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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 3rd March 2023

What an amazing World Book Day!

The children and staff all did themselves proud, with everybody coming dressed up as a book character – from the most beautiful princesses to the ugliest Medusa (sorry Miss Maskell)! Everybody did a really superb job of dressing up and enjoying the day. Thank you for all the effort that you put in to make your child's day special.

We also had a wonderful selection of books donated for our Book Swap, so thank you all very much for your generosity. We will continue to do the Book Swap within school throughout the year, so please, keep the books coming and keep sending your child in with books to swap. Thank you also to the PTFA for organising the swap.



We hope that this day helps to spark a love of reading and shows the children that reading can be so much fun when it transports you to a new place or time. Remember to keep flame alight by reading alongside and with your children, showing them the importance that you place on things really does help them to achieve.

Parent, Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA)

Please remember to join us for our Family Quiz Night this Saturday, 4th March at the Narborough Community Centre from 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start. Tickets are £3 per adult and £2 per child (under 3's are free). All money raised will be towards our PTFA fundraising to provide fun activities for the children. The Community Centre bar will be open, or you can bring your own snacks and drinks. Bags of sweets will be available to buy and there will be various prizes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your support of the Book Swap, we hope that you managed to reignite your child's interest in books without having to spend a lot of money in bookshops.

Allergy Aware Schools – Please do not send nuts into Nar Valley Federation Academies

NB. Please note that we try and include in the newsletter local events that may be of interest, but inclusion in the newsletter does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of any such event from ourselves.

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Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We currently have teaching assistant vacancies that we would like you to know about. If you or somebody that you know is interested in applying for one of the positions, please click on the following link for more information. <https://www.narborough.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=153> You can find more details on our website by following the link above or going to the **About Us** section then use the **Vacancies** tab. We currently have one 5-day (Monday to Friday) and one 2-day (Monday and Tuesday) vacancy. If you would like an informal chat, please feel free to pop in or telephone to have a chat with me or telephone for a chat with Mrs Neary, our Executive Headteacher.



Nursery Consultation

We are exploring the opportunity to extend our primary provision to include a new school-based nursery for children of 3 to 4 years of age from September 2023. We believe that this proposal will enable the continued provision and growth opportunities for pre-school facilities in Narborough and the surrounding community. It is proposed that the two existing rooms where Reception and Year One currently are will accommodate both the Nursery and Reception classes creating an EYFS unit. We feel that this is a really exciting opportunity to provide a service that is greatly needed in Narborough and could save many families and young children having to travel out of the village to access nursery provision for children aged 3 and 4 years. As part of the proposal, we are consulting with all stakeholders to give information and find out if the community would want this provision to go ahead. More information will be added to our website.

Even if you do not have children that would attend the provision, we would like to know if you are happy for Narborough CE Primary Academy to extend our admittance age from 4 years to 3 years. Please complete the form sent to you with a 'yes' to enable us to make this happen. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on: 01760 338048 or email: office@narborough.norfolk.sch.uk.

Meet the SENDCo - unfortunately Mrs Spaul has been ill this week so this has been delayed but will happen.

I will be putting in some dates shortly for a 'come and chat with the SENDCo' so watch this space. You will not need to have an appointment, just drop in and I will have the kettle on and biscuits ready to discuss any questions or queries relating to your child and how they are getting on at school. Your child does not already need to be identified as having SEN to come along. I look forward to seeing you there. Emma Spaul, Federation SENDCo. Please contact me at Castle Acre on 01760 755305 if you have any queries.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for week to 24th February 2023 are:

Hedgehogs:	90%
Squirrels:	98.28%
Foxes:	91.33%
Otters:	95.5%
Whole School	94.3%.

Well done to **Squirrels** for achieving the highest attendance of the week and being the only class to reach above the target of 96%. Keep up the good work Squirrels.

Children's Worship

Theo W from Otters, George-Henry from Foxes, Arthur from Squirrels, treated us to a raucously entertaining puppet show all about trust. There was theatre, pantomime and brilliant story telling. They reimagined the lion and the mouse as 'the lion and the hedgehog' to highlight how the very different animals learned to trust and rely on one another.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

The children in Year 1 have been working really hard on their Reading and Mathematics PiXL assessments this week. They have shown really good focus and been proud to show what they have learned. Reception children have also been working hard to show their key skills. We have been practising our letter and number formations and had fun adding up our scores with letter tiles. Charlotte found that 'x-ray' scored her 14 points, but 'xylophone' beat it with a whooping 24 points! We read words to match them to pictures and created some fantastic patterns on the peg boards. Next week, we will be writing our diaries in English and measuring length and height in Mathematics. In DT, we used what we had learned last week about vegetables to consider what healthy eating looks like, so that we can design a healthy meal next week. We looked really brilliant in our World Book Day costumes and had a lot of fun listening to the adults reading us their favourite story.

