



# Weekly Round-up

Friday 15th March 2024

## Term Times

Happy Friday Everyone!

Thursday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day and this year is all about breaking down Stereotypes.



We will be raising awareness of this through an assembly next Thursday and invite children to come into school wearing odd socks on that day, to help highlight that we are all different and unique. You can read more about this initiative on the [WDSO website](#)



There are support resources for children following our assembly which can be found [here](#)!

We now have a new Facebook page for the school so please visit our page to keep up to date with events happening at school.



We currently have a vacancy for a part time 1:1 Teaching Assistant to join our School Team.

For further information and to apply, visit the school website - [Click Here](#).





Last week on the 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day throughout the school. Everyone arrived in their pyjamas, favourite book in hand and photos had been sent from home of some children showing their Extreme Reading.



The morning began with a Masked Reader quiz during Collective Worship.

The children had to identify the disguised teacher and guess which book was being read. In their individual classes, the children wrote book reviews and shared their books from home with each other. The PTA kindly supplied hot chocolate and marshmallows for all the children to make their reading even cosier.



There was even a Book Fair for children to discover new books. Overall, the day was enjoyed by students and staff alike with the

children saying their favourite part of the day was sharing books with their friends (and having school dinners in pyjamas).

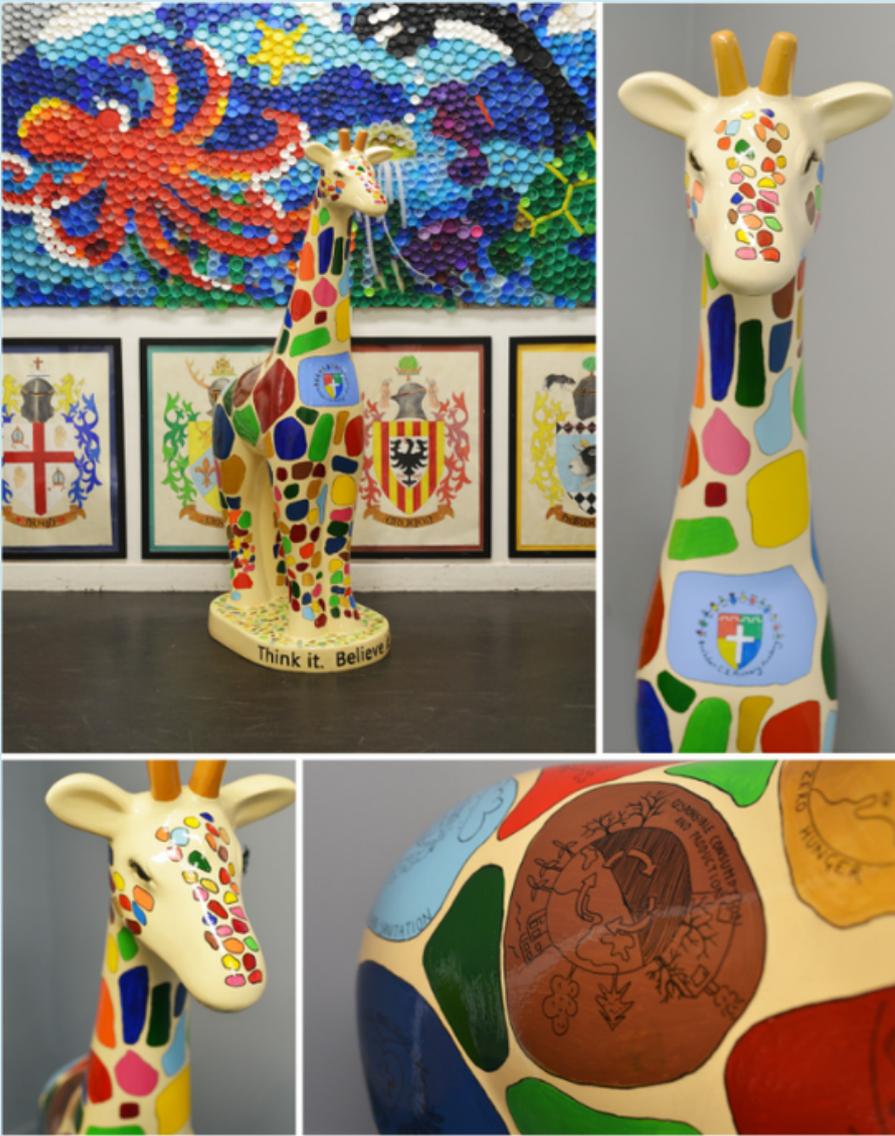


We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated on the day as we raised a fabulous £253.



The University of Birmingham are conducting "The ELSA study" which is testing for type 1 diabetes in children.

The study is running for 6 weeks, culminating in a screening clinic in school on 1st May. For further information please [Click Here!](#)



Remember our Mini G - Geronimo, well from next week you will be able to find him and another 60+ sculptures at one of the venues around Cambridge city centre for the next ten weeks.

For further information



This week, work has begun on the sensory garden and it has proved tranquil and calming for several students. Classes have been busy weeding the beds and planting pansies, sunflowers, potatoes, carrots and tulips in the spring sunshine.

Coconuts and seed have been placed around the

field with some of the fat showing peck marks to the fascination of the children. We have spotted 12 bird species on site including a Wren and a Dunnock.

