




Have we seen the last of the snow or is it really forecast for the weekend? What a good time to get away with your family (without paying any fines)! If however, you are staying at home to spring clean your home 😞 we would love to help you get rid of the following items:

- Old sheets/blankets
- Wheelbarrows, spades, rope
- Old paint, paintbrushes, overalls
- Planks of wood, buckets, milk crates
- Old tents, plant pots etc.

Please bring these to the school office (or just outside) for Simon, our caretaker, to store.

Attendance

Our best performing classes over the month of February are:

Perfect: 100% attendance	Excellent (99.9% - 98%)	Good (97.9% - 96%)
	4W	1A – 2J – 2N – 3D 4B – 5A – 5S – 6D

Well done to all those classes that are attaining higher than our target of 96%. We have had a bit of chickenpox in Reception lately and so a lot of very itchy children have been off school.

Ticket only events in school

Ticket only events are so far going really well. Adults are punctual to events (otherwise they don't get in!) and we know who is in our school, therefore very effectively safeguarding your children.



Open Morning

Over 200 adults attended our Open Morning this term and were treated to cooking, theatre, poetry and science among many other aspects of our children's learning this term. Staff and children thoroughly enjoyed showing off to you. Thank you for all your positive comments about our school and your continued support of it!

Gymnastic competition

An amazing 58 gymnasts represented Gilbert Colvin at the weekend at the Jaybee Inhouse competition held at Emerson Park Academy. Gilbert Colvin had many fantastic results with many of children placing in the top six, winning ribbons and 23 medals! All the gymnasts received a certificate for participating. Miss Wilmot was so proud of all the hard work and practice the gymnasts had completed to learn and prepare their floor routines as well as their vaults or bench routines. She was so pleased to see such great sportsmanship throughout the day from the children representing Gilbert Colvin including high fives on the podium and plenty of cheering and clapping. They really did shine and enjoy themselves! Congratulations to all of the children that took part.

Year 2: Aaron, Twila, David, Fathi, Iman, Arjan, Kavan, Peyton, Tia, Meenakshi, Pratheesan, Skye, Emily

Year 3: Raeesa, India, Shaun, Emaan, Sorina, Tilly, Umarah, Aysel, Maya, Lorisa, Anusri, Hannah, Joanna



Year 4: Olamide, Daniel, Tiana, Magdalene, Lipika, Mayah, Evie, Yasmine, Sara, Agneska, James

Year 5: Harinie, Amna, Ashwini, Sophie, Vishal, Praveen, Hafsa, Mathusha, Desire, Nikki

Year 6: Erika, Naylah, Hannah, Suruthigaa, Hallie, Lara, Lisara, Michelle, Mischa, Ropafadzo, Safa

Results...

Year 2 Girls: 2nd place Peyton, 3rd place Meenakshi & Iman, 4th place Twila & Fathi

Year 2 Boys: 1st place Arjan, 2nd place Pratheesan, 3rd place Aaron, 4th place David

Year 2 Intermediate: 1st place Emily, 2nd place Skye

Year 3 Girls: 2nd place Sorina

Year 3 Boys: 2nd place Shaun

Year 3 Intermediate: 3rd place Joanna

Year 4 Girls: 1st place Mayah, 2nd place Evie, 3rd place Yasmine, 4th place Tianna

Year 4 Boys: 2nd place James, 3rd place Daniel

Year 5 Girls: 1st place Amna, 2nd place Harinie, 4th place Mathusha

Year 5 Boys: 1st place Praveen, 2nd place Vishal

Year 6 Girls: 1st place Lara, 3rd place Mischa, 4th place Naylah, 5th place Suruthigaa

Year 6 Intermediate: 2nd place Safa

Advanced: 1st place Ropafadzo





War in Year 5

Year 5 have been studying 'War with Troy' for our English this half term. On World Book Day, 5A dramatized our favourite scenes from the story and filmed these in front of the green screen. Our scenes include Thetis and Peleus's Wedding, Paris's Choice, Paris and Menelaus's Duel, Hector and Achilles's Duel, and Priam begging to Achilles for his son's body back.

You can watch our video productions on the school website.



As part of the Year 5 Spring History focused topic about Ancient Greece the children visited the British Museum.

It was a post learning experience for all children as they were able to connect with the story

'War with Troy' set in Ancient Greece.

World Book Day

On Friday, 16th March 2018, we celebrated our annual World Book Day. This year we themed the costumes according to the books we have been studying in English. It was brilliant to see many homemade costumes and the children engage in a range of activities throughout the day. Many children dressed up as characters from their class text. We could see Asterix, animals from The Jungle Book, Ancient Egyptians, Ancient Greeks, aliens, astronauts, fairy tale characters, cats and many more. We had an exciting assembly where we celebrated the winners from the 'Design a home-made costume competition'.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the book fair. We raised over £400 worth of free books for the school.





Nursery

Once again, Rob Kean from the Christian Education Project came by to tell the Nursery and Reception students a story - this time the Easter story. The children really enjoyed listening to the child-friendly version and used this opportunity to reflect on the good and bad deeds told in the story. To mark the celebration the children in Nursery enjoyed some butter spread hot cross buns! Ask them to tell you what the cross on the buns signify.



Dates for your Diary!

Date	Event	Place
Monday 16th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inset Day (school closed for children)	
Tuesday 17th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School reopens for children after Easter holiday• Family learning: keeping up with the children Maths	
Tuesday 24th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family learning: keeping up with the children Maths	
Thursday 3rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polling day (school closed)	
Monday 7th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision and Hearing test for Reception children	
Tuesday 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family learning: keeping up with the children (Maths)	
w/b 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 SATs for Year 6	
Monday 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photographer in school for class photos	