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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NEWSLETTER No.19 *Friday 6th March 2020***  **OUR VISION: ‘Life in all its fullness’**  **Dear Parents/Carers,** **Thanks to everyone for making World Book Day such a success with some**wonderfully**inventive costumes and the whole school joining in together with activities celebrating the joy of reading. It's days like these that the vibrant atmosphere of our school and the positive and courageous spirit of Minchinhampton primary children really shines out. See our news section for some wonderful sports write ups where Minch children are excelling through enjoyment of their activities together. Whether it's the feeling of true team spirit together out on the hockey field, diving into your imagination with friends at play, expressing yourself in a choir or play rehearsal, conducting experiments in your science class, cosily tucking into a book in the reading cave or sharing enjoyment of a favourite book together at home, our love of learning and understanding of one another is enriched in so many ways at school and at home. The newsletter is a great way to hold all this variety in one place each week. Last week, 277 people read newsletter No.18, the highest figure yet.  Enjoy this edition No.19 and have a lovely weekend.**  **SCHOOL VISION**  **Quotes 19** 'Realise deeply that the present moment is all you ever have.' Eckhart Tolle 1999  'We can combine the needs of the future and the present by very simply giving children an education that they love now, in which they thrive now..in which they become happy, articulate, resilient, agentive people with the capacity to embrace whatever future they eventually inhabit.' Debra Kidd 2014  **NEWS**  ***Gloucestershire Schools Cross-Country:*** Congratulations to our runners who have now received their medals for an outstanding team effort, becoming the highest finishers in the county for Year 5 girls, in last Saturday’s Gloucestershire schools cross-country event.  ***Gymnastics Competition:*** Last week on Friday and the week before some of the Minch Gymnasts competed in a competition. 8 of us competed in the intermediate competition and some of us competed in the beginner’s competition. The intermediate competition was everyone against everyone while the beginner’s competition involved them working in teams. Our gymnasts were:- Lyra, Iris, Cora and Tess, Chloe, Jessica, Sofia, Lucy, Millie, Olivia, Alice and Dolly.   ***World Book Day:*** On Thursday it was World Book Day - when the hooter went off we would have to read for ten minutes, then the hooter would go of again then we would stop reading and carry on with the lesson. Everyone dressed up as a character from a book - lots of people had brilliant costumes. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | ***Hockey Tournament:***This week we went to a hockey tournament. Some of the Minch hockey players went- it was such a fun experience. The students that went were Chloe, Jessica, Gabriel, Agastian, Noah and Sofia. We went to Stratford Park to take part in the hockey tournament. There was two groups (The Lions and the Tigers) - we were part of the Lions. Together we beat every school group we played apart from one which was Leonard Stanley. The experience was amazing and I think everyone would do it again. Sadly, we were beaten by Bisley, but we came third! **By Jess** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Year 5/6 - Robot Wars!**  On Friday 14th February, a guy called John came in from Robot Wars. He gave Year 5/6 an introduction in the school hall, and then each class had a session with him later in the day. In the sessions we made robots out of scraps of cardboard.  First, we had to make some round wheels and a base. The John glued some batteries and electric things on so the wheels moved. Next, we put a cardboard over the top to protect the batteries. And then, we went to war.  In cobalt class, the robots were called: Crunchie Satan Sir Killalot Skull Xterminator  John got a round piece of plaster and put it on a box which he put on a table. The aim was to knock another robot of the ‘pitch’.   “It was amazing!” “It was fun!” “Thrilling entertainment.” It was a really good day.  **By Lyra** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ADMIN**  ***Parents Evenings:***Please follow the bookings link [**here**](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=a618ae4afb&e=5429891f68) to book your slot for Tuesday 10th March or Thursday 12th March.  ***Viney Hill Meeting (Current Year 5):***Please note this will now be held on Thursday 19th March from 6-7pm.  **REMINDERS**  ***Azure Swimming Parent Helpers Needed:***We still need one more volunteer helper on Tues 17th and two more for both 24th and 31st March (same timings as above). Again, we'd be very grateful if you are able to help and could let the office know.  ***Reception & Year 1:***A quick reminder to please bring wellies and PE kits back into school. Many thanks also for all recent donations of various items.  Please see [**here**](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=5628b8bc32&e=5429891f68) for ***Term Dates 2020-21.***  **COMING UP:**  ***Sport Relief Day (Fri 13th March):***Dress up as your favourite sport or wear your PE kit to school. Please bring a donation of £1 in aid of Sport Relief. All children will run a mile (roughly 3 laps of the school track) during the day, meaning we’ll cover up to 340 miles all together! Mr Tovey will also be setting up some other sports activities at lunchtime.[**https://www.sportrelief.com/**](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=2dc6ffb2d7&e=5429891f68)  ***Orchestra Playing in Assembly (Fri 20th March):***Rendcomb College is soon to host an Orchestral Day for pupils in years 5 to 8 who play string, woodwind and brass instruments between grades 1 and 5. Our orchestra will then perform the programme back at school, during our 9 o’clock school assembly on Friday 20th March. Parents of all our orchestra children will be very welcome to join us.  **INFO**  ***From the Ground:***Please see information [here](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=61b8879458&e=5429891f68) regarding a shared School Woodland Project with Oakridge School. Please note children from Minchinhampton Eco Warriors will hopefully be attending a tree planting session on Monday 30th March.  ***Coronavirus Update:***  [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=affe57b7fb&e=5429891f68)  ***Number of people reading the newsletter:*** Last week's Newsletter No.19 was read by 277 people, the highest numbers reading the new-style newsletter since it was launched in November 2019. This represents 63.4% of Minchinhampton Academy Parents/Carers. The average Open Rate for the education and training industry is 23.42% (Source: <https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/>)  ***Holidays:*** In the past week we have had 3 families that have taken a holiday.  ***Zig-zag Lines:***Over the month of February, a total of 37 further instances have been recorded, bringing the total to 125 cases of cars being parked on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school since this project began. There has been a slight upturn in the frequency of cases in February, with the weekly average having risen to 12. A sincere thank you for your continued co-operation with this.  ***Reports:*** Children's reports will be coming out today. Please note, if your child/ren are in Reception their reports will not be coming out until July, this is because they will be sent out to mark the end of EYFS stage. Reception parents will still have a parents evening next week, however reports will not be sent home today.  **PUPILS** | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | ***School Council - Slippers in school:***Minchinhampton school council have brought in the results of what their class thinks of having slippers in their classes.  Most classes did a blind vote which is, if you don’t know, where everyone closes their eyes except the teacher and you put your hand up for yes and no and the teacher counts the hands.The one with the most votes you go for but with this blind vote the teacher marks down the yes and no instead of just writing the winning vote.  A majority vote was received in favour of slippers in school. The school council have agreed this should be a choice not compulsory. Some [**research**](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=1e439c8d25&e=5429891f68) indicates slippers help. This to start as of Monday 9th February, to give teachers the chance to adapt. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **December** Whilst the world sleeps,  The night clouds give it a twinkling white blanket of diamond dust.  Owls hoot to a rising mood and a shadow crosses the sky  Hooves land gently on rooftops  The man of magic lowers himself down the chimney with treasures   Waiting for the day to come  When the winter sun rises above the snow, the world awakens and puts on its winter coat.  Children open their presents with squeals of delight before going out to play  By Lizzie | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PTA**  ***Dates for your Diary:***  Due to a clash with Parents Evening the Parent Social will be moved to a later date.   ***Dates for your Diary***   * Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 29th March   There will be two routes to choose from depending on the age of the participants.   * Summer Fair on Saturday 20th June 12-3pm.   Plans are well underway with an exciting range of activities from circus skills to a bouncy castle to candy floss. Prepare to be amazed.   ***Eco Cups*** Watch out for the new PTA Eco cups launching at the Comedy Night tonight.    ***Ice-Cream Fridays*** Do you love ice-cream Fridays? A new team leader is needed for this to happen! If you can help, please speak to Julia Stitt for further details.    ***Next PTA Meeting*** Every parent in the school is automatically a member of the PTA. Therefore PTA meetings are open to everyone who has a child in the school.  The next meeting will be held at the Cotswold Club on Tuesday 28thApril at 8pm. We would love to see you there.  **We hope you find this newsletter helpful and we would welcome any feedback. With very best wishes from all at Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **DIARY DATES:**  **Mon 9th Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Royal) **Tue 10th Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Year 1) **Tue 10th Mar:**Azure class swimming **Tue 10th Mar:**Parents Evening 1 **Tue 10th Mar:**Girls Football at Inside Football **Weds 11th Mar:**  Rendcomb Orchestra Day (Year 5/6) **Weds 11th Mar:**  Football at Beaudesert **Thurs 12th Mar:** Outdoor Learning (Reception) **Thurs 12th Mar:** Parents Evening 2 **Thurs 12th Mar:** Parent Social at The Crown Inn (7.30pm) **Fri 13th Mar:** Azure Class Assembly  **Fri 13th Mar:** Sport Relief Day  **Mon 16th Mar:** Outdoor Learning (Sky) **Tue 17th Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Year 1) **Tue 17th Mar:**Azure class swimming **Thurs 19th Mar:** Outdoor Learning (Reception) **Thurs 19th Mar:** Viney Hill Meeting (Current Year 5) **Fri 20th Mar:** Orchestra Assembly  **Fri 20th Mar:** Infants Multiskills at Stratford Park LC  **Mon 23rd Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Cyan) **Mon 23rd Mar:**KS1 Cross Country Festival **Tue 24th Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Year 1) **Tue 24th Mar:**Azure class swimming **Tue 24th Mar:**PATES Open Morning **Thurs 26th Mar:** Outdoor Learning (Reception) **Fri 27th Mar:** Pentathlon at Stratford Park LC  **Mon 30th Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Indigo) **Tue 31st Mar:**Outdoor Learning (Year 1) **Tue 31st Mar:**Azure class swimming **Weds 1st Apr:**Year 3/4 "The Jungle Book" 1 (1.40pm) **Thurs 2nd Apr:** Outdoor Learning (Reception) **Thurs 2nd Apr:**Year 3/4 "The Jungle Book" 2 (7.00pm) **Fri 3rd Apr:** Last Day of Term  **----------------EASTER HOLIDAYS----------------**  **Mon 20th Apr:** Summer Term Begins  **Fri 8th May:** INSET Day  [Go to PARENT CALENDAR](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=29a3fcc55d&e=5429891f68) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **LETTERS:**  **Year 5/6** TK Trip - School of Rock  **Year 6** Viney Hill Information  [Go to LETTERS](https://minchacademy.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28f62e5e124885e636bbac305&id=60a10d7c0b&e=5429891f68) | | | |
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