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Spring is in the Air

The first half of the Spring term brought a wealth of exciting opportunities for the whole school. We all survived the snowfall and had great fun in school on the snowy days. The high-vis jackets, generously provided by Specsavers, Windsor, came just in time for the foggy mornings. As the weather has started to improve, it is great to see the children out and about making good use of the school grounds. A range of planting has started around the school and we are all looking forward to the brighter Spring days ahead.

Owls

Thanks to a visit from the Nite Owls the children were able to observe real owls in close detail and find out more about the owls through questioning the owl experts. The children were certainly inspired by the visit. It is lovely to see the range of owl related work in the school, including drawings, collages, fact sheets, models and leaflets.

O2

Year 3 and Year 4 joined the choir of 8000 children as part of Young Voices at the O2. The children performed a range of songs along with stars including Tony Hadley. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal and raised the roof with singing and dancing during the evening performance for family and friends. It was a long day for everyone and the children were a credit to the school. Everyone was proud of their superb behaviour, resilience and ability to keep going- both on the evening and the next day in school. Thank you to all the staff who joined in the singing and dancing with gusto and kept spirits high despite the rain, snow and late night.

Bedtime Stories and Spanish Evening

Great fun was had by children and parents at two QAPAF events this term. The children all enjoyed wearing pyjamas and bringing all kinds of stuffed toys to the Bedtime Story evening in January. The Spanish Evening brought a taste of Spain to the parents in February with delicious food, Spanish language games and dancing. Thank you so much to everyone who helps to organise and run the events. They really do bring the whole school community together and raise funds for the school.

Anti-Bullying and E safety

This term, the children have been thinking about what is bullying and what we should all do if we are being bullied or we think someone else is being bullied. The children have discussed the difference between being rude, mean and bullying. All of the children in school were able to identify a grown-up, either at school or home, that they would tell if they were worried about bullying. If parents have any worries about bullying, please share your concerns with your child's class teacher.

This week, we welcomed Paul Hay to school. Paul led an e-safety day which included an assembly for pupils and parents, training for staff and workshops in each class. You might like to look at Paul's website for further guidance and resources linked to online safety www.pclstraining.com/links/.

Hot topics include the following: Parents Guides to Fortnite, Pokemon Go, Minecraft and Screen

Eco Team

This term we have set up an Eco team in school, with a representative from each class becoming an Eco Buddy. Following our first meeting the children decided the areas each year group would be responsible for.

Year 4 want to take on responsibility for daily collection of paper to be recycled.

Year 3 want to take on responsibility for reducing energy wastage by ensuring lights are turned off and doors are closed when rooms are not in use

Year 2 want to ensure that the fruit waste from years 2, 1 and FS is recycled daily.

Year 1 want to be responsible for litter picking.

FS want to make sure people recycle at home by bringing cardboard tubes and packaging for junk modelling.

As a school we already send food waste to be made into bio gas etc., we recycle crisp packets, pens and paper. However we feel we can do more. We would like to invite all parents to an Eco Team Assembly **on Friday 15th March at 9am** to share our ideas.

We have so much to look forward to as next half term brings Parents Evenings- a great chance to share and celebrate your child's development, Comic Relief and Odd Socks Day, visits for some classes to Windsor Castle, Year 3 performing in St George's Chapel, the introduction of Arabic Taster sessions and, of course DUGS day, which sees Dads, Uncles and Granddads joining in with activities in school.

I wish everyone a peaceful half term break.

Mrs Street

