

INSPIRING LEARNING

ROYAL GALLERY



Puffins Class have invited parents to attend a Royal Art Gallery today to celebrate the end of their topic. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the fantastic artwork completed by the children.

SOMETHING'S BURNING!

Parrots Class set their curriculum alight last week... literally! Members of Ipswich Fire Service visited the children to help them to recreate the Great Fire of London, burning model houses made by the class.



HOO DESIGNED IT? WE DID!

A group of our Learning Ambassadors are engaged in a project with Sutton Hoo to create the traditional Easter Trail for when the visitor attraction re-opens in April. The children visited the site to meet staff and learn about the range of wildlife living in the grounds. They will be producing fact boards on each animal which will become the focus for the Easter Trail.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PARENT GOVERNOR

Julie Da Silva was elected as the new parent governor. Julie attended her first meeting last week and is looking forward to being involved in future decision making and school planning.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Bookings are now open for parents' evenings on **Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March**. A link will be sent through each class See Saw and will be available via the school website. All appointments for these meetings will now take place in the school hall. Access will be through the main school entrance.

CHALLENGING 'YOU' & US!

We had a pleasing turn-out for the coffee morning earlier today. As well as a short presentation on Self-Challenge and Goal Setting, parents present completed a task which will help us to organise the menus on the new school website. These sessions are also a good opportunity to highlight any areas of school you think could be better. One topic discussed this morning was parental involvement in school. This included, opportunity to share learning with the children and volunteering in school.



FRIENDS OF MELTON SCHOOL

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th February** at 3.30pm in the school hall. The time has been changed to the end of the school day in the hope more parents will be able to attend.

EVENTS & SCHOOL NEWS

ACE ARTISTS

Congratulations to Samuel Perry (Puffins) and Daisy Rayment (Owls) who have had their artwork selected for display at the 'Extraordinary Adventures' exhibition being hosted by Young Art East Anglia. An entry of over 1900 from across the region has been reduced to only 360 for display. The exhibition is open from Friday 8th March until Sunday 10th March at Peter Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh.

SENCO

We are pleased to announce Lucy Hancock as our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO). Lucy recently returned to Suffolk from South Yorkshire where she was working as a deputy headteacher. She was appointed following a rigorous selection process which included; meeting a group of parents, four of our Learning Ambassadors and teaching in Woodpeckers Class. Lucy is looking forward to joining the team and will be starting at Melton in April. Until then, Nicola Woods will continue to be responsible for supporting SEND in school.

SAYING 'GOODBYE'

Today we say 'goodbye' and 'good luck' to Mrs Capell who is leaving Melton. She is hoping to return to working with the National Trust at Sutton Hoo (we wish her well for the interviews).

HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUB

Inspire Suffolk are using Melton to host sports camps during the half-term holiday. The full-day clubs will be on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd February. Bookings can still be made online.

LEGO PROMOTION

Following the success of the Books for Schools event, the East Anglian Daily Times are now publishing tokens for a Lego Promotion which can benefit schools. We are participating in this scheme and Tokens will be printed in the East Anglian Daily Times and Evening Star up to 3rd May. For every 1,000 tokens collected, the school will receive £50 worth of Lego Education resources. Please encourage your family and friends to save tokens for us and look out for special bonus token days. There will be a special half term bonanza whereby every day you can get a massive 11 tokens – the usual one plus the bonus of 10!

RED NOSE DAY

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day and we will be selling Red Noses in aid of Comic Relief. Please note these will be sold at the school office from Monday 11th March will a minimum donation of £1.25 (unfortunately, change will not be available).

CRISP PACKET RECYCLING

We are supporting 1st Rendlesham Scout Group who are collecting crisp packets to recycle. A box has been placed in the school hall where the children can post used packets.



Although we are only encouraging you to eat crisps in moderation, when you do, please save the packets and send them into school.

Remember to contact me at any time if you have something you would like to discuss. I am outside most days or can be contacted via email: head@melton.suffolk.sch.uk



Alun Davies
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IMPORTANT DATES

February

- Friday 15th School closes for half term
- Thursday 21st Inspire Suffolk Sports Camp
- Friday 22nd Inspire Suffolk Sports Camp
- Monday 25th School re-opens
- Tuesday 26th FOMS Meeting (3.30pm)
- Tuesday 26th PGL residential meeting for Year 6 parents (5pm)

March

- Thursday 7th World Book Day
- Friday 8th – Sun 10th Young Art East Anglia Exhibition (Aldeburgh)
- Monday 11th Parents' Evenings (3.50 to 5.20pm)
- Wednesday 13th Parents' Evenings (3.50 to 7pm)
- Friday 15th Comic Relief
- Wednesday 20th Swimming Gala
- Monday 26th Year 6 Residential

April

- Friday 26th Charity Quiz (7pm)