

Friday 19th April 2024

# INKPEN WEEKLY NEWS

## Message from Miss Buck

Welcome back! It's been lovely to see everyone returning to school with big smiles on their faces after the break. The weather has been lovely, providing the perfect backdrop for our beautiful surroundings here at Inkpen Primary school. I have loved arriving at school to the sight of the beautiful pink blossom on our playground every morning.

The children have settled back into their routines quickly and have been working hard in their lessons. It's always a pleasure to witness their enthusiasm and dedication to learning.

Let's make this term a fantastic one filled with curiosity, growth, and lots of laughter. Together, we can make it a memorable journey of discovery and learning. Here's to a successful term ahead!

## Key dates coming up

**22.04.24** Key Stage 2 dance and music showcase (2:30 in the school hall)

**23.04.24** Pottery club starts

**23.04.24** Swimming starts (KS2 only)

**26.04.24** Curriculum information to be sent to parents

**A full dates card will be sent out next week with all important dates for the Summer term.**

**The children in Silver Birch and Crocus class finished their DT sewing unit this week. Look at the amazing puppets they created! These were inspired by our English text, "There's a Tiger in the Garden!"**



Pheasant class had the second part of their "Living Well" workshop this week and they all learnt about the importance of "sleep".

The children demonstrated an excellent understanding of why sleep is important and looked at different ways to develop a healthy sleep routine. Click on the link should you wish to find out more.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>



Stars of the Week

19.04.24

**Red Kite:** Shona

**Pheasant:** Tommy

**Crocus:** Ayla



**Congratulations to our reading champions this week:**

**Red Kite:** Ted

**Pheasant:** Francesca

**Crocus:** Paige



## News from the classes:

### Red Kites:

Red Kite have begun their unit on Ancient Greece and have already immersed themselves into a range of key texts including "The Odyssey" by Gillian Cross and "Who let the Gods Out?" by Maz Evans. We can tell that this topic is really going to peak their interests. In maths this week, the children have been learning about angles. Mr Higgins has been particularly impressed with the children's use of protractors when measuring different angles.

### Pheasants:

Mr Mandry begun teaching Pheasant class cricket this week and they really impressed him with their batting and fielding skills. The children showed excellent teamwork skills when fielding and gave each other support and encouragement when scoring runs. Pheasant class have started their science unit on plants this week and have started thinking about how to investigate what plants need in order to grow.

### Crocus and Silver Birch:

The children in Crocus and Silver Birch were incredibly excited to see how much our tadpoles have grown over the Easter holidays and could recall a lot of their prior learning about life cycles when describing the changes they could see. In science this term, they will be learning all about plants. They went searching for different plants in our environment and discovered that plants can come in all different shapes and sizes!

### A message from the School Council:

*Hello from Inkpen School Council!*

*We are looking forward to holding our cake sale on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, after school, in the playground. We are hoping to raise some money for our maths games library. The cakes will be 50p each. We really need your help to make it a success so we are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits to be brought into school in the morning before the sale. Thank you.*

*Joseph (Chairperson) and Ruby (Treasurer)*



The children have been learning how to tie knots for several weeks in Forest School. This week they applied what they had learnt when making different sculptures. We were really impressed with their resilience and just look at that teamwork!



The children in Pheasant class completed their DT unit this week and have created some excellent "traps" to protect some of their most prized possessions. Their task was to create a burglar alarm system to catch anyone who tried to steal their precious item. They applied their prior learning from science to design and build an electrical circuit including a buzzer.