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## World Book Day Events

Thank you so much to all of you that attended our Book and a Biscuit events last week. We know our children really appreciate being able to share time with you in our school environment and what better way to spend it then with a good story!

In the build up to World Book Day, we received a visit from the Northampton Town Football Club mascot Clarence the Dragon. As part of our Literacy focus in school we receive a weekly visit from NTFC Community Partnership to deliver lessons in reading and football. The lessons follow the Premier League Primary Stars programme. We've been invited to watch Northampton Town vs. Port Vale on 30<sup>th</sup> March because of our excellent work on improving our reading skills. The children from each class were also able to recommend books to Clarence and a group of children read from their reading books to Clarence in the school library.



## Upcoming Events

**March 27**

[Lenten Service](#)

**March 29**

Years 3 & 4 Trip - Athletics  
Tournament

**March 29**

7:30 p.m. We're leading Stations  
of the Cross – St Gregory's  
Church

**April 4**

KS2 Easter Production to  
families

**April 5**

Years 5 & 6 Trip -  
Athletics Tournament

## Announcement

All sports tournaments at  
Benham Sports Arena are  
open to the public, please  
take the time to come and  
cheer us on if you can!

## More Important News

### Year 4 Edison's Refugee Mission

At St Gregory's, each year group is allocated a special mission project to carry out over the course of the academic year, in order to recognise and care for people beyond our school community who are vulnerable and in need of our care and compassion. Edison Class have been given the mission of caring for refugees. In the first half term of this academic year, we welcomed Chris Atkin, who led a session with the Year 4 children about CAFOD's 'Share the Journey' campaign. During Advent, the children made beautiful prayer cards containing messages of hope and courage, which were sent to refugee centres in different parts of the country.

We were recently visited by Kate Milner, the author of the book 'My Name Is Not Refugee'. She was invited to inspire our children and to encourage us to explore the idea of the journey a refugee might make, reflecting on the items they themselves would want to take on a journey to a new place. The children were surprised to learn that Kate was not only the author, but also the illustrator. She showed the children how her drawings were developed from original black and white sketches to the final coloured images. The children also created their own drawing of unusual and – sometimes unappetising – plates of food to link with the new experiences that refugees might have.

We have now been writing our own diaries as a refugee:

*'My legs feel exhausted. I feel like an ant squashed into the ground it's so busy. I'm freezing and all I've got is my teddy and a dirty pillow in my bag. I feel weird and I can't live like this anymore.'* - Niamh

### British Science Week

This week is British Science Week, we've been exploring how fun science is. We welcomed Sublime Science, winners of BBC's Dragon's Den, to school to a whole school assembly. Together we have been exploring science using a range of amazing demonstrations and hands-on experiences. Years 3 and 4 also enjoyed a Rocket Workshop while Years 1 and 2 have focused on designing new inventions! We will report back on our experiences and learning next week.

**STOP PRESS! Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Handball Teams that won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the [Pacesetter Games](#) today!**



### School Trips

29<sup>th</sup> March – Years 3 & 4  
Athletics Tournament at  
Benham Sports Arena

5<sup>th</sup> April – Years 5 & 6  
Athletics Tournament at  
Benham Sports Arena

21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5  
Verulamium Museum

14<sup>th</sup> June – Foundation Stage  
West Lodge Farm Trip

24<sup>th</sup> May – Foundation Stage  
Multi-Skills Tournament at  
Benham Sports Arena

### International Women's Day

Last Friday we celebrated International Women's Day and learned more about inspirational women from history, up until the present day. We also learned more about some female saints in our class reflection times. Please ask us about what we learned and who we felt inspired by.