



Newsletter 4 March 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Ash Wednesday was a very special day for us in school and we need to thank Fr Gerard for coming in and celebrating Mass. It was wonderful to see our year 6 children so involved, helping to make the sign of the cross with ashes on the younger children's foreheads. Lent reminds us of the value of pray and reflection in our lives, and we pray as a school family at this very challenging time for peace in our world. Looking at the terrible events unfold in Ukraine, it struck me just how important our school mission is; to teach the children in our care how to love their fellow man. Our children are truly loving and compassionate, and they have such a positive impact on their world. We are blessed to be able to work with each and every one of them as they journey through our school.

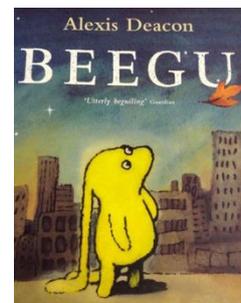


Aliens come to Year 1!

This week in Year 1, the children have been reading and enjoying their current class text 'Beegu'. Throughout this text they have been focusing on the themes of hope, kindness and loneliness.

Beegu is a small, yellow alien and is not supposed to be on Earth. The children responded to the illustrations in the text by making new friends for Beegu.

They designed, labelled and created their new alien friends and then wrote some wonderful character descriptions.



Shrove Tuesday



A special thank you goes to Mrs Small and her kitchen team who made more pancakes than I care to count to help us mark Shrove Tuesday! As you can see by their faces, the children absolutely loved their special pudding!

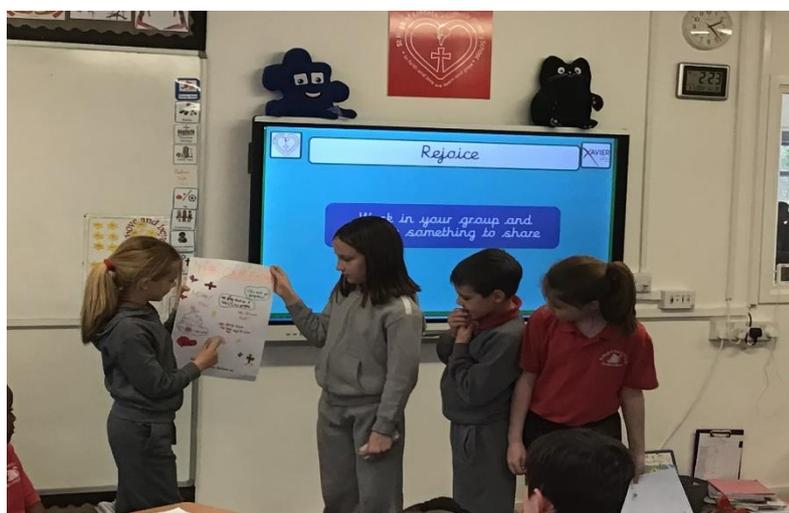
Coding with Crumble in Year 6

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that we have been doing lots of work at school on our computing curriculum, particularly around coding. Year 6 were the first class to get to try out some very exciting Crumble kit we borrowed from Woking High who run the local Computing Hub. During their computing lesson last week, year 6 designed and built electrical circuits and designed a computer programme to make different coloured lights turn on and off. The children really loved the opportunity to experiment with the kit and write their own programmes. We need to say a huge thank you to Woking High for letting us borrow the equipment and for their fabulous ongoing support and training.



Year 4

Year 4 children enjoyed sharing their beautiful RE learning in a respond lesson. It's lovely to see such fantastic learning taking place and for the children to be able to celebrate their spiritual journeys with each other.

