



School Events Newsletter

February 2018

Looking ahead to an eventful February and March

As we enter February and March for the remainder of this term, this newsletter serves to let you know more about the wide variety of events and activities coming up, alongside our everyday curriculum learning. There is a lot of information to digest as you read through this newsletter, much of which will be displayed in shorter chunks on our blog if you prefer accessing it in this way. Either way, be sure to keep an eye on your child's class noticeboard, along with posters displayed in the walkways, to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest news and know what is coming up, week by week.

February:

Reports and Optional Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

On Monday 5th, school reports go out to all parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 6. These aim to provide information about where children are in their learning, social and behavioural development. Your child's report will highlight their many strengths and celebrate areas of enjoyment. It also communicates where further support, reinforcement or extension would be of benefit.

In these January reports, teachers will comment on how the children have resettled at the beginning of Term 2, reflect on progress in Term 1 since your Parent/Teacher Meeting last term and report on end of term 1 assessments in the core subject areas.

Optional Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings are offered during the week of the 5th February for families or teachers wanting an opportunity to discuss these further. Please connect with your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time if you would like to have a meeting.

Early Years parents are also more than welcome to arrange Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings as well, if they wish. Written reports are created at the end of the year for students in our Toddlers, Preschool and Junior Kindergarten classes.

Obligatory Kindergarten to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings are then held at the end of this term.

Secret Angel Week (Monday 5th – Friday 9th February)

Look out for even-happier-than-usual teachers this week. 'Secret Angel Week' is a special time when all of our staff gets to experience a little love and appreciation from each other. This will be the fourth year that we have enjoyed having a 'Secret Angel' event. A bit like a 'Secret Santa', we each are assigned someone to shower with surprises over the week. Some of our older class joined in with a 'Secret Angel Day' too, so look out to see if your class will be joining in this year.

We encourage you to introduce a 'Secret Angel' event to your workplace— we introduced it the first year with just a single day and it was so fun that we extended it to a week. We know you'll love it and enjoy seeing how its happy effect spreads to each and every one of your team. Check out some info about it on the <https://blog.mindvalley.com/love-into-the-workplace/> and let us know if you are planning to join in the fun.

Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 6th February)

The students in KS1 and 2 explore the theme of e-safety as part of their Computing curriculum. For the past three years we have also celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year the theme is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect—A better internet starts with you.' The aim of the day is to unite together with families to inspire conversations about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.



Throughout their day at school, children will carry out a variety of class and mixed-class activities, which will encourage them to take control of their digital wellbeing and explore the opportunities the internet has to offer in a positive way.

Safer Internet Day Cont...

During the day:

Years 1 and 2 will learn about the importance of keeping their personal details private when online, considering who they are talking to and making sure a trusted adult knows what they are doing.

Years 3 and 4 will explore the topic of age appropriate and healthy use of technology (age indicators for games, time spent and sites used, etc).

Years 5 and 6 will focus on Social Media and learn about the consequences to themselves and others for not communicating kindly and respectfully. They will also learn about where they can go for help and support when they have concerns about content or situations they find themselves in.

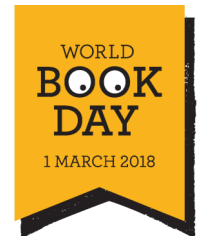
We aim to share some our activities with you at end of the day and hope that you will continue conversations at home—for just as you protect your children in the offline world, it is important for you to provide support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online, encouraging them to use the internet positively and safely.

If you'd like to know more about e-safety, we encourage you to explore the many websites that offer information and support for parents, such as www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.childnet.com.

March:

World Book Day (Thursday 1st March)

Across the school, we are looking forward to celebrating 'World Book Day' together and have a number of activities planned. The School Council will be organising a 'Book Swap', with all classes being encouraged to participate. Simply bring in a book and swap it for another. It's a great way to share books you've read, but no longer want, and to choose something new.



Early Years (Toddler, PS, JK and SK) Book Character Dress Up

All of our younger students will be invited to come to school dressed as one of their favourite story characters. From fairy tale characters to superheroes, this is a colourful and creative way to celebrate the world of books.

KS1/2 Book and Reading Activities

Throughout the day, the older students will join in with cross-curricular activities about books and reading. In the morning, students from the British West Indies Collegiate will come to read with us. It's always heartening to see these young adults together with our children and witness both age groups gaining so much from the experience.

In the afternoon, we'll be having a storytelling session. Bring your PJs and a favourite bedtime toy or cushion as we snuggle down to enjoy stories together.

PPPA Corner Exciting News: The amazing new playground play structure has arrived and will be installed soon! A HUGE thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA/PPPA over the past couple of years to fundraise for this and to everyone involved in the process of researching, purchasing, shipping and installing it. The children will be super excited and it will be wonderful addition to our playground play areas.

