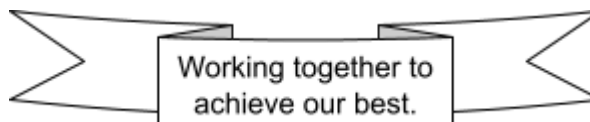




Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

World Book Day, Thursday 7th March

In Year R, the day began with a special whole school World Book Day assembly. The children then got the opportunity to hold up their book in front of the class and say which character they had come as. We had a whole range of characters!

During the day, there were lots of activities on offer linked to stories that had been read to them, which included making a Stickman from playdough, cutting out a mask for a traditional story character, decorating a butterfly linked to the story of the Hungry Caterpillar, sequencing pictures from the 'Tiger who came to tea' as well as making a tea for the tiger by cutting up vegetables! The children could also choose to decorate a bookmark.

Our favourite moment though had to be when a group of children decided to gather together in the quiet bay and have their stories read to them by one of their peers who had taken on the role of the class teacher!



In Year 1 we started the day with a circle time where we shared our fantastic World Book Day costumes.

We also read the book *Lubna and Pebble*, then we enjoyed decorating our own pebbles with bright colours. In the afternoon we became illustrators as we did a piece of art work from *Lubna and the Pebble* using paints and oil pastels.

It was great fun sharing books with our friends throughout the day. Well done everyone for your fantastic costumes!



In Year 2 on World Book Day we had a fantastic morning with various reading activities going on. We had time to share our favourite stories with friends and wrote book reviews based on our all-time favourite books. We used our imagination to sketch pictures based on our favourite stories too. After lunch, we took part in a Premier League football and book quiz which was co-hosted by some of the children's football icons. We love reading Year 2 and World Book Day was the perfect day to celebrate all things book related.



In Year 3 we celebrated World Book Day by having circle time and talking about our costumes and favourite characters. We then reviewed some of our favourite books, thinking about what we liked the most about them.

We had some crack the code book related maths sums to solve and we also went on a 'Scavenger Hunt' through books to find things that make them great, for example the opening sentences or particular phrases or WOW words. In the afternoon we folded A3 paper to make our very own books, we talked about what information to put on the front cover and what to write on the blurb on the back. The children then wrote out their own stories. Finally we decorated our own bookmarks. The children had lots of fun!



In Elm Class we were lucky enough to have a book written by Annabelle E's mum called 'The Kindest Kid' and we read the story as a class and talked about it.

In Year 4 we read the book 'Cliffhanger' by Jacqueline Wilson. It is a story about some children who go on an activity holiday and how they all show their very different talents. We could really empathise with the characters as we will be going on our residential trip to Grafham Water very soon! It is a funny book written from the point of view of Tim, the main character. He writes lots of postcards to his parents about what is happening on his trip. We wrote some postcards too, in role as Tim, we completed a book review to share our thoughts on the story and author's style and we also had great fun participating in our own 'Crazy Bucket Race', practising our teamwork skills.



Saplings Pre-school

The children came to pre-school dressed up in their favourite characters. During the day, we read the colour monster book, and the Saplings staff all dressed up as one of the coloured monsters from the book. We enjoyed reading a number of books throughout the day.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2024

Our Saplings Pre-school and Firs Lower children had a great 'Red Nose Day' helping us raise much needed funds for Comic Relief.

Thank you to all our parents for their support with donations, and for the array of creative 'Red Nose Day' outfits around the school.

Together we have raised £278.00, through Just Giving and 'on the gate' donations.

Donations link - [The Firs Lower Comic Relief Red Nose Day Donations Page](#)

If anyone would like to add to our fund, the link is still active for any last minute pennies.



The Firs Big Party 2024



Don't forget to book your table for The Firs' Big Party, Saturday 27th April 2024.

Tickets are priced at £50 per person. This price includes a welcome drink, 2 course meal, a drink voucher and games. We have been lucky enough to secure some great live music, delicious food and a DJ to get you moving.

Tables of 10 are available. In order to secure your table, please nominate your Table Lead and make payment of the non-refundable deposit for your table which is £100. Tables will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and cannot be held without the deposit being paid.

The Table Lead must email firsparty2024@gmail.com who will forward on a table booking form.

Saplings Pre-school Plea

If anyone is having a 'Spring Time tidy up' our Saplings Pre-school would be very happy to offer a new home to any items that the children can use for their creative play. Any donations including the following would be greatly appreciated:

Bark, woodchip, soil, seeds, bulbs, pots, pans, metal spoons, metal sieves, mops and buckets, large paint brushes and roller trays, large pieces of material.

Please email thesaplings@firslower.org, or drop off at The Firs Lower School. - Thank you



Firs Summer Holiday Club Reminder

[Firs Summer Holiday Club 2024 Booking Form](#)

The Firs will be opening again over the summer for a two week 'Summer Holiday Club' from Monday 22nd July to Friday 2nd August 2023.

For all children of the Firs Lower School and Saplings Pre-school aged 3 years old and over, we are offering the following sessions:-

- Full Days (9.00am - 4.00pm) for £31.50
- Mornings (9.00am - 12.30pm) for £15.75
- Afternoons (12.30pm - 4.00 pm) for £15.75



Please find above a link to our registration form to book your child's place. For further details please visit our Holiday Club Page on [The Firs Lower Website](#), or see the attached letter. Any queries, please email: holiday.club@firslower.org

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alan H. Caplan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "A".