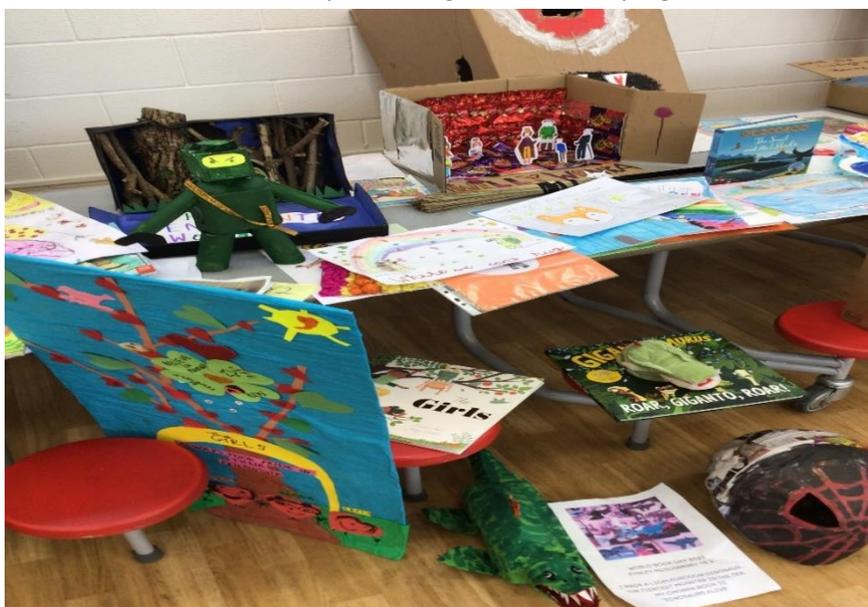


World Book Day Celebrations



We had an absolutely fantastic celebration today of World Book Day at St Hugh's today. The children enjoyed watching a curriculum linked live interactive programme to support reading for pleasure, in partnership with BBC Teach. Different activities linked to the theme of reading for pleasure went on in classes throughout the day and at the end of the day, teachers visited different classes to share a story. Thank you to The Friends for all their help with ideas and organisation for the competition and for organising the super second hand book sale, which was held after school on World Book Day.

Well done to all the children who participated in our World Book Day competition. We were so impressed with the high level of thought creativity that went into making them and thank you to all the parents who helped at home! It was a very difficult task to judge and to award a winner for each class and one overall winner when all the entries were worthy of a prize. Winners will be announced on Monday and prizes will be awards during morning collective worship. Thank you very much to The Friends for organising and running the second hand book sale after school. Thank you also to all the parents who came along with their children. 100 books were sold and all proceeds go towards helping our school.





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will be here

Monday, March 7th
3.15pm-5.30pm

The very best books for children of all ages

There will an Usborne Book Sale from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the school hall on Monday 8th February. Children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day Book Tokens.

Primary School Travel Survey

Our school are assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to undertake research with parents on pupils' types of travel to and from school. This follows the huge success that the previous survey had, with over 13,000 parents and guardians completing the survey.

As a direct result the county council are considering additional investment in walking and cycling measures outside schools to make walking and cycling and scooting to school easier and safer. In response to the survey, The Safer Travel Team are launching a new Walking Training programme in June 2022 for Year 3 pupils across Surrey's primary schools. This will be delivered by a team of trained Walking Instructors and the course will be taught through a series of in-class and on-road practical training modules.

By offering this new programme at Year 3, it blends with other initiatives such as Cycle Training (Bikeability level 1 and 2). The training course will provide pupils with the necessary foundational road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers, preparing them for safe, independent travel in the future. If you would like to find out more, please email safetravelteam@surreycc.gov.uk

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they're used, why that type is used.

Once the Safer Travel Team have collected and analysed this information provided by parents, their goal is to obtain a better understanding of journeys to school, so they can continue encouraging safer and more active travel to school for all children in Surrey.

Please could I ask that you review and complete the survey using the link below. The deadline for completion of the survey is **11.59pm on 21st March 2022** and the survey should be completed for each child that attends our school. If you have another child which attends a separate secondary school, please complete another survey which will be coming out shortly.

[Primary School Travel Survey 2022 - Surrey County Council - Citizen Space \(surreysays.co.uk\)](https://surreysays.co.uk)

Thank you for continuing to support our school to improve pupils' journeys to school.

Lenten Fundraising



During the season of Lent we always raise money for a chosen charity at St. Hugh's. This Lent we are going to take part in the CAFOD Walk Against Hunger and link it to raising money for the situation in Ukraine. The children will be walking laps of the playground each day during break times and lunch times to raise money for CAFOD. Please sponsor your child for their amazing efforts. Next week, there will be a sponsor form going home. Please look out for details next week.

Inset Day

Please remember Wednesday 16th March is an inset day and the school is closed to students.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

God bless, Mrs Harper