Thank you so much to those who have donated items for the garden. There is still time to bring in any cuttings and we would be grateful for any herbs as we are planning to plant a herb garden to give children the chance to use their sense of smell.





There has been a lot of concern over parking around the school in recent weeks.

Residents, parents, staff and pupils have noted people parking dangerously, on corners, the staff car park, on the bus stop area and on the zig zag lines and non badge holders in the disabled spaces.

It is a huge concern as we worry that this irresponsible parking could cause a serious accident. Our parliament have discussed that the best interests of the child are not being considered and ask all parents to rethink their parking behaviour.



Our school parliament will be designing their own parking tickets, which, after Easter at different times across the weeks, will be placed upon cars who are parking inconsiderately. We are also going to be introducing a Park



and Stride initiative linked with Walk to School week which will incentivise you and your child to park safely in the Millennium Centre car park and walk the short distance into school. More information about this will follow shortly.



We are working with Modeshift Stars to try and significantly improve our travel routes to and from school through which we will soon be benefitting from some additional scooter racks to encourage less reliance on car transport.

Cambridgeshire County Council will once again be running a holiday voucher scheme for the Easter holidays.

For each eligible pupil, they will be issuing a £30 supermarket voucher.

Eligibility remains the same as in previous rounds including support for post 16 bursary students. Every eligible pupil will receive their voucher by the end of the day on Saturday 30th March for further details:



[CLICK HERE](#)





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Over the weekend don't forget to get raiding those piggy banks!

The children all this week have been excitedly bringing in their coins Penny Wars.

Each year group have a jar to fill with copper coins.

There is a prize for the year group that can earn the most points - but watch out! Silver coins put in by other year groups go against your total and count as a minus....

(No £1 or £2 coins please)

# Penny Wars



## THE RULES

Each Year (R-6) has their own jar for collecting pennies. Gain points by adding COPPER pennies to your Year jar. Lower other Years' totals by adding SILVER coins to their jar.

1p	+ 1 POINTS	2p	+ 2 POINTS
5p	- 5 POINTS	10p	- 10 POINTS
20p	- 20 POINTS	50p	- 50 POINTS

NO £1 OR £2 COINS!

The Year with the most points after silver coins are deducted will be declared the WINNER!

A Jar for each Year will be located in the hall at lunchtime

11th March -  
22nd March

## THE PRIZE

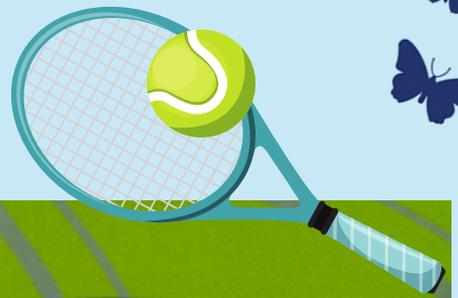
£50 to spend as a year group



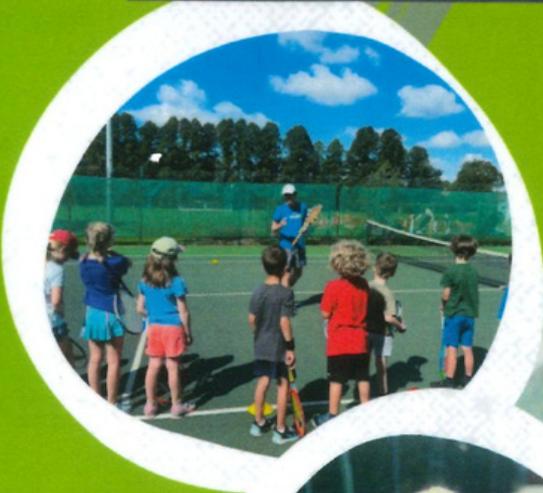
Hurry ! You only have until next Friday to get those penny's in and counted.

Good Luck!

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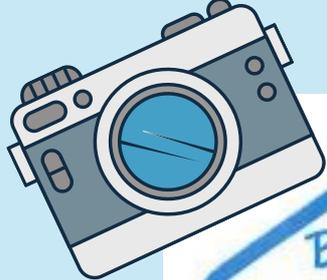
Monday 1st - Friday 5th April  
Monday 8th - Friday 12th April

10:00am - 12:00 noon  
4 - 7 Year Olds / 8 - 12 Year Olds

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## Buckden and Diddington Footpaths Young Residents Photographic/Art Competition

### Age Groups:

- (a) 7 years and under
- (b) 8 - 11 years
- (c) 11-18 years



The competition is for either

- a digital photograph
- a drawing or painting or other artistic impression

of the local countryside as seen from one of the footpaths on the Buckden and Diddington Public Rights of Way Map.

<https://buckdenpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Footpaths-Map.pdf>

Amazon vouchers will be awarded to the best entry in each age group.

For full details of how to enter the competition please go to the Buckden Parish Council website <https://buckdenpc.org.uk/> and click on the "News" tab.

Entries close on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024



How much do you know about keeping your child safe online? Click this [link](#) to learn more.



Check out 'Everything Environmental' on the school website for plant-based recipes.



Live it - Eco tip!

Paint walls a pale colour so you will need less artificial light. This will help reflect the natural light so you'll be less dependent on artificial light. This will also help keep your home cooler in the summer months!



What's going on locally? [CLICK HERE](#) To find out!

# Homework

To find out about what has been happening in school, plus other information about homework, click the relevant year group below for your child/children.

[EYFS](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)



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