

# SAUNCEY WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

We have had a very busy week; on Wednesday we hosted the rehearsal for the Spring Festival Choir where our Year 6 choir were joined by the choirs of all the local schools to practise for their performance at the Eric Morecambe Centre later this month. The hall and corridors were definitely filled with "The Sound of Music". The choir will share their songs with the whole school community in our last Assembly of the term; we will send further details next week.

It has also been "Science Week" when all classes have focused on different aspects of Science, we had water mills and marble runs being made as well as a fascinating Assembly by "Mad Science" - see pictures below and check our Facebook Page for more updates from this fun filled week. Thank you to Mrs Belizaire for organising everything.

## Parents' Evening

Don't forget to book your appointments to meet with your child's Class Teacher for an update on their progress. If you would also like an appointment with Mrs Bloomfield (Assistant Head - Sendco), you can make an appointment via the school office.

## **Year 6 Art Project**

Here are some images of the artwork that is now on the wall at the top of the stairwell (leading down to the Museum and Theatre bar area) at the Eric Morecambe Centre. I have already heard lots of positive feedback about the artwork! Well done, Year 6!! Please go and visit and thank you to Susan Dean (School Governor) for working with the pupils to produce this fabulous display.



# Whole School

# **Mad Science Assembly**







Science Week 2025 was a thrilling success, bringing wonder, excitement and curiosity to both pupils and staff. We kicked things off with a sensational Science Assembly delivered by 'Lightning Lauren' from Mad Science. Our guest scientist began by discussing how Science applies to the real world. Later, she showcased the marvels of Science through a series of interactive and visual demonstrations; for example, her pH indicator experiment had pupils spellbound when she added alkaline/acid to the cabbage juice because it dramatically changed colour.

Throughout the show, children were encouraged to make predictions about what might happen next, fostering their scientific thinking skills. The engagement from the children was phenomenal. They truly were a captivated audience and there were smiles aplenty as well as many moments of spontaneous applause. Our guest commented on how great the children were.

## Fun and Learning Beyond the Assembly

After the Assembly, Science Week continued with a hands-on marble rollercoaster activity as building marble runs are an effective way to explore motion and gravity.

Pupils learned about Isaac Newton, gravity, air resistance, friction and the different ways of slowing down a marble; for example: making the structure taller; changing the direction a lot; adding bumps and textures; and so forth. The challenge question was: Can you make the marble run that takes the longest time (more than three seconds) for the marble to reach the bottom?

It was lovely to see the children working together to design some fantastic marble rollercoasters, some of which beat the three-second challenge. We definitely have some scientists in the making!

A big thank you to our visiting scientist 'Lightning Lauren', our staff and to our pupils who demonstrated their enthusiasm for learning! You have all helped to make Science Week 2025 such a memorable and successful event.

Mrs Belizaire (Science Lead)

### **Comic Relief**

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March we will be raising money for Comic Relief. We are asking all children to come to school wearing as much Red as possible or their pyjamas! Where possible, it would be great if each child could bring in a donation of £1. This can be given to your child's Teacher or to the school office. If you would like to find out more about this charity, please follow this link for more information.

Red Nose Day | Comic Relief

## **School Meal Charge**

We have recently been informed by Hertfordshire Catering Limited that in line with the economic pressures surrounding inflation and significant minimum wage increases they have no choice but to review and introduce new pricing to ensure they can continue to provide the high quality, nutritious meals that you and your children have come to expect from them. The cost for a Primary Junior school meal from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 will be £3.50

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Brewis Headteacher

Dates for the Diary	
Netball Match v Beech Hyde (AWAY)	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Football Match v Kimpton (AWAY)	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Comic Relief	Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Parents' Evenings	Week commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6 Choir at EMC	Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Egg Hunt	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Holiday	7 <sup>th</sup> April - 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Summer Term Starts	Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS SO THAT WE HAVE THE CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR AN EMERGENCY. (INCLUDING YOUR SECOND CONTACTS)





We have a school Amazon wish list <u>Sauncey Wood Amazon Wishlist</u> and we would be most grateful if you are able to purchase something from the list for the school - this gift would be most appreciated.

## **Friends of Sauncey Wood News**

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Don't forget to book your place for the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, 4th April at 1.30 p.m.! Siblings welcome as well. Bookings available on Classlist or FoSW post box (£3.50 per child). And remember to let us know about any allergies. Last day to book – Friday, 28th March.





Don't forget to order your sunflower seeds to take part in the FoSW sunflower competition.

2 seeds for £3 via Classlist or FoSW postbox.

Open to siblings and anyone who wants to get green fingered! Last day to order your seeds is Friday, 28th March!

