Shepherd 😊

The Week in Pictures

Bake-off winning cakes, Ocean Protectors Day, football, netball and cross country.






Easter Plate Competition

The children have been sent home with a paper plate to decorate for our latest fundraiser. Let their imaginations run wild and create an Easter themed plate to enter into the competition!

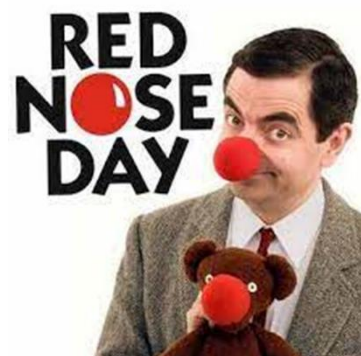
Entertainer Voucher for 1 infant & 1 junior winner






Name and class need to be put on the plate and brought back to school with £1 entry fee by 22nd March

Entry to the competition is optional Charity reg no 279717





BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for
Tuesday 16th April

Any questions – please ask your school collection organiser Kylie McLeish

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