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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Another successful week has seen the rugby 'A' team remain undefeated following a further series of matches on Thursday. Their latest round of wins saw them retain the Six Nations Trophy. The 'B' team also enjoyed a win in a competition which will be fully reported on in the end of term newsletter.

The week has been dominated, however with all things book related. On Monday poet and rapper Rob Bradley entertained everyone with his ability to manipulate words and create rhyme. Lady Aurelia Young also joined us to talk about her book 'Finding Nemon' which tells the extraordinary story of her father, a sculptor. She wasn't the only local author to be invited into school. Barton Williams too had an extraordinary story to tell about his own life travelling from war torn Vietnam when he was a small child and Leysa Henderson inspired everyone with her passion for preserving the planet and saving endangered species. Her narrative, 'Lost Lives' provided a powerful platform for discussing these topics.

Another local celebrity, Wendy Craig, star of countless television programmes including the BBC children's show 'The Worst Witch', did a reading from the story for Year 3 on Thursday, the same day that saw children from different year groups pair up to share a book.

Dragons and Middle Earth was the order of the day on Tuesday when everyone entered the world of the 'enormous pumpkin' to hear and share stories of mythical creatures. We were grateful to The Story Museum for bringing such wonderful tales to life.

A highlight of the week seemed to be a visit to 'The Little Bookshop' on Cookham High Street. During some of the trips there, author Lisa Buddin read from her book 'Five Cat Magic' and everyone had a chance to make a purchase. On Wednesday several local schools joined us for a workshop with Heather Butler, author of 'Us Minus Mum' and 'The Milkshake Detectives', who gave away some of her top tips for writing an entertaining story.



MONTHLY CALENDAR DATES

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| 12 th Mar | Parent Consultation Evening |
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| 13 th Mar | Year 4 Road Safety talk |
| 13 th Mar | Bags2School Collection (school drop-off only) |
| 15 th Mar | Red Nose Day – children come to school dressed in red in exchange for a donation of £1 to Comic Relief |
| 16 th Mar | PTA Emerald Ball |
| 18 th Mar | Year 6 trip to Sky Studios |
| 19 th Mar | Whole School & Class Photos |



We ended the week with a chance to meet and learn from author and story teller Cat Weatherill. Cat has written many children's books and has a wonderful way of bringing stories to life through her telling of them. She was quite a hit.

I do hope your child has spoken positively about the events we organised for them and that they enjoyed the opportunity to dress up on Friday. As I am sure you can appreciate, putting on these special weeks comes with a cost. Guest speakers are not cheap so in order to ensure such weeks can run in the future, we do rely on your support in helping us fund them. If you have not yet paid for the events your child participated in, please do so via your Scopay account.

Finally, next Saturday is the PTA ball. I do hope you have noted the email providing information about raffle prizes and the silent auction. I hope to see many of you there.

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