



## Welcome Back

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break! We are pleased to say we have had a wonderful start to Spring 2. Year 2 loved their trip to the Tower of London and Year 5 enjoyed going swimming.

We are looking forward to seeing what this term brings. Remember we have book week next week where children and staff will dress up as book characters.

## Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to inviting you into school on Friday 1st April to discuss your children's progress. Parent consultations will be running throughout the day, therefore the school will be closed to the children. However, they are welcome to join you for the meetings if you feel it would be helpful.

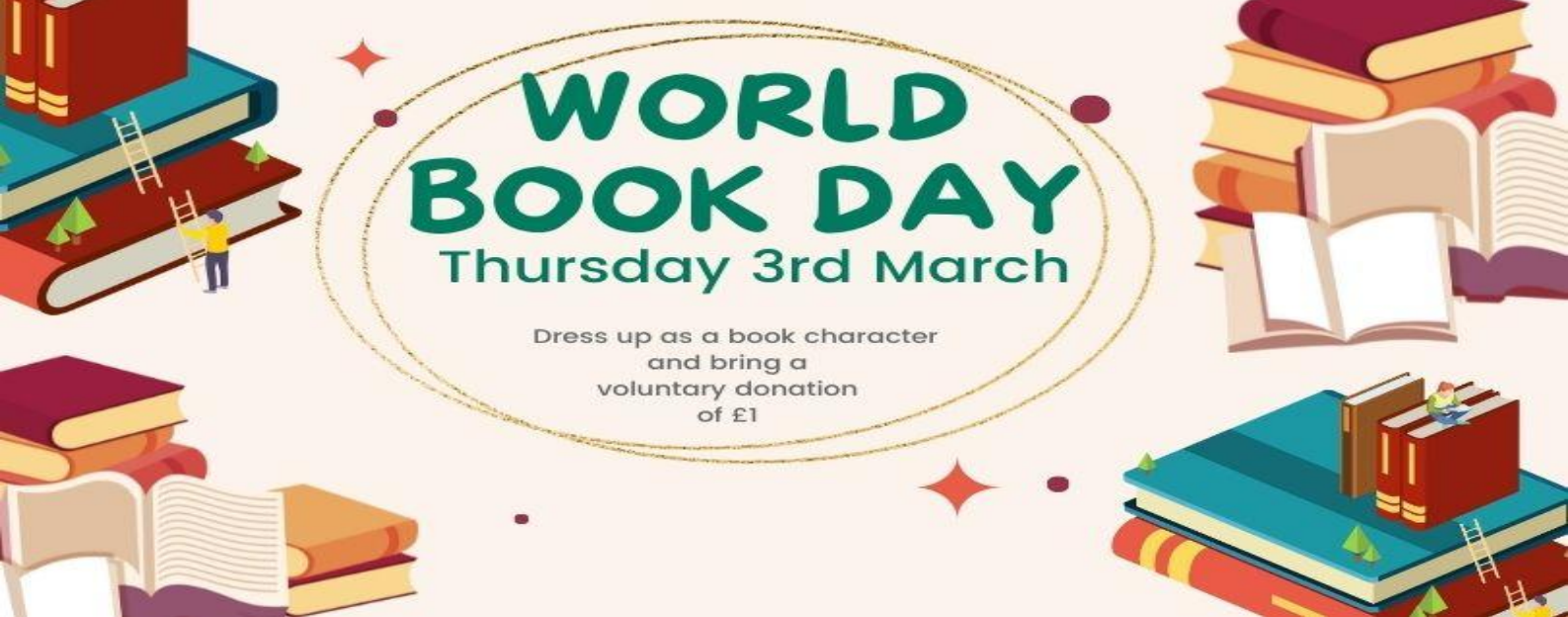
Booking for the Parent consultations will go live at **5pm on Friday 4th March**.

## Future Workshops

Please remember we have our **Puberty Workshop** with the school nurse on **Tuesday 8th March at 8.30am**. We also have our **Year 5 and 6 Maths Workshop** on **Wednesday 9th March at 4pm**.

We are exploring the idea of having regular lettings in school over the weekend or in the evening. If you are interested in hiring one of our halls or a classroom, please get in touch with the school office.





It's the 25th anniversary of **World Book Day** on **Thursday 3rd March** and the theme for this year's celebrations is: **You are a reader!**

At Handsworth, we are encouraging pupils to **dress up** as a book or book character and **make a donation** of £1. This money will go towards buying Guided Reading and Home Reading books for the school.

Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai will come round to each class to read a story and everyone will be celebrating World Book Day by championing reading through various activities throughout the day. We will also be taking our Year 5 and 6 pupils to a local bookshop to exchange their World Book Day voucher for a book!

We are delighted to welcome local author **Ian Brown** in to school to run an assembly and workshops for EYFS and KS1.

Ian is a TV writer and producer (credits include writing or producing for the likes of Harrison Ford, Pierce Brosnan, Homer Simpson, Youtubers Joe Sugg and Caspar Lee, Jamie Oliver, Gordon Ramsay and many more). He is the author of a series of picture books based on a real tortoise called Albert: *Albert Upside Down* and *Albert and the Wind*.

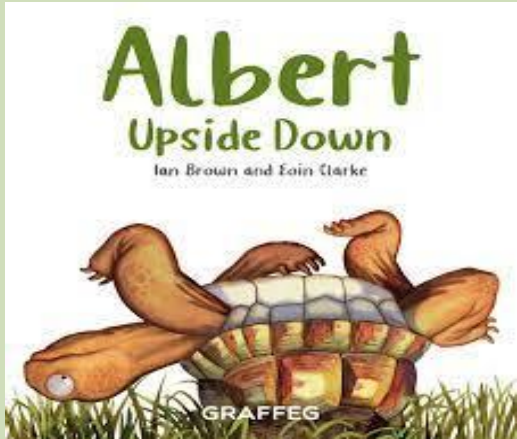
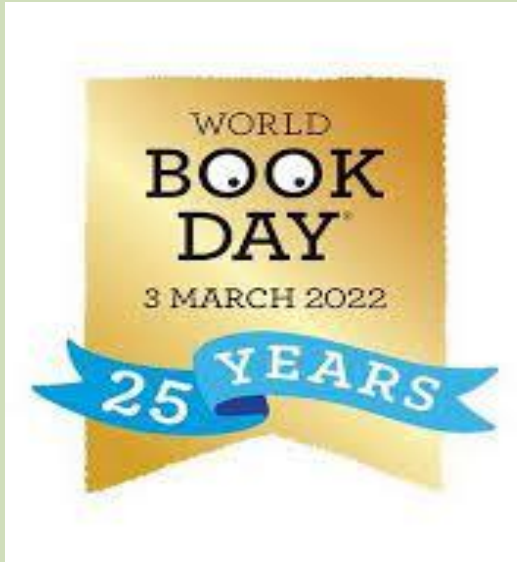
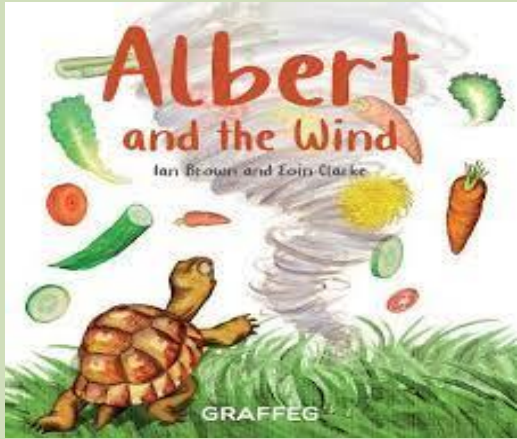
The books have been illustrated by award-winning animation director **Eoin Clarke**. (Eoin animated the opening titles for *Gone Fishing* with Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer and he does animations for the CBBC show *Operation Ouch*.)

Ian will talk about writing, tortoises, the real Albert Tortoise, tortoise links to dinosaurs and how they hibernate (imagine sleeping and dreaming for 5 months each year)! He will also sign any of his books that the children bring in.

You can buy Ian's book in advance of the day (local shop *V and A Books* on The Avenue will stock them) and send it in with your child on World Book Day (make sure you put a note inside the book with your child's name and class, so that Ian can easily sign it).

[Find out more about the importance of World Book Day.](#)

We look forward to celebrating the day with you!





