

## Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to the second half of the spring term. It is actually a very short half term as we approach Easter, but is packed with lots of activities, fun events and learning. It has been especially lovely to see Classes 1 and 2 back in their classrooms again this week and all the children eating together in the hall at lunchtimes – at last!

A special welcome back to Miss Ingle, returning from her maternity leave and to Miss Akhter who is training with us in Class 4.

## SHREK



We had such an amazing day at the theatre yesterday! Shrek the Musical was absolutely brilliant and there was a LOT of laughter! Our children were wonderful all afternoon, showing excellent behaviour and infectious enthusiasm throughout. They were fabulous ambassadors for St Ippolyts School and we were so proud of them all!

Thank you to all the staff, governors and parent helpers who came along to help us; we are very grateful for the extra pairs of hands and couldn't do a trip like this without you!

Special thanks go to the PTA for funding all the theatre tickets, snacks and drinks. It is such an amazing experience for children to see a proper West End show and going altogether as a whole school makes it even more memorable.

The PTA are only able to fund such an opportunity because of the ongoing support of parents and families. Every cake day, hamper, movie and munch, Christmas Fair, disco...THANK YOU for your continual support and contributions!



A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a school uniform (dark blue jacket, white shirt, and yellow tie), is smiling and holding a handmade book. The book is made of cardboard and features a drawing of a blonde woman with long hair. The title 'The Girl Who...' is visible on the cover. She is also holding a small white card that says 'Donation Price £5.00 CS Price: 10.00'. The background shows a library with many bookshelves filled with books.




Come to our  
**BOOK  
FAIR!**

**LET'S RAISE READERS!**

 **SCHOLASTIC**

# BOOK FAIR!





## Sportshall Athletics

We found out just before half term that our Year 5 and 6 athletics teams had placed first overall from all the schools who took part. This means that they have qualified to compete in the county finals in a few weeks time. This is the first time that a school has won both the girls and the boys competition so it really is a fabulous achievement – well done!



## SPRING ASSESSMENT WEEK & PARENT CONSULTATIONS

This term's assessment week will take place in the week commencing **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Please try to avoid absence and appointments in that week.**

Parent consultations will then take place in the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> March. We will be offering some face-to-face appointments on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, or you may choose to have a phone call or video meetings with your child's teacher on other days that week.

We will let you know when bookings will open on Arbor so that you can make your appointment. *If you need a particular day or time, we recommend that you go online as soon as bookings open to avoid disappointment.*



# WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is one of the highlights of the school year at St Ippolyts and this year takes place

**NEXT WEEK on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

Everyone in school dresses up as a story character and the children take part in a fancy dress parade in the morning with prizes for the most inventive or original costumes. We spend the day on book-related activities, and it is always lots of fun.





# Children Challenging Industry

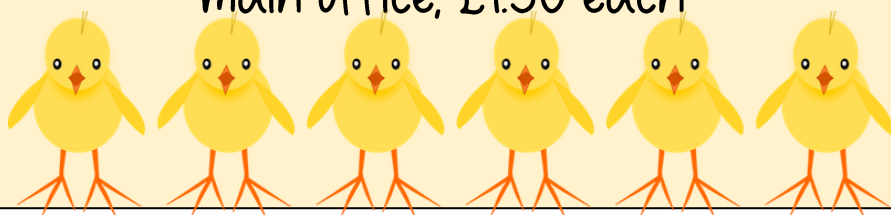
(in partnership with the University of York)

Year 6 enjoyed a very interesting workshop all about filtration this week, as part of the Children Challenging Industry programme. We love doing investigative science and experiments at St Ippolyts and there are definitely some future scientists amongst our Y6 children!



## Charlie Chicks are back!

In aid of the Garden House Hospice, Charlie Chicks are now on sale at the main office, £1.50 each



Congratulations to Bronte House – winners of the fiercely competitive 2024 Pancake Race!



# Class 3 Cake Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Class 3 parents,

The PTA are holding a cake sale on 8<sup>th</sup> March to raise funds for school. This time it is the turn of Class 3 to each supply small cakes or biscuits to sell on the day. Please make sure that any tins, plates or containers are clearly named.

We would be very grateful if you could **donate 15 cakes for cake day**, to ensure that we have enough to go around & the children are not left disappointed. These cakes /biscuits can be either homemade or bought. You may want to plan some kitchen time to make or decorate the cakes with your child! **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CAKES MUST BE NUT-FREE.**

The cakes will be sold during the morning break to the whole of the school, any remaining cakes will be sold outside school at home time. We hope that you will be able to support us with this event, and we thank you in anticipation.

Thank you from The PTA



## PTA Easter Crafts

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm – 4.45pm

Come and get creative with a range of  
Easter themed arts and  
crafts activities!

£5 per child, book online:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stipps)

Bookings open tomorrow, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm  
40 places available





## This week's article from our talented Pupil Journalists Amelie and Barney

Our Newsletter usually comes out on a Thursday, however this Thursday is different. This is because 2024 is a leap year. Normally, February has 28 days in it; however, every 4 years, a leap year occurs and an extra day is added to February. The reason for this is that in order to keep our calendar year in sync with the lunar year, we must add an extra day. The lunar year is the time it takes for Earth to orbit the Sun, which actually takes 365 days and 6 hours. For the sake of this, we must add a whole additional 24 hours every 4 years, otherwise the calendar will gradually drift out of time compared to the seasons. The leap year was invented due to Roman superstition, when Numa Pompilius (the emperor at the time) had to sync the calendar with the lunar year, so he added January and February to the original 10 months. The original year had 304 days, but the Emperor wanted to avoid having an even amount of days in his year, as even numbers were considered unlucky according to the Romans.

### Historical Moments On February 29th

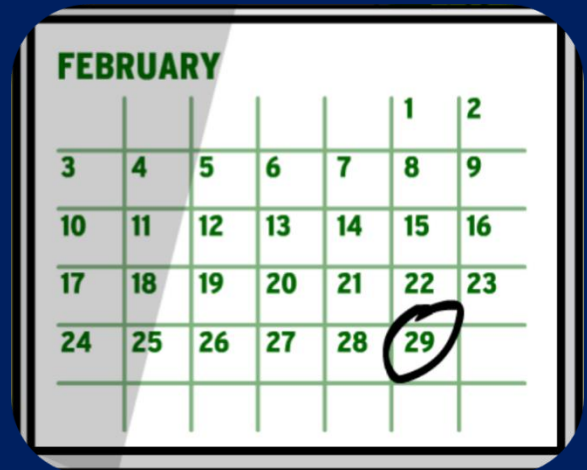
There are many important and historical moments that happened on the 29th February:

1940- Hattie McDaniel becomes the first the black actor to win an Oscar.

1660- British Monarchy is restored.

The first modern Olympic Games takes place.

1944- The D-Day landings.



Quote of the Week–

A leap year means

24 hours more to make a year memorable

24 hours more to make a year countable

24 hours more to take yourself to a better place within a year.

Make every second count –

Sajib SK