



# Newsletter 12 Friday 15th March 2024

**To all of our families,**

Thank you for the support from home for World Book Day! We all had a fantastic day with lots of reading activities and fun with our costumes!



A short update today as it's very busy in school! We look forward to seeing you next week at Parent Consultations. Have a great weekend.

**From the Caldecote Team (Peter Pan crew!)**

## School & Eco Council Newsletter

Our Council members are working hard – preparing for Waste Free Lunch and Switch Off Day – they have been creating some lovely posters to put up around the school to remind everyone.

We will be announcing the Key Stage 1 & 2 winners in assembly – for the lightest bin bag on the day!

Playtime Ambassadors and Silver Stars have been running the lunchtime clubs – and wearing their Hi-Vis jackets at playtime.

We will be planting seeds after the Easter holidays and looking after the Wild Flower Garden – please take a moment to check on the school Amazon wish list – the children have asked for some small fencing to put around the area.

Thank You

School & Eco Council Playtime Ambassadors

Mrs Lydon & Mrs Gibbs



## Sikhism

In RE, Green Class have been focusing on Sikhism. We would love to have a visit to understand and know more about the Sikh religion. If there is anyone that would be willing to share their Sikh faith with a visit to the classroom, Please contact Mrs Parrett via the school office.





**Values award winners: 08.03.24**

**YR– Rachael Dodd  
Y1– Kai Wilson  
Y2– Aysima Tuncer  
Y3– Jack Stewart  
Y4– Zara Kane-Rehman  
Y5– Amaya Morgan  
Y6– Anna Deneva**

**15.03.24**

**Hallie Babouris-Clark  
Ellie Masters  
Jiayou Cao  
Marcus Weston  
Clayton Winter-Robinson  
Megan Sparrow  
Charlotte Grant**

**Golden Table :**

**Parker Dean, Akira Lavankar & Jack Bishop**

### **Celebration Assembly**

Benjamin YR swam a 15m length of the swimming pool at Darwin Forest Derbyshire and Elliott Y1 completed stage 1 of his swimming lessons.



**Well Done both of you !**

### **Celebration Assemblies**

Friday at 2:45pm in the hall—please come in through the front of the school

***Yellow Class-22nd March***

***Orange Class- 19th April***

***Green Class-26th April***

***Purple Class-3rd May***

***Silver Class-10th May***

### **Care Clubs Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs**



Finally the weather has started to get better!!The children in Careclubs have been spending a lot more time outside playing football, playing on the climbing frames, riding scooters, skateboards, riding on roller skates, playing in the sandpit, pushing pushchairs and babies around and having running races to try and beat their best time. The times that we have been inside the children have enjoyed baking cupcakes and decorating biscuits with icing and sprinkles for some yummy snacks. The carpet area has been busy with children playing with the marble run and cars and playing hide and seek has also been popular. The art table has been busy with children making Mother's day cards and pictures.

**The Careclubs Team**

2024 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING



## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 19th March 4-7pm Thursday 21st March 8-11am	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 19th March	Y1 Space Centre Trip
Wednesday 20th March	Diversity Day
Monday 25th March	Waste Free Lunch Day
Tuesday 26th March	Y5 Astronomy Trip
Wednesday 27th March	YR Standalone Farm Trip
Friday 29th March—12th April	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 24th April	Switch Off Day
Date TBC	Great British Spring Clean
Monday 27th May—Monday 3rd June	Half Term
Tuesday 6th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 11th June	Y2 Wicken Fen trip
Monday 17th—Wednesday 19th June	Y6 residential
Friday 28th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 & 6 production
Thursday 11th July	Class swap up day

### Welcome Wednesdays

Spring 2 dates as follows:

**KS2 (Years 3,4,5&6)**

**EYFS & KS1 (Reception, Y1 & 2)**

*Please come in with your child in the morning at 8:40am. You can stay until 9:15am.*



# Wellbeing

*It is never too early or too late to start looking after our mental health!  
Accepting who you are and being proud of anything which makes you different is  
very important (Mind 2024)*

## *Thank you!*

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents that attended our SEND/SEP briefing this week, our focus this term was around ADHD and mental health, we also gave a brief SEND update. It was great to have the opportunity to talk and the feedback we received was instrumental in planning ahead.