**"You don't have to be positive all the time. It's perfectly okay to feel sad, angry, annoyed, frustrated, scared and anxious. Having feelings doesn't make you a negative person. It makes you human." — Lori Deschene**



## Choose your battles

All humans resist feeling controlled by someone else, and children are no different. The more they feel 'pushed around' the more they rebel. That's a good thing! Training a child to be obedient means you always have to be there to give orders, and as they grow up, they may find it more difficult to stand up for themselves. Instead, teaching a child self-discipline raises a child who can think for themselves, stand up for what's right, and isn't likely to be taken advantage of.

## How can parents help?

Choose your battles. Make sure your child knows you're on his/her side and that they have some choices. When you feel you are entering a power struggle, offer them two choices that you feel OK with e.g., what would you like to do first: reading or maths? You can also formulate a question, so the child feels that he/she decides e.g., ask a child - what do we usually do after breakfast? Allow the child to answer - brush teeth/ go to school. By giving you the answer, the child does not feel he/she is being told what to do. This will allow them to feel they have some control, while you also continue to hold your boundaries. Coach your child rather than trying to control him/her.

If you would like any further support or advice, please contact the school office.

With best wishes,

Greta  
Child Psychotherapist  
and parent consultant



An advertisement for the '1-minute MATHS' app. It features a green cartoon turtle character on the left. In the center, there are three buttons: 'Subitising' (yellow), 'Addition' (green), and 'Subtraction' (red). To the right is a smartphone displaying the app's interface. Below the buttons, the text reads: 'Have you heard about our amazing new app? It's 1-Minute Maths'. Further down, it says: 'Designed for use both in class and at home, our new 1-Minute Maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play'.





### Peaceful Panda

Panda knows when to be calm. She understands when to step out in an argument and does not raise her voice when it isn't needed.

We encourage everyone to follow Peaceful Panda and be respectful to others when they disagree with your opinion. It is better to discuss your problems with an adult rather than continuing the argument.

### Understanding Unicorn

Unicorn accepts other cultures and stands up for them.

She empathises with her friends and tries to comfort them when they are not feeling their best.

Although we all like happiness, it's good for your mental health to experience all emotions, and it can make you fully enjoy the good emotions.



### Learning Lion

Lion is always trying his best, and he learns from his mistakes and knows they can help him. When he is learning he always listens and never gives up, he also respects all his classmates.

We encourage everyone to follow learning lion and make this school a better place by embracing your mistakes.



### Safety Snake

Snake knows how to be safe online and offline. He takes risks but knows how to be careful.

We encourage everyone to follow safety snake by using the internet wisely and listening to trusted adults. If anything happens at school, tell a teacher because they can help you.



### Equity Elephant

Equity Elephant knows that fair is not always equal but does meet each and every persons needs so that they can learn together.

This means that the help given to a child might not be enough for someone who is going through a rough time at home or who requires special needs



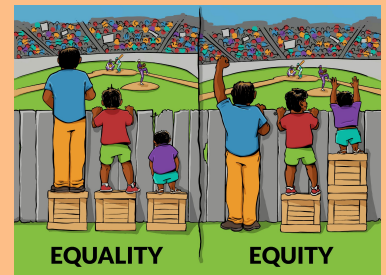
Our House Captains were amazing today! They came to meet me this morning and I asked them to provide some information about our Safeguarding Animals for our new **Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy**.

The children worked together, with no input from me and created the information to the left. This is our first draft and completely their work!

**I was so incredibly proud of them and I am sure you will agree.**

The next step is for children to share this and get some feedback from staff and their peers. **Parents and Carers, if you have any feedback, please add to the comments below.**

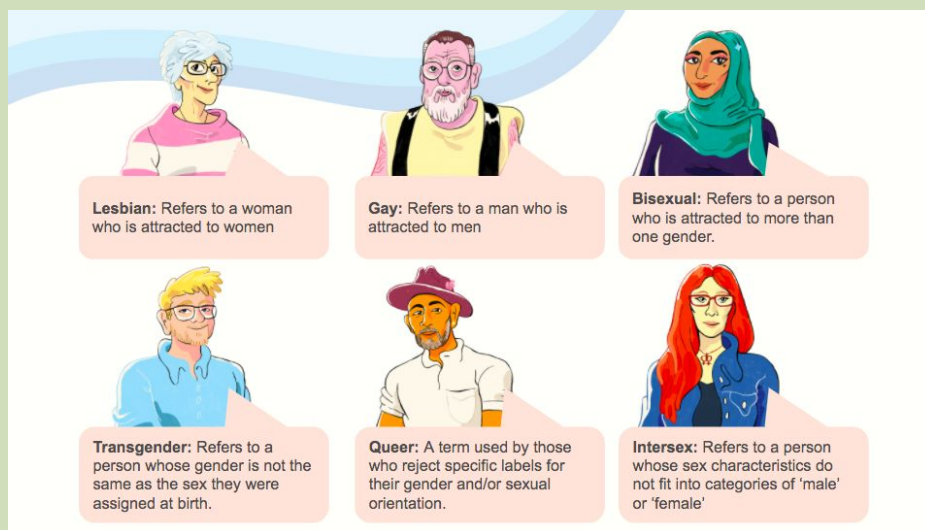
Once agreed, the Captains will introduce the concept to all children in the school.



