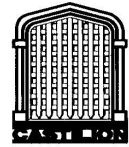


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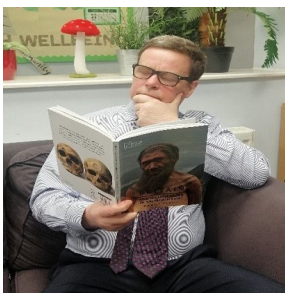
## 2022: Spring Term 1



### What's on my Bookshelf?

Each newsletter will now contain a section on the types of books that a member of staff likes to read. We are starting with Mr Pepperrell...

The first long story book that I ever read was Robin Hood. I also remember reading the Daily Mirror newspaper that my Dad brought home from work each day. However, I now only read factual books and magazines. Currently, I am reading *BRITAIN: one million years of the human story*. Apart from dust, my bookshelves mainly contain books on fishing and my other interests such as archaeology and astronomy. My favourite all time book is *Ivan Marks on Match Fishing* which I first read in 1974. Ivan Marks is one of my heroes. I can remember eagerly waiting for the weekly Angling Times newspaper to be released on a Wednesday so that I could devour the articles that he wrote for it. For a fishing obsessed 14 year-old boy this was like having the keys to the kingdom. I think it's very important that everybody reads as often as they can. Books can open up the mind to new worlds and thinking and can make our own lives far richer.



Mrs Shaw will be sharing the contents of her bookshelf in the next newsletter.

### Attendance

Attendance for the first half of the spring term is currently **96.26%** which is above our 96% target.

The top class for attendance so far throughout this period is **Sagittarius** (Miss Keles), with attendance of 97.74% - well done!

### Visitors to School

So far this term, both Y3 and Reception have been able to take part in some new experiences. On 21 January, Y3 took part in an interactive **Egyptian workshop** which introduced them to the world of Ancient Egyptians. They learnt about mummification, Pharaohs and tomb building! The classes enjoyed dressing up as Ancient Egyptians and Egyptologists.



On 27 January, Reception had fun taking part in the **African**

**Djembe drumming workshop**. To help with their understanding of the book *Handa's Surprise*, children had the opportunity to participate in a morning of music.



### Chinese New Year

To celebrate **Chinese New Year**, Reception classes sold bags of prawn crackers in the playground on 1 February. They are learning about different celebrations from around the World.

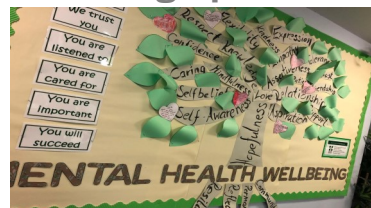


### Charity News

During October/November we sold poppies and other items to support the Royal British Legion's **Poppy Appeal**. Thank you to everyone that donated, we raised £232.89.

In December we took part in Save the Children's **Christmas Jumper Day**. Staff and children came to school wearing their festive woollies in exchange for a donation towards the charity. We raised £220.50.

### Wellbeing Update



We are working hard across the school to create a culture of resilience and support the mental health and well-being of all our pupils, staff and the wider community. We now have two adult mental health first aiders (Mrs Fullerton and Mrs Oloyede) in addition to our youth mental health trained first aiders (Ms Clark and Mr

### Kitchen Award!

We are pleased to confirm that the school kitchen received a five star hygiene rating on their recent inspection from LB Bexley.



### School Values

This half term's value is

**RESPECT**

Respect means you act in a way that shows you care about others feelings and well-being.

### DIARY DATES

- **11.02.22** INSET Day
- **14–18.02.22** Half Term
- **22.02.22** Y1 History Workshop
- **7-11.03.22** Y6 PGL
- **31.03.22** Nursery Last Day of Term
- **01.04.22** Rec-Y6 Last Day of Term
- **04–18.04.22** Easter Holiday
- **19.04.22** Start of Summer Term (Rec-Y6)
- **20.04.22** Start of Summer Term (Nursery)
- **20.04.22** Class Photos
- **02.05.22** Bank Holiday
- **04.05.22** Young Voices concert at O2
- **05.05.22** Polling Day (school closed)
- **27.05.22** INSET Day

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