Congratulations this week to: Joey for achieving 100 reads at home and Scarlett and Avaya for achieving 50 reads at home.

Our Shining Light this week is for Teddy for always working really hard to show his learning. Well done, Teddy, keep up the good work.

Squirrels

An absolutely massive well done to Squirrel class for their courage and perseverance this week with their progress checks. They have been working so hard to complete their papers and the results are promising! We have also begun to look at the life cycles of animals in Science; children had great fun trying to identify what the name for the babies of different animal species are. In maths, we continue to look at shape and measurement and in English we have been immersing ourselves into suspense stories and how they make us feel.

Congratulations to:

Reading: to Luna for 100 reads and James L for 75 reads.

Tackling Tables: Harrison for blue phase division mini-test and James H for blue phase multiplication mini-test.

Our Shining Light this week is Bow for showing consistent courage, enthusiasm and resourceful with her learning this half term. No challenge is too big!

Foxes

I must start by saying that Foxes' class outfits for World Book Day blew me away! Everyone looked amazing and had bought the book that their character was from. We spent some of the day retelling our stories with a twist and some super writing. Our Maths this week has been finding the perimeter of different 2D shapes, looking at finding missing lengths and consolidating the process. This learning will really help us with our work next week that looks at finding the perimeter of different polygons. We have finished the big write of our explanation texts, decorated them, edited and improved and added a final flourish this week! Next week, we can start our thoroughly exciting unit looking into Greek myths, beginning our narrative and descriptive writing. If the stories from World Book Day are anything to go by, I am sure that this unit will be full of wonderful writing.

Congratulations to:

Lucy for achieving 50 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Archie - Purple Superstar and Nicole - Red multiplication and Blue phase missing numbers.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Dylan for determination and perseverance in reading lessons.

Otters

This week feels like it has flown by! On Tuesday, the Year 6s represented the school at the Hi-5 Netball Tournament at TNHA. The children were impeccably behaved, continually evaluating and improving their performance and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Many thanks to Mrs Adcock for coming with us and

being so supportive. In Maths, the Year 5s have begun to explore decimal numbers and the link between fractions, whilst the Year 6s have been completing their unit of learning on ratio and proportion, solving problems including scaling up/down recipes. In RE, we summarised the Easter story whilst considering why this festival is so important to Christians. In Science, we have begun our new unit of learning about living things. We dissected flowers to identify their different parts and explored their role in reproduction. For World Book Day, we chose our own favourite story to re-write with a twist and explored how to use our voice and gestures to tell the story in a lively and engaging way. We have also been diving into the world of Ancient Greece through reading a selection of myths and beginning to explore how the ancient civilisation was organised.

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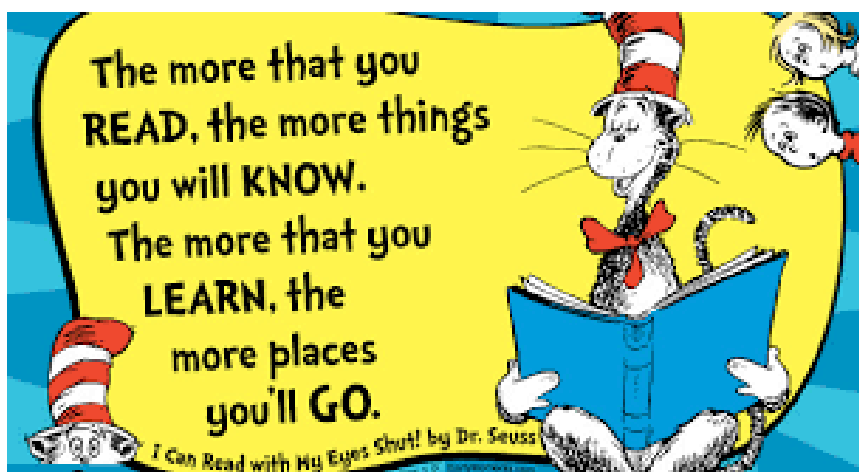
Reading: Eden and Noah for achieving their 25 reads at home, Izabel for achieving 50 reads and Rosie for achieving 75 reads.

Tackling Tables: Ashden for achieving his green level division **and** his green level mixed mini certificates. Jayden for achieving his green level missing numbers certificate. Theo A for achieving his red level superstar certificate.

Shining Light: This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Amelia for showing courage, resilience and perseverance during the netball tournament this week.

Thought for the Week

This week's thought is by Dr Seuss:



Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,

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