## LGBTQ+ History Month

As many of you will know, February is LGBTQ+ History Month. LGBTQ+ History Month was launched in 2005 by Schools Out, a UK charity that aims to make all schools and educational institutions safe spaces for LGBT pupils and staff. We recognise this month as an opportunity to acknowledge the rights that these communities have now, to remember those who do not currently have those rights and to help LGBTQ+ children and families to see themselves in history. This month is a great time to talk to your children about the ways in which we are all free to be ourselves and to celebrate the diversity of our communities.

Below are some straightforward definitions that you can use when you are having these conversations, as well as some resources you might find useful to explore. We will be exploring these issues further during Pride Month in June.



## Resources for Parents:

- You might want to share some [Children's books](#) with diverse gender and family representations.
- You can explore the work of LGBTQ+ artists at the Tate galleries with [this video](#).
- Older children might like to watch [this video about Alan Turing](#) with an adult. Be aware that the video talks about the circumstances of Turing's death. You can try coding like Turing using the [Scratch app](#).
- You can learn about the life and work of [Ted Brown](#) using these assembly powerpoints for EY/KS1 (Years N-2) or KS2 (Years 3-6)



## Puberty Information for Parents and Carers

On Tuesday 8th March at 8.30am,

Our school nurse will deliver a parent/carer workshop about puberty.

This will give you an opportunity to ask questions and get advice.

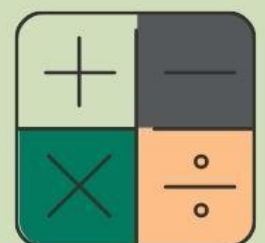
The nurse will be sharing information about how to deal with issues surrounding puberty.

Year 5 and 6  
Parent and Carers

## MATHS WORKSHOP

Wednesday 9th March

4pm - 5pm  
In the large hall





*Making friends  
and getting busy  
in Reception!*

# MUSIC PROVISION



PROVIDING  
EXCEPTIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES



We are excited to be improving our Music Provision across the school. Some of the events and opportunities we are developing include the following:

We have introduced music from different parts of the world and more opportunities for children to sing and perform in class.

The Handsworth Young Voices choir will perform at the O2 on 5th May and will also perform to the school. This week a new choir has started for Years 4 and 5! This takes place on a Wednesday after school. Please contact the school office if your child would like to join.

Piano lessons have now started for children in Year 3 and 4, this is alongside the instrument lessons that are already taking place. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

In Key Stage 2, we have Mrs Kenley who specifically teaches Music! We are following the Charanaga music scheme which includes focusing on music by composers from different eras and backgrounds as well as songs and classical music.

We have been invited to a concert by the London Sinfonietta at the Royal Festival Hall.

Each year group play instruments as part of their music lessons with some year groups focusing on learning the recorder and ocarina as part of their lessons in class.

The Eco Council will be making a nectar cafe for the garden! We also have big school clean up approaching. We believe that no one is too small to make a big difference. When we all come together, that big difference becomes a huge one.

If every child who attended school in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter during the Great Big School Clean, we could remove 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment.

**Great Big School Clean takes place 25 March – 10 April.**

**Click the image on the right for more details.**





# Thank you Ms Foulser!

Ms Foulser will be leaving Handsworth Primary on 11th March. Ms Foulser has been a valuable member of the Handsworth team for the last 10 years and we wish her every success for the future. Thank you for everything you have done for the children, staff, parents and carers.

We will miss you.



