



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 4 March

Whole School

Ashford Council Bug Hotel Competition Building: Before Christmas, Dylan in Angora won Ashford Council's Bug House competition, where a giant version of the winning design (a windmill) will be built at the Ashford Designer Outlet as part of a rewilding project.

We need your help to gather items to help Dylan and the team fill his amazing windmill! They will need lots of: dry leaves, twigs, hollow stems, dead grass, pinecones, bits of bark, stones and tiles, broken terracotta pots, straw, hat, logs, bricks (especially ones with holes in) and bamboo canes. Please deliver any collected items in bags to Year 6. Thank you for your support with this!

After School Clubs: Please note this is the **FINAL** week of After School Clubs this term.

World Book Day: Thursday 7 March. If your child would like to dress up, they can come as a book character who inspires them OR 'dress to express' - they can show us their identity through what they choose to wear.

We have already seen some lovely work from the reading challenges set. If you have any more work at home, please bring it into school next week. We will be sharing these on our website and our Facebook page.

Wraparound Parental Survey:

Please find information and a survey link from The Education People, who are interested in your views about out of school childcare. They are keen to hear from parents across Kent.



<https://survey.kent.gov.uk/ChildcareSurvey>

Request for Magazines: If anyone has any old magazines at home that they would be happy to donate, Pygora would appreciate them to use as part of our art lessons later this term. Please drop these off to Miss Chapman in Year 5, thank you.

Class Assemblies: All dates were in the E-bulletin last week. These will be held in the school hall at **10:15am** and last no longer than 30 minutes.

Arbor: Just another reminder to log in to Arbor please, we are nearly there with 89% uptake! You will need to access Arbor to book this month's Parent Consultation Meetings and also book and pay for Breakfast Club if you use this facility.

Please do not be alarmed if you see meals charged against your child's Arbor account and you are in receipt of Free School Meals. We are still working on some aspects of the payment side and you will not be charged. Please do not hesitate to contact the School Office if you have any queries with the Arbor Portal & App.

Billy Class - Reception

Next week we will be reading words containing two or more digraphs. Digraphs are sounds that are made up of two letters, such as: **sh ch th ng nk er ar ai or ee oo ow**

We will recap these tricky words: **no of to into she he we**

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics this week: We have been learning alternative pronunciations/spellings for:

- Ch: tch (as in match), ture (as in picture)
- Ar: al (as in calm) and a (as in father)

Tricky words: because eye

Reading books: Please ensure phonics books are returned promptly on **Tuesdays**, even if they are not finished. Children will get a house point if their books are returned on time!

Reading stickers: We have got more certificates to give out! You can also record any books at home that your child has read to you. Please note that we give stickers for the amount of **days** read, rather than the amount of times.

Alpine Class - Year 2

In Alpine Class this week, we have had even more lovely seaside homework submissions and it has been lovely to see so many happy seaside photos of the children with their families. This has helped to inspire our writing in English and our learning in History.

Reading books: Please remember to return your reading books by **Tuesday** so that these can be re-sorted for other groups and other classes. We have now had several children earning their Bronze Award for reading which has been really pleasing to see. If you need a new Reading Journal or book mark, please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Home Learning: The children have a new homework sheet for English and Maths and they will receive table points and house points for completing these tasks. Please have a go at this weeks home learning with your child, so that you are kept up-to-date with their skills and knowledge from school. Don't forget that your child can keep practising their Maths and Spellings skills on Numbots and Spelling Shed. Their logins are in their Reading Journal and they will earn table points and house points for their efforts on these apps.

World Book Day: Next **Thursday** is World Book Day and we will be offering table points and house points in class to our Alpine Class learners, if they complete any of the tasks for this very special day.

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another wonderful week in Kinder Class. We have worked extremely hard and produced some lovely work.

This term we will be doing a times table test twice a week, once on a **Wednesday** and once on a **Friday**.

Maths and English homework has been set for this week.

Also, this term our geography topic is 'What is it like and where can I go to climb a mountain?' On **Monday** we set home learning based on the topic. It will be due on **Monday 25 March**. House points and Rocks points will be awarded for those who have completed their homework.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Please try to ensure that your child is reading a minimum of 4 days a week and that they bring in their signed reading records on **Friday**. If they have a shorter stage book, they will need to read their book twice before changing it to ensure they have a good understanding of the text and the language used within it.

Please help your children access Spelling Shed as they should be playing **5 games** on it a week or writing their spellings out and bringing them in on **Friday**. We really are seeing a big increase in spellings score amongst those children who are practising regularly each week.

Any support you can give your children with their times tables would be beneficial.

Don't forget about your World Book Day activities, I can't wait to see your outfits on Thursday! Remember: be prepared to tell us why the person you've come as inspires you.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Remember that World Book Day is next **Thursday** and that the children can come dressed up either in a way that expresses themselves or as a person/character who inspires them.

Thank you to those parents that have already signed up for Parents' Evening on Arbor - slots are now available to book. You need to have registered with Arbor to be able to book a slot.

Swimming will continue as normal.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - P38 & 39 - Writing decimals as fractions
English - P 42 & 43 - Commas to avoid confusion
5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

Pygmy Class- Year 6

The children are very excited for our class assembly next week on **Tuesday 5 March at 10:15am**. All parents/carers are welcome to come and watch!

Thank you to all the parents that have signed up already for a Parents' Consultation slot on Arbor. You need to have registered with Arbor to be able to book a slot.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.28 & 29 Fractions, decimals and percentages
English - p.22 & 23 Subject and object

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

