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Headteacher's news:

It feels like Spring has finally arrived. The mornings and evenings are brighter, we have had some sunshine and the temperature has climbed into double figures on occasions. Doesn't it raise your spirits!

Last Saturday (5 March) was the <u>final cross-country event of</u> the <u>academic year</u> and Rufford Park, once again, fielded runners in the four races. A big well done to all the children who have represented school during the season but special mentions must go to Francesca who finished 4th in the U11 girls race (Francesca has placed in the top 10 at every event) and to Oscar who has also had consistently high placings throughout the season but capped it off by winning the U9 boys race - a significant achievement!

This week in school, one of the main highlights took place on Tuesday when we had a brilliant story teller in for the day working with Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

The Covid-19 RA and Outbreak Plan have been updated following changes to legislation which tool place on 24 February. You can <u>read the RA here</u>. Although it is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate, we are still following the same isolation procedures that were in place previously.

I hope that you and the children have a good (and longer) weekend - Monday is a teacher training day so we will see you all on Tuesday.

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	94.3 %
Year 1	95.0 %
Year 2	94.7 %
Year 3	95.1 %
Year 4	93.6 %
Year 5	94.0 %
Year 6	92.9 %
Totals	94 2 %

Our current whole school attendance is 94.2% and rising. This is above the national average which is pleasing but I would like it to get closer to our usual target of 196%. Please continue to do everything you can to ensure your child attends school (and on time) and please do not book holidays during term time.

Click below to see what has been happening in your child's class this week

Nursery Reception Y1 Pear Y1/2 Lime Y2 Cherry

<u>Y3 Willow</u> <u>Y3/4 Cedar</u> <u>Y4 Beech</u>

Y5 Oak Y5/6 Ash Y6 Maple

This week in assemblies we discussed International Women's Day which was on Tuesday 8 March. In KS2 we talked about the war in Ukraine and how it had started (this was done sensitively and no images or videos were used). This led on to discussions about the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and how we are going to help by donating the proceeds from the up and coming <u>Bake Sale</u>.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 14 March: Teacher Training
Day - school closed to children
Fri 18 March: Bake Sale after
school in the hall

Tues 22 - Wed 23 March: Y4
Residential to Nell Bank

<u>Thurs 24 March:</u> Y3 day trip to Nell Bank

Fri 1 April: School closes for Easter
Tues 19 April: School opens for the
start of the Summer Term