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Ukraine Conflict

Many of us have been wondering how we can best help those affected by the devastating events in Ukraine. There are a good number of local charities, churches, companies and groups who have been collecting donations to take to the borders. The response has been incredible and these groups are saying they have more donations than they can transport at the moment. We have been considering how we can best help as a school and have decided the most effective thing we can do is to suggest to anyone who wants to, to make a donation online. This will help provide food, water, medicine, warm clothing and shelter to those whose lives have been drastically affected by this invasion. John Lewis are currently matching any donations made to the Red Cross - if you would like to take advantage of this, please use this **link**.



BritishRedCross

In school we have been handling coverage of the Ukraine crisis sensitively and in an age appropriate way. I have attached to this email an example of some discussion based resources we have been using as you may want to make reference to them at home. I highly recommend watching the BBC Newsround coverage; many of the classes in school have been using this to support with questions, worries and information sharing.



We are currently advertising for a Midday Assistant to join our lunchtime team. The hours are 12pm to 1.15pm, Monday to Friday. The role involves working directly with the children, supervising them at lunchtime outside and indoors when the weather is wet, as well as assisting with lunches in the hall. A free hot meal is provided at 1.15pm. For further details and the application form, please visit the 'Vacancy' page on our school website or by following this link. The last date to apply is Tuesday 8th March.



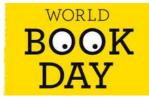
Little Flyers, who provide our Breakfast and After School Club, are looking for a new member of staff to join their team. This would

involve working for one to three afternoons a week. If you have a child in school, they will be able to attend the club with you whilst you work. For more information, please contact Clare Harding at Littleflyers12@gmail.com









What a fantastic World Book Day we had...

Year 6 enjoyed a book tasting session which included a menu, table service and afternoon tea.

Year 5 proudly displayed their graffiti T-shirts and created some very dramatic 6 word stories.

Year 4 learned a new noun: 'booknic' (sharing books and treats with your friends on World Book Day!)

Year 3 drew their own dragons - look out for them in the windows

Year 1 and 2 joined the rest of the school in designing their own 'What if..?' T-shirts.

Reception created their own character puppets so they could tell stories in their theatre!

Nursery explored telling stories by using rhyme and dressed up as their favourite nursery rhyme.

Thank you to the teachers for their fabulous creative ideas!











We are really pleased with how well our Instagram page is developing.

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You can see how each Year group has their own 'story' and all the World Book Day photos, as well as much more, can be found here too. Try following us:



School Dinners

After a bumpy start to term, we are now really enjoying our excellent hot lunches. The themed St Patrick's and Pancake dinners have been a real highlight! Please can you ensure dinners are paid for in advance - not after they have been taken. Payments can be made for the half term if that's easier, but we do expect at least a week's payment in advance - thank you.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff