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World Book Day

In order to celebrate **World Book Day**, which this year fell on Thursday 7th March, John Ruskin held its annual Book Week. A range of activities took place throughout the week to help stimulate the children's enjoyment of reading.

Many children came to school on Thursday dressed up as favourite characters from books they have read and certainly were an impressive sight in both assembly halls. All the classroom doors were also decorated to reflect a well-known book. A total of £245 was collected in school on World Book Day with the money donated to the Smile Train charity – www.smiletrain.org.uk

The John Ruskin book fair was also successful in raising over £350 towards the cost of new books for the school. The children were also all given £1 book vouchers for use at the school book fair or in bookshops.

Parent workshops focusing on reading were held, where parents were encouraged to have try some activities alongside their children. Class teachers were also able to give out information and resources to help the children continue to develop their reading skills.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshops and to the class teachers who led them. Thanks also to Sheila Seibert for organising the week's events.





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Science Week

Last week was Science Week at John Ruskin and each class took part in special activities, including challenges and scientific investigations.

On Friday, the Mad Science Company led both assemblies and amazed the children with their experiments. Each class then had a special workshop in the classroom.

A well-attended and keenly contested parent and child science quiz was also held on Thursday after school. Congratulations to Noah White from Burgundy class for getting the most correct answers.

Thanks go to Hamilton Nwokolo for organising the science activities.





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Gardening news

Children from Year 2, who attend the school gardening club, will be taking part in the Young Marketers' sale at Borough Market in the summer term, selling the amazing fruit and vegetables that they have grown. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Fare share charity.

Workers from the Fare share charity will be in school to lead assemblies with both key stages on Tuesday 26th March.

New parent governors

We would like to welcome two new parent governors to the governing body. They are Mrs Winnie Baffoe and Mr Festus Egbeyemi. They both have two children attending John Ruskin School. Mrs Baffoe has experience as a co-ordinator in the voluntary sector, supporting disadvantaged families and Mr Egbeyemi is a manager in the healthcare sector.

Their expertise will bring further strength to the governing body.





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Forthcoming Dates

Friday 5th April – Children’s reward morning

Friday 5th April – Last day of Easter term (school closes at 2pm)

Monday 8th – Monday 22nd April – Easter break

Tuesday 23rd April - INSET day for staff (School closed for children)

Wednesday 24th April – Children return to school for summer term

Monday 13th – Friday 17th May – Year 6 SATS week

Friday 24th May – Last day of summer term 1

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May - Half term break

Monday 3rd June – Children return to school for start of summer term 2

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of summer term (school closes at 2pm)