



## Y2 Trip to Leeds Castle

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, Bluebell and Daffodil classes visited Leeds Castle near Maidstone in Kent. The trip, which was connected to their topic of 'Castles', was a opportunity to explore and experience what being inside a real castle was like before writing about castle life back in the classroom.

The day started with the joy of travelling on a coach through London into the countryside of Kent. The children were taken on a guided tour of the castle and then they got to dress in a variety of period costumes. The focus then became on the animals that had been resident within the castle, including meeting Merlin the owl. The children were very well behaved, really enjoyed themselves and they learnt lots.



## Road Safety

Years 5 and 6 attended a road safety workshop in school about how to keep themselves safe. The children were taught:

- Don't wear your hoods up as it blocks your vision
- Don't wear your headphones as you can't hear probably
- Don't cross the road while talking/texting on your phone
- Look and listen at all times.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Year 1 are attending a road safety workshop, while Year 2 will be having a follow up from their workshop last year.

The next Parents Association meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome!

## Punctuality

The gates open at 8.50am and the children go into their classrooms. All children should be in school at 8.55am

The doors and gates are closed at 9am as the class registers are taken at this time.

If your child arrives after 9am, they are late and you will need to sign them in the late book.



## Dates for the diary

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Bumble Bee (Nursery) Parents Evening

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Dragonfly (Nursery) Parents Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – School finishes for half term

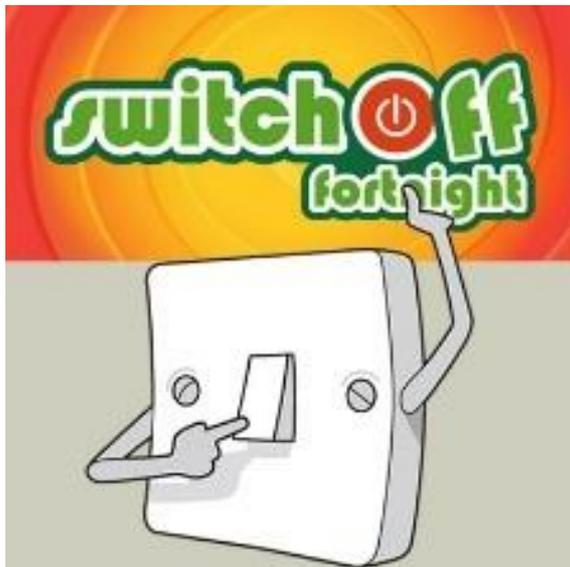
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school



## Y5 Trip to Kew Gardens

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January Beech class and on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January Willow class visited Kew Gardens as part of their topic, The Amazon. Beech class did unfortunately get very wet, but they kept smiling and enjoyed the experience. The children were as always well behaved.

"We had a workshop which the teacher showed us how chocolate is made and some of the plants that grow in the Amazon rainforest. They also saw bananas growing! After lunch, we went into the garden and saw a fish, a bumble bee, a frog and natural habitats for some of the animals that live in the Amazon rainforest. Then we headed to the Tree top trail where we had a full view of Kew gardens" Written by Tammy in Willow class.



## Switch Off Fortnight!

The Eco Club have asked pupils to create a poster that will persuade us all to SAVE ELECTRICITY! These posters will be put up around the school to remind us all to turn off lights and appliances, when they are not being used. Saving electricity not only saves money, but helps us protect the planet! Everyone that submits a poster will be given a sticker and one child from each year will win a dynamo torch! Please encourage your whole family to save electricity at home! The winners will be announced on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. All posters must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of February.

Year 4 visited the Horniman museum in connection with their topic 'Ancient Egypt'. The children got to handle artefacts that were over 2 000 years old as well as see hieroglyphics and a death mask!

## Attendance

The attendance for the academic year 2106/17, as of 26/01/17, stands at 95.13%. Which is below the national average.

Please try to arrange medical (appointments for before or after school or the school holidays, unless there it is a medical emergency.



## School Council

The School Council have been involved in deciding the name of the new outside classroom. They are proud to announce it will be called:

### 'The Nature Room'.

as it links the themes of the classes (minibeasts, flowers, birds and trees) together. The members' next job is to talk to their class about the image for sign for the nature room.

The School Council meet weekly with Mr. Kelly to find ways of making our school even better.