Upcoming Events: February

Fri 2nd Movie Night

Wed 7th PPPA Meeting—12noon @ Lemon2Go

Fri 9th Valentines Bake Sale



March

Fri 23th - EYFS Spring Bonnet Parade and Annual Egg Hunt

Looking ahead to Science Week 2018 (Mon 5th - Fri 9th March)

Each year, we participate in our National Education Week celebrations by hosting a Theme Week. Centered around a chosen subject or topic, we come together as a school, learning and exploring this through a variety of fun and creative activities. Some of these activities take place within individual classes, others through mixed-age groupings and some as a whole school. This year our theme will highlight aspects of our Science, teaching and learning, with students investigating and experimenting across the school! We will conclude the week with both an EYFS and a KS1/2 open house. We hope to see lots of you there as the students share and demonstrate their discoveries!



Early Years: Science Open House (Thurs 8th March, between 8:30 and 9:00am)

Our Early Years curriculum and activities help to build strong foundations in Science learning. During the Open House on Thursday morning, parents and visitors will have the opportunity to learn alongside their children, participating in a range of hands-on discovery experiences.

The children will also be linking their Science learning to Literacy, demonstrating how to carry out investigations through 'Talk for Writing'. 'Talk for Writing' enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally through a 'talking text', before going on to reading and analysing it and then writing their own version (K and up). Introducing 'Talk for Writing' at this young age will pave the way for children to become successful independent readers and writers later on.

Years 1–6: Phenomenal Phenomenon Dress up Day (Wed 7th March)

On Wednesday, As part of our Science Week, Years 1–6 will be having a '**Phenomenal Phenomenon Dress-up Day**'. We invite the students to create a costume to represent an amazing fact, or find a fact that fits well with an amazing costume! They can also dress up as a Scientist. The classes will link with neighbouring classes over the morning to share their wonderful costumes and facts. We hope this fun activity will encourage the children to use both their creativity and research skills! If you want some inspiration, then check out our 2013 dress up day blog post for ideas <http://provoprimary.com/blog/school-news/phenomenal-phenomenon-dress-up-day/>

Years 1 - 6: Science Open House (Fri 9th March between 2:15 - 2:55pm)

'Science Stations' will be set up in each class during the KS1/2 Open House on Friday afternoon. Students will lead activities for parents to participate in and have the opportunity to explain their learning. We hope this will be a good opportunity to visit each class and see how Science learning develops as students progress through the school.

Due to Hurricane disruptions, this year's National Fortis Science and Technology Fair has been cancelled. The students in Years 3–6, however, will have the opportunity to participate in our own School Science Fair. Their ideas will be developed both in school and at home and we look forward to a variety of projects being shared at the Open House. As we are introducing this to the school this year, there will be no competition element, but perhaps it success will lead to this in the future.



We are hope to participate in the National Science Quiz that will take place this year.



Remember that Commonwealth Day on Monday 12th March is a 'Hurricane Make-up Day' and that school will be open.

Keeping Healthy Week (Mon 19th— Fri 23rd March)

Wake Up, Shake Up (Mon 19th)

We are fortunate to have Fitness Trainer, Jo Gray coming in to bring an active start to the week with a morning 'Wake Up, Shake Up' aerobics session for all the children.

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Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Day (Wed 21st)

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Sports Days will take place on both on our green field and at the Graceway Sports Centre. We hope that parents and friends will be able to come along and encourage the children. Starting times for each age group will be as follows:

On the School Field:

- **JK:** 8:30 - 9:00am
- **Preschool:** 9:00 - 9:30am
- **Toddlers:** 9:30 - 10:00am
- **SK:** 10:30 - 11:00am

At the Graceway Sports Centre:

- **Years 1 and 2:** 11:15 - 12:00noon.

Key Stage 2 Physical Education (PE) Showcases (Thurs 22nd 9:00 and 10:30am)

The focus of our Years 3 - 6 Physical Education Programme this term is on Athletics. We are fortunate to be able to access the CARIFTA track and field for these activities, offering the teaching of long jump, javelin, shot put and track activities. We will be hosting "Beat my Personal Best" Showcase on Thursday 22nd between 9:00 and 10:30am and hope that parents and friends will be able to come along to support the children with their efforts.

Obligatory Parent/Teacher Consultations (Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd March)

Appointments will be arranged for Kindergarten to Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings. Early Years parents are once again welcome to arrange a meeting with their child's teacher as well.

Spring Bonnet Parade & PPPA Egg Hunt (Fri 23rd March)

Every year, on the last day of the Spring Term, parents of our Toddler, Preschool, Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes spring into full creative mode and make a spring bonnet together with their child at home (see your class teacher for details). These are then brought to school, with the children parading around the school in them in full splendour at 8:45am. Come and see the best 'Spring Bonnets' on Provo! The parade is followed by the PPPA Egg Hunt, with children across the school searching for surprise treats to enjoy. What a wonderful way to end the term!



Remember that school finished at 12 noon on Friday 23rd March

And finally... What a busy half term we have planned! As always, thank you to the children, staff and parents for all your hard work and continued support. If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me at school. *Sian Jones*

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