



Tiverton Academy

Newsletter

February 2022



Dear Parents

We would like to wish you a restful half term holiday and look forward to the children returning on **Monday 28th February**

This half term has been an extremely busy one and such a positive one in so many ways. I thought I would share some of the highlights with you and give you a snapshot of the many amazing experiences the children have had.

'Congratulations Miss Mason'

We would like to send our Congratulations to Miss Mason who is getting married during half term. We hope she has a wonderful wedding and we wish them all the happiness for the future.

'Sing, Imagine, Compose'

Year 4 are taking part in an exciting 2 year-long musical project called '**Sing, Imagine, Compose**' working with Birmingham Contemporary Music Group and a composer called Chloe Knibbs. They have really enjoyed the project so far and have explored creating and performing their own compositions. There are only 6 schools in Birmingham that have been chosen to be part of this and we are very privileged to be one of them!

Junior PCSO Project

10 children from Y4 and Y5 are taking part in the Junior PCSO project. They have been working alongside PCSO Officers from West Midlands Police who have been training the children towards their graduation event that will take place on Monday 28th February. The children have really enjoyed being part of this and have been out in the local community on traffic watch and litter picks and have been learning the phonetic alphabet.



Stemazing Work Year 3

Year 3 have been taking part in a Stemazing Science Project designed to inspire young people to become our next generation of innovators and problem solvers. STEM sessions have focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and the children have had a wonderful time creating, exploring and experimenting with their weekly challenges. We would like to thank Bridget Agada from STEM for delivering this free programme to our Y3 class.



TEFAT Art Project

Year 3 and Year 4 have started a TEFAT Textiles Art Project, working with a commissioned artist called Anne Marie Cadman. The theme of the work is Identity, Culture and Community and the project will culminate in a celebration showcase with other TEFAT schools at the MAC in the Summer Term.



Great Big Dance Off

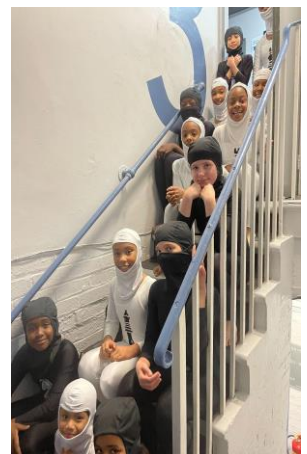


On Wednesday evening Miss Meah and Mrs Ward took our 'dance squad' to perform in the Regional finals of the Great Big Dance Off at the Rep Theatre in Birmingham.

Our children competed against many other Primary Schools and came second place which secured them a place at the National Finals in Cheltenham in June.

Congratulations Miss Meah and the dance squad, your performance was amazing and we are all very proud of you. Thanks also to the

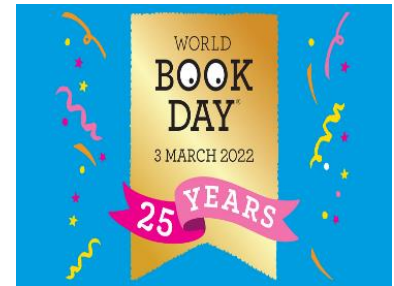
staff and parents that attended to support the children.



National Finals Here we come!!!

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day is here to change lives through a love of books and shared reading. This year promises to be extra special as we celebrate 25 years of bringing a love of reading to children. Join us for an exciting line-up of activities designed to encourage reading for pleasure in school and at home.



After the success of our last World Book Day we are continuing with the following ideas:

The children have 3 choices – they can choose to do one or all of them!

Dress up as their favourite book character

Make a Potato Character - dress up a potato as a book character.

Build a 'Book Scene in a Box'

Applying online for a Reception Class Place for September 2022

If your child will be 4 years old before 31/08/2022 you will need to make an online Reception application by the closing date of 15th January 2022. Visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to submit your online application. We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting your application.

Holidays during Term Time

We would like to remind you that we cannot authorise any holidays taken during term time. If you need to discuss term time leave, please make an appointment with Mrs Dunn via the School Office. Any absence due to holidays during term time will be unauthorised and your child will be taken off role if they have not returned within a 15 day period.

Please see below for term dates 2021/22. This also includes teacher training days.

School Term Dates 2021 to 2022

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

TEACHER DAY Tuesday 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 26th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 22nd July 2022

TEACHER DAY Tuesday 26th April

TEACHER DAY Friday 22nd July