

Boorley Park News and Updates



Boorley Park School

19th January 2024

Year 2 Trip

Year 2 had a lovely trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium on Thursday. Our trip was Science and Geography focused and was split into two parts. Before lunch we heard all about camouflage and we looked at what sea creatures are best suited to our Solent waters. We then looked around the Aquarium, we made notes of the different types of habitats and the children drew observational drawings of the different sea creatures they saw.



After lunch, we took a short walk down to Southsea Beach. Here we conducted some Geography field work. We observed the beach and recorded the different natural and unnatural features that surrounded the place.

We had a great time looking at our local coastline and habitats.

Year R—People who help us

This week Year R were very lucky to be visited by Steve and Jack, the paramedics who showed us their ambulance. They told Year R all about how they help people and showed them inside their ambulance! The children enjoyed exploring different bits of equipment and turning the sirens on! Year R had lots of fun!



Spotlight On.... Parents' Evening

We have our parents' evening meetings coming up the last week of this half term (Monday 5th and Thursday 8th February) - emails were sent out this morning with a link to the booking form for your child's class.

Parents' evening appointments are a valuable opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they are getting on in school. We focus on their academic achievement, discussing where they are in relation to age-related expectations (e.g. are they achieving as we would expect a child of their age to be), if they have any gaps in their learning and what we, and you, can do to support them to make progress. We also talk about how they are getting on socially, how confident they are in sharing their ideas in class and how they behave around the school. It is a great opportunity for you to share with us anything that your child really enjoys doing at home and to ask any questions you may have.

The appointments are 10 minutes long and we do stick to these timings to make sure that everyone is seen on time. If you have something to discuss that may take longer, the teacher may arrange another time with you for your discussion.

We do ask that your children do not attend the appointment- we know that childcare can be difficult to arrange but we find we can have a much more honest and productive discussion with you if the child is not there.

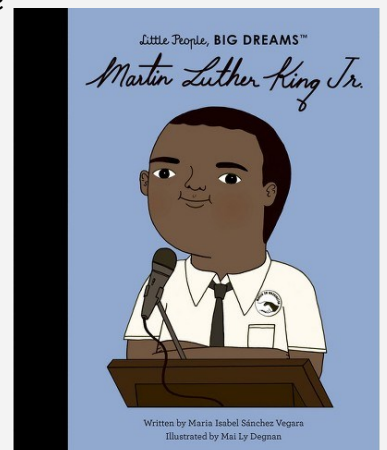


Our Assembly Theme This Week

This week in assembly we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr Day which this year was on Monday 15th January.

We have talked about the work that Martin Luther King Jr did in previous assemblies and so the children were able to share what they remembered about his life and his legacy. We linked our discussion to our assembly last week on discrimination and talked about what life was like in America (and other parts of the world) in the 1950s and 1960s when he was a child. The children were shocked to find out that there were separate schools, transport, restaurants and toilets for black and white people. We then talked about what he had done to make a difference and focused on his peaceful methods of protest, including reading part of his famous "I have a dream..." speech. We talked about how he was just one person and he changed the world so the children were set a challenge to think about what they could do to make a difference—they had lots of great ideas such as spreading kindness, protecting animals, tidying up the environment and stopping others being unkind.

We finished by reading the Martin Luther King Jr book from the Little People, Big Dreams series—these are one of our favourite series of books to read and we have lots in the library.



Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Spring Term 2024

- Friday 26th January—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Thursday 1st February—4:30pm—6pm—PTA Film Night for KS1 Pupils
- Monday 5th February—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February—Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th—Half Term
- Monday 19th February—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)
- Thursday 21st March—PTA Easter Disco—Year R and 1—4:15pm—5pm; Years 2—4—5:15pm—6:15pm
- Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Spring 2 Term
- Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Holidays



Year R

- Friday 9th February—2:30pm—Year R Afternoon Tea for Someone Special
- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school

Year 1

- Tuesday 23rd January—2:30pm—Sewing Workshop with parents
- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Tuesday 19th March—Trip to Marwell Zoo - more details to follow
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle - more details to follow

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Year 2

- **Hedgehog Class**—Tuesday 30th January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Fox Class**—Wednesday 31st January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum -more details to follow

Year 3

- Monday 29th January—2:45pm—Share a Book with an adult
- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Thursday 21st March—Trip to Staunton Country Park - more details to follow

Year 4

- Thursday 1st February—2:50pm—Art Exhibition for Parents
- Friday 23rd February — Trip to Winchester Cathedral - more details to follow
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents

Community Events

Weekly Activities - Boorley Park Community Centre and Sports Pavilion Spring 24

Dance Out Loud	Wednesday	10:00-10:30—Dance with me (18mths to 3 yrs.) 10:40-11:10—Butterfly Ballet (3 - 4yrs.)	Sports Pavilion	02380 635801
First Touch Football	Friday	9:30 - 10:15am - 18 months to 4 ½ yrs. 10:30 - 11:15am - 18 months to 4 ½ yrs.	Main Hall	07917 726120
Gymtots	Thursday Pre School gymnastics Thursday After School Sessions	9:30am - under 2 years 10:20am – 2 years 11:20 am – 3 to 4 years 4:00pm — 4 to5 years 4:45pm – 6 to 7 years	Main Hall	02380 455007
Hedge End Bobbin Lace Making	Tuesday	9:30-11:30am (suitable for any level from beginner)	Sports Pavilion	07812 892036
Matt Fiddes Martial Arts	Saturday	8:30am—3 to 6 years Mighty Matts 9:15am – 7 years and over Junior Martial Arts	Main Hall	07877 647415
Mums in Mind	2nd Wed of Month	7.15pm—craft group for mums.	Sports Pavilion	07393 198909
Music Bugs	Wednesday	9:50am —MiniBugs 6 months— 2 yrs. 10:40am – Jumping Bugs 18 months to 4 yrs. 11:30am - Baby Bugs newborn to walking Younger siblings welcome at all classes	Main Hall	08448 221157
SaintsTots Southampton Football Club	Tuesday	9:30 - 10:15am—2 to 4 yrs.	Main Hall	02380 711950
Slimming World	Tuesday	5:30pm	Hall 2	07899 736132
Solfit	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	6:45pm—Kettlebells 11.15am—Senior Fitness 6:45pm – Bodyweight HIIT 6:45pm - Circuits	Mon, Wed & Thurs—Hall 2 Tues—Main Hall	07763 334200
Tai-Chi	Friday	10:00am - Intermediate 11:00am - Beginners	Hall 2	01489 788844
Tae-Kwon-Do	Tuesday and Thursday	6:30 - 7:30pm - Family class (from 8 years), all grades 7:30 – 8:30 pm – 16+ any grade & under 16 blue belt and over	Main Hall	07540 238827
Yoga with Rachel	Wednesday Saturday	6:45pm to 8.00pm Beginner friendly 11:00am to 1:00pm Advanced Level (monthly class)	Main Hall Hall 2	07725 120043
Zumba	Monday	7:00 – 8:00pm	Main Hall	07585 577598

To hire space at Boorley Park Community Centre, the Sports Pavilion, the Botley Centre,
Diamond Jubilee Hall or the MUGA

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