



## Battle of the Books

This week, Mrs Weir accompanied some of our Year 2 children to 'Battle of the Books' held at Laleham C of E Primary school where 11 different local schools took part to battle for the top spot.

The children had been busy reading 6 different books to get ready and they did a wonderful job. They took on the challenge of completing a quiz for 4 of the books they had been reading. They worked together as a team to write a character description of one of the characters from another book and had a storytime from a special guest speaker.



The children had the chance to meet the other children taking part and make some new friends. Although we did not win, the children all got a certificate for taking part and a new book to take home. Well done Esme, Millie, Oliver and Sonia.

Below is a piece of writing that the children did together for their character description.

**"Something Else is small and blue. He has dark fluffy fur and a pale blue face. He has a shiny black nose and hands like paddles. His friend Creature is furry and orange with hair golden. It is wild like he has been in the wind. Something Else lives at the very top of a windy hill. His house is small and dark. It has steep steps and a rail around the outside."**



### Dates for the diary

- 18th March—Science Day
- 20th March—Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum
- 20th March—Red Nose Day
- 24th March—Open afternoon Infants 2.30pm
- 24th March—Primary Schools Music Festival Dorking Halls
- 25th March—Easter Egg Hunt
- 25th March—Open afternoon Juniors—2.30pm
- 27th March—**END OF TERM SCHOOL CLOSURES EARLY 1.30pm Infants 1.40pm Juniors**
- 30th March—**10th April SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- 13th April—children return to school

# Red Nose Day

TIME to get 'Funny for Money'! Friday 20th March will be the 19th 'Red Nose Day'. We will be collecting in class and on the gate a minimum £1 donation. In return children may wear something red to school (noses will be welcome).

Please ensure your child does have a coat and wears sensible shoes on this day.

Comic Relief is a major UK-based charity founded in 1985 by screenwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Lenny Henry. It was created in response to the devastating famine in Ethiopia and Sudan, aiming to use comedy and entertainment to raise money for charity. Since its inception, Comic Relief has raised over £1.6 billion to support projects in the UK and around the world, fighting poverty and social injustice.

Comic Relief raises funds for a wide range of causes under its vision of "a just world, free from poverty".

So help us to help people who are not so fortunate. Please give generously—your continued support is very much appreciated.



**Wear Red for Comic Relief!**

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## Goodbye and Good Luck

THIS week we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Portat, who has worked in our school office for the last 11 years. Mrs Portat is taking up a new position in the corporate sector. We are sure you will join us in wishing her good luck in her new role.



## Ordering School Lunches

TODAY you will have been emailed the school lunch menu that will be in place after the Easter Break.



You will be able to order your lunches for after Easter from the end of next week.

Please can we remind all parents that lunches should be ordered **1 week in advance**. This is to ensure that the kitchen ordered the right quantities of food and cook the right amount to feed the children without having lots of waste.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal please can we ask that you do not order a

meal and then send in a packed lunch. Free school meals come with a cost to the school and school budgets are very tight.



Please speak to the school office if you forget to order lunch. This week the kitchen staff had to find 6 extra vegetarian lunches where it hadn't been ordered and this resulted in some year 6 children not getting their first choice.

Thank you for your continued support.

# ACE Achievers

WE are always so proud of our children when we see them doing well outside of school as well as inside school and are always happy to share their achievements in our newsletter.

Bella from Giraffe Class was super proud to share with us this beautiful certificate that she was awarded for her excellent swimming ability. Well done Bella—next stop the Olympics!

Meanwhile, Oliver from Rhino class started playing cricket only last year and already has been awarded most improved player!



Not only a cricketer but a keen fisherman too. Ollie won the award for the biggest fish of the year and Junior Angler of the year and is being coached by a professional! Absolutely amazing Ollie! Well done!

*Ace Attendance Winners of the Week*

The class with the best attendance this week is...

<b>INFANTS:</b>	Giraffe—98.4%
<b>JUNIORS:</b>	Buffalo—98%

Our attendance target is 96%      Whole school this week 94.8%

# ACE Celebration Stars of the Week

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Koala</b>	<b>Alana E</b>	<b>For fantastic independent writing about the Gingerbread Man</b>
	<b>Theo-Blair</b>	<b>For fantastic independent writing about the Gingerbread Man</b>
<b>Kangaroo</b>	<b>Bonnie S</b>	<b>For improvement in segmenting when writing</b>
	<b>Cassius</b>	<b>For improvement with his handwriting</b>
<b>Tiger</b>	<b>Blossom B</b>	<b>For her positive attitude towards her learning this week</b>
	<b>Henry D</b>	<b>For his hard work and perseverance to complete his tough ten every day</b>
<b>Panda</b>	<b>Archie Y</b>	<b>For his perseverance in phonics and reading</b>
	<b>Asma W</b>	<b>For writing thoughtful questions about our new English book after exploring the first page</b>
<b>Zebra</b>	<b>Leo L</b>	<b>For having great understanding when learning about money</b>
	<b>Willow PK</b>	<b>For really trying her hardest in all of her learning</b>
<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Charlie H</b>	<b>For a great first week settling into ACE</b>
	<b>Perrie J</b>	<b>For great knowledge when naming animals and their offspring in Science</b>
<b>Lemur</b>	<b>Prabh S</b>	<b>For a fantastic comparison between tropical and temperate climates</b>
	<b>Havana D</b>	<b>For excellent peeling and cutting skills in DT</b>
<b>Meerkat</b>	<b>Jesse BS</b>	<b>For some amazing focused learning this week.</b>
	<b>Ahana K</b>	<b>For always showing an excellent I can attitude in everything she does.</b>
<b>Rhino</b>	<b>Zac P</b>	<b>For showing perseverance when faced with a challenge</b>
	<b>Alice S</b>	<b>For great progress with her reasoning skills in maths</b>
<b>Elephant</b>	<b>Shabad A</b>	<b>For his enthusiasm with his learning in all subjects</b>
	<b>Tiwaa Y</b>	<b>For settling into Elephant class so sensibly while showing what a great learner she is</b>
<b>Llama</b>	<b>Natalya R</b>	<b>For effective use of conditional sentences in her writing</b>
	<b>Luna P</b>	<b>For showing resilience and perseverance in her writing</b>
<b>Buffalo</b>	<b>Ario H</b>	<b>For his fantastic effort and contribution in class discussion</b>
	<b>Susie D</b>	<b>For her excellent attitude and focus during our assessments this week</b>
<b>Panther</b>	<b>Hannah H</b>	<b>For her reflective thinking and wonderful attitude throughout our RE learning</b>
	<b>Ruby S</b>	<b>For being a kind, helpful and supportive learning partner</b>
<b>Leopard</b>	<b>Johnny P</b>	<b>For his excellent progress in maths as demonstrated in his mock SATs this week</b>
	<b>Jack S</b>	<b>For this enthusiasm and thoughtful contributions to class discussions</b>