## *Education Inclusion Officer*

Clare Merrington, our local Education Inclusion family advisor, is available to help support you with any general parenting issues, any other family challenges you may be facing in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include: challenging behaviour, routines, supporting emotions and wellbeing, school transitions, parenting strategies, building resilience and confidence. For more information contact: [Clare.merrington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Clare.merrington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) 07776679593

## *Children's Health*

NHS information from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Children and Young People's Health Services

<https://www.cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/>

## Parenting Courses

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support/parenting-courses>

Don't forget to look on the Mental Health & Wellbeing area of the school website <https://www.caldecoteprimaryschool.org.uk/>

## **REMINDER!**

**Don't forget to watch this space for details of our next SEND/SEP briefing for parents.**

## **Amazon Wishlist**

A BIG Thank You from all at Caldecote. We are grateful for all donations we receive from the wish list.

If you would like to purchase a resource to help enhance the teaching and learning at school, please use the link below. Please don't forget to add a gift note if you would like us to know who has donated. This is the only way of us knowing who has donated an item.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WJURQZLL9LZ4?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/WJURQZLL9LZ4?ref_=wl_share)



Orange Class had a great day celebrating World Book Day! The children all looked super in their costumes and we enjoyed a class fashion show. They worked very hard to write amazing character descriptions of Tinkerbell, then edited and improved them before writing out their final version in their best handwriting ready for you to see at the upcoming parent consultations. As well as geometry, Orange class are learning all about money in maths, adding together amounts and finding change. The children are enjoying learning about Pilgrimages in RE, comparing pilgrimages in different religions and considering where their own quiet place is to reflect.

Yellow Class have been working very hard. They were all very excited to show off their World Book Day costumes last week. We listened to a range of stories from the World Book Day website, spoke about book characters and wrote character descriptions about Captain Hook. These descriptions were then shared with other classes. This week they have made great progress with their sewing in DT and in art we have made clay pots. In geography, we have learnt the names of the countries and capital cities in the UK, found these in an atlas and learnt facts about these different places. In maths, we have moved on to learn about fractions.

Purple Class have been working hard on their writing recently. We have been reading and learning from non-chronological reports about space. This week, we practiced using conjunctions to compare and contrast in order to write a paragraph comparing Mercury and Venus. We are also developing our editing skills so that we correct and improve our writing. In maths, we have been learning about factors, square and cube numbers and prime numbers. In Science this week, we learnt about the order of the planets in our solar system and their distances from the sun. We went outside and used toilet paper rolls and spherical objects to find these distances. The distance of some planets from the sun was so far we ran out of toilet paper! In Art, we used our photographs of still life to create our own still life pictures using pastels. These look great; well done Purple Class!

Red Class have been writing some super sentences independently all about their World Book Day character. They had great fun dressing up last week and talking about their chosen books!

In Maths, they have been measuring length and height using cubes. They have been learning to predict how long an object might be before measuring to check.

They have also been making some fantastic houses for the Three Little Pigs and drawing maps of Little Red Riding Hood's journey and adding labels.

In Blue Class we have been writing instructions on How to catch a Star. There has been lots of great ideas. In maths we have been adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers. In at we have been creating our own planets and using materials and other collage pieces to create a 3D effect.

This half term seems to be flying by very quickly! We all very much enjoyed dressing up for World book day and had a record breaking ten Harry Potter's in Green Class! The day tied in nicely with the class finishing off writing and illustrating their own picture book stories. There was so much to these that we have found it very challenging to get all the illustrations drawn! It's hard work being an author and illustrator! We've also been finding out more about the Romans and finding out what an impact they've had on modern day Britain. We're just about to discover why all roads lead to Rome... watch this space!

World Book Day costumes were fantastic this year. It was excellent to see some many Year 6 pupils put a huge amount of effort into their costumes. Thank you parents/carers for supporting them with this. This week, Silver Class visited Kettle's Yard. They explored Jim's house, sketched and used clay all under the close eye of some artists from the venue. They were a credit to the school: staff at Kettle's Yard commented on how well behaved and engaged they were, asking sensible and thoughtful questions throughout the day and producing some excellent work. Well done Silver Class. I think this means we have filled the pebble jar and will organise our treat next week! I wonder what it will be this time. In school, they have been learning about the punishments that Guy Fawkes received and how the evidence from a range of sources can help us understand what type of punishments must have occurred during the Victorian era. They have also designed their CAMs toys which they will build next term. Details about donations and lots of adult help (please!) will be coming out shortly. Overall, a very successful couple of weeks.



# WASTE FREE LUNCH

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March



Eat all  
Your food

If you don't  
feel Hungry  
Save it and  
Have it another  
day.