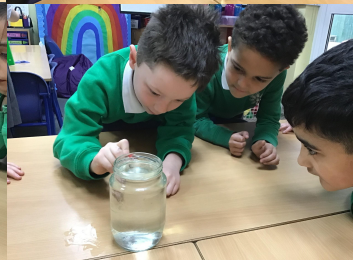
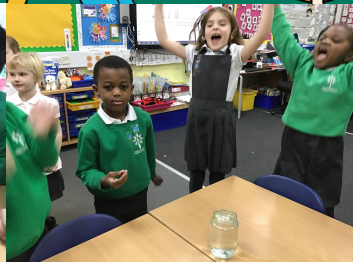


# YEAR 1 SCIENCE

Year 1 enjoyed the challenge of getting a paper clip out of a jar of water, filled to the top, without spilling any water or getting their fingers wet!

A wonderful example of exploration, investigation into magnetism and team work.

It was a joy to witness.  
Well done!





## PIZZA & COOKIE EVENING FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven.



Orders to be placed via PTA Events by Friday 25th February  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhandsworth/>

Orders will be sent home with children on Friday 4th March



## FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH



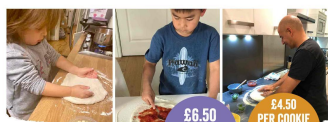
## SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL

# KYLIE ON SHOW

KYLIE MINOGUE TRIBUTE ACT PERFORMING AT THE SCHOOL

Tickets on sale soon from  
Friends of Handsworth



EACH KIT MAKES 1 X 12" PIZZA  
AND INCLUDES:

£6.50  
PER PIZZA  
KIT

£4.50  
PER COOKIE  
KIT  
(MAKES  
5 COOKIES)

- 01 1 Fresh dough ball perfect for baking that evening, or within 48 hours
- 02 80 grams of fresh, cubed mozzarella (or vegan mozzarella)
- 03 A pouch of stretching flour to help stretch your dough balls

- 04 80 grams of special tomato pizza sauce
- 05 10 grams of grated Parmesan cheese for an added depth of flavour

### COOKIE OPTIONS:

- 01 Chocolate brownie
- 02 Chocolate Chip
- 03 Oat and Raisin



Bring the family together for a fun mealtime activity

Each kit includes printed instructions, and the Doughies website contains videos and tips to help you stretch and cook the perfect home oven pizza

Orders for the  
Pizza Evening to  
be placed via  
PTA events by  
Friday 25th  
February.  
Please click  
[here](#) to order!



Thank you to Friends of Handsworth for Reception's fantastic new climbing equipment. The children have enjoyed learning how to use the equipment this week and we look forward to continuing to have lots of fun climbing and exploring with our friends next week!  
Friends of Handsworth, we REALLY appreciate your support! Thank you.

Monday 28th February 2022, 2-3pm	School Nurse Drop in Session
Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day
28th February to 4th March 2022	5TC Swimming Lessons
<b>Friday 4th March 2022</b>	<b>FOH Pizza Evening</b>
Monday 7th March to Friday 11th March 2022	Year 6 Shaking Up Shakespeare
<b>Friday 18th March 2022 7pm</b>	<b>FOH Pamper Night</b>
Friday 18th March 2022	Comic Relief
Friday 11th - Saturday 20th March 2022	British Science Week
Wednesday 23rd March 2022	Year 1 WOW Day - Space Explorers
Thursday 24th March 2022	Year 2 Great Fire of London WOW Day and assembly
Monday 28th March 2022, 2-3pm	School Nurse Drop in Session
Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th March 2022	4SN Bikeability Course
Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March 2022	4BD Bikeability Course
<b>Thursday 31st March 2022</b>	<b>Krispy Kreme sale - 2:30pm</b>
Friday 1st April 2022	Parents Consultation Day (INSET - school closed to pupils)

# Star of the Week



**NHW**

IVY

**1IL**

RILEY

**RAO**

LOGAN

**1MJ**

NARIN

**RHH**

OLIVIA

**2KC**

ARDI

**2MW**

OLIVIA



**3FB**

LEO

**5TC**

DANIEL

**3LB**

ANNA

**5JG**

LILY

**4BD**

THEO

**6RT**

MAHUM

**4SN**

DWAYNE

**6SM**

VANESSA

The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn. The stars also have the opportunity to have tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!