Don't Waste  
Lunch

It is bad  
to Waste  
Food

Don't  
Waste  
Food



Eat Food



*REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE*

## WASTE FREE LUNCH

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

If you have a pack lunch try not to use packaging.... Or think about only using re-usable pots? Don't put too much food in.

If you are having a school meal – only take what you can eat.

The class with the smallest amount of waste in their bin bag will be announced in assembly - KS1 & KS2 Winners.







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The Wildlife Trust for Beds,  
Cambs and Northants

**Family activities: Easter 2024  
West Cambs 100s**

**Cambourne**

- Most suitable for ages 7-11, younger & older children will also enjoy them
- £5 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £7.50 non-members\*

**Outdoor games Wed 3rd April, 10-12ish**  
We'll explore Cambourne Nature Reserve and play some silly games inspired by nature along the way. We might create a natural obstacle course, do a photo treasure hunt, or pretend to be a hungry predator...

**Family wild play Wed 10th April, 10-12ish**  
A chance to play together with other families in the woods with a selection of ideas and resources to choose from. We might build a shelter, hunt for bugs, set a trail, create natural art, or climb a tree...

**Gamlingay**  
Birdbox making Thurs 4th April, 1.30-3.30

- Build and decorate a bird box at Gamlingay Eco-hub
- For ages 7+
- £10 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £15 non-members\*

\*limited early-bird tickets are available

**Book online:**  
[wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events)

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**Cambourne  
Little Bugs 2024**

**Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for nature  
toddies around Cambourne, with simple outdoor  
activities for pre-schoolers.**

Delivered in blocks of 5 weekly sessions, which can be enjoyed as a programme or individually

Spring: starting Friday 26th April  
Summer (term): starting Friday 7th June  
Summer (holidays): starting Friday 7th August  
Autumn: starting Friday 27th September


- Most suitable for ages 2-4, but flexible
- Friday mornings 9.50-11am ish
- Qualified Level 3 Forest School leader
- Small groups
- Booking is essential to manage group size
- Child member £4, child non-member £6 (accompanying adults and siblings under 18 months free)

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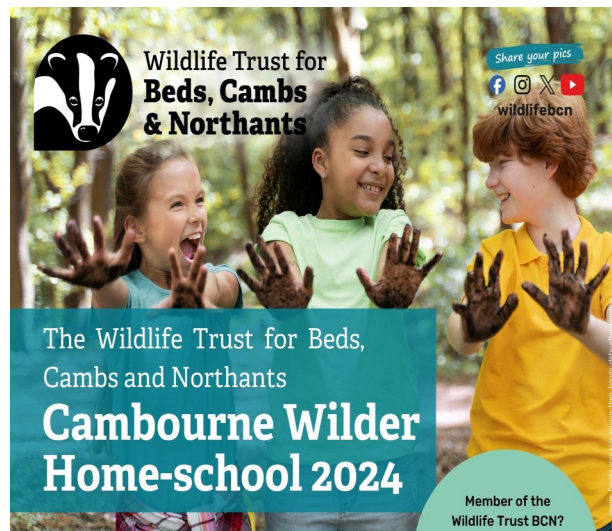
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**Cambourne Wilder  
Home-school 2024**

**Join Wildlife Adventurer Becca Badger for  
some outdoor family fun on the fantastic  
Cambourne Nature Reserve**

Spring: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 24th April  
Summer: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 5th June  
Autumn: 5 weekly sessions starting Wednesday 25th September


- Child-led style, with a qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader
- Small groups
- 3 blocks of 5 sessions Wednesday mornings 9.30-12 ish
- Can be enjoyed as a programme, or as one-off sessions
- Most suitable for ages 5-13 but flexible
- Booking is essential to manage group size
- Child member £9, child non-member £6.50 (accompanying adults free)
- Limited early-bird tickets are available

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**Family Camp-out with Wildlife Adventurers  
Becca Badger & Becky Ranger**

**Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May 2024**  
From 2pm until 10am

This overnight camp is for families with children aged 7-11. We'll do some exciting wildlife activities like pond dipping and bug hunting, then we'll set up a moth trap before toasting marshmallows together around the fire, and then camping out under the stars.

(prices are for adults and children)  
Members £25  
Non-members £37.50

Location:  
Trumpington Meadows  
Nature Reserve, Cambridge

More information:  
[wildlifebcn.org/events](http://wildlifebcn.org/events)

Booking:  
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