

# Corrie Forum March 2022

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## The Golden Rules

We are kind and gentle
We are prepared for the school day
We work hard
We look after property
We listen to people
We are honest

## Attendance

The whole school attendance target for the school year is 97%

## Check the website:

#### www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk

See our website for all the latest school information, events, class details and class blogs

# Dates for your diary

Month - March		
Day	Date	Event
All week	14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Science and
		waste week
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Skipton
		Castle Trip
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 Chester
		Zoo Trip
Wednesday /	23 <sup>rd</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6
Thursday		Bikeability
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Wizard Learner
		Awards

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteer gardeners.

The school has huge grounds which the children access to learn more about the outdoors. We are looking to develop a large section of the outdoor area so that it can be a scientific area to learn more about the natural world. For example, a sensory garden and pond, which are two of the big plans.

Volunteer gardeners are needed to support the maintenance of the school grounds e.g. weeding, mowing the paths, planting seeds, bulbs and watering flowers. To grow food and to support the local wildlife.

Please speak with Mrs Ruddock if you are interested.

If anyone has any uniform, PE Kit, underwear, pumps, coats or shoes that are in good condition but your child has outgrown them, we would love them as we are running really low on spare clothes.

Thank you

#### **Healthy Schools Award**

As part of our healthy school award we are going to be looking at healthy lunch boxes and rewarding the class with the most points each week with a special certificate and extra play time. Children on school dinners will also take part and will be given a sticker to add to the chart if they eat their veg. Staff will be speaking to the children this week about the award. Some healthy lunch box ideas will be sent out via Parent Mail.

If you need any more information about this please get in touch with Mrs Higginbotham or Mr Griffin

#### The Giving Machine

If you regularly use online shopping, did you know we are registered with The Giving Machine? You can raise money for the PTA while doing your usual online shopping. Go to the giving machine.co.uk to register, choose Corrie Nursery and Primary School as your cause and then visit the retailer via the giving machine website and shop as usual.

# Coronavirus testing

If your child has any of the covid-19 symptoms; a cough / high temperature / a loss of or change to their sense of taste/smell you should:

• inform school and immediately arrange a PCR test at a test centre. Your child will be allowed back in school when we have seen a negative PCR test result.

If your child has been isolating following a positive Lateral Flow Test, they can come back to school on day 6 providing that they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 at least 24 hours apart. The day of the test is classed as day 0.

# Nursery Class

During 'Money week' we matched coins, counted an amount, talked about the words 'value' and 'valuable' we used the magnets to find the real (valuable) coins hidden amongst the pretend money.

As part of LGBTQ+ month we have been exploring creatively and made a shared artwork called 'Rainbow Kaleidoscope' based on the work of abstract artist Lucy Ash and some action pictures in the style of Keith Haring by taping around ourselves, which was lots of fun!



# KS1 Resource Base

Chinese New Year celebration in the KS1Resource Base.

The children in the KS1 Resource Base enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year.

They tasted a range of Chinese Food including Rice and sweet and sour sauce.

Coloured rice and gold coins were a great fine motor activity using chopsticks to collect the most gold coins

Children made lanterns and practised writing Chinese numbers. They enjoyed dressing up in traditional Chinese clothes.





# Reception

What wonderful learners we have in Reception! We have enjoyed many themed weeks in the first half term of Spring, including Chinese New Year and Finance Week. Take a look at some of the fun learning we got stuck into.

To explore and learn about Chinese New Year, we enjoyed participating in many wonderful traditions that take place during the celebration, from lantern making, sharing cards and lucky red envelopes, performing a lion and dragon dance in our lantern parade and a banquet with our special friends where we tried different Chinese cuisines.

During Finance Week, we learnt what 'valuable means', we discussed how not just things that we own are valuable but living things like ourselves, friends and family are valuable too. We introduced how money is used to pay for things we want or need and shared how some of us have money boxes or 'piggy banks' to save our spends and money gifts. We loved creating our very own Pet Shop inspired by Mick Inkpen's 'The Great Pet Sale'. During this learning we also explored how we could get good value for our money, for example we could buy a box of 6 assorted brown creatures for 10p rather than just the Koala and the Anteater for the same amount.

We loved learning with the pets and animal so much that we wanted to continue exploring this theme and care for the animals so we jumped straight into our next topic People Who Help Us!

Well done everyone, keep up the amazing work!



### Parents / Carers

Can you help us? In EYFS, we are enriching our outdoor areas and we need your help! Take a look at the list below, do you have some of these items at home? All donations welcome!

## March

Buckets

**Hose Pipes** 

**Tubing** 

**Plastic Piping** 

**Torches** 

Water spray bottles

**Shaving Foam** 

**Turkey Basters** 

**Egg Cartons** 

Thank you the EYFS team  $\boldsymbol{x}$ 

# Boost Group

The Boost group have had an extremely busy month!

The children have continued looking at micro-habitats and went pond dipping to see what organisms they could find in the pond. We were surprised that we found pond skaters, damsel nymphs, snails and fish. The children were disappointed with amount of rubbish they spotted on the walk and chose to do a litter pick on the way back to school. The children have also been recycling used bottle tops (to reduce pollution) and are creating their own bottle top piece of artwork.

The children met composer and beatboxer Faz Shah and enjoyed learning some beatboxing with him. The children also visited St Mary's church in Haughton Green, where Rev Mark Glew helped the children to learn about the things that make Christians feel closer to god. The children also got to see the wonderful work that the food bank does for the local community. They are currently short of tinned fruit, custard and rice pudding, so if anyone can donate to the food bank, they would appreciate this.

Congratulations to Nathan, who received the Headteachers Excellent Citizen award.







## Year 1

There has been lots of hard work and great enthusiasm as we have been learning within our new topic, Dinosaurs!

We have also been keen Scientists as we went on our winter walk in the local area to the River Tame. Where we all put on our wellies, winter hats, gloves and coats to go and spot lots of signs of winter, it was lovely to have so many helpers, thank you.

We celebrated Chinese New Year: The Year of the Tiger by making our own Tiger puppets and tasting Chinese food. We looked at what animal we would be in the Chinese calendar and what personality traits they had.

We are looking forward to continuing our Dinosaur topic with a dinosaur workshop and trip to Blackpool Zoo next half term!

Year 1 Team

Year 2 Year 3

The Year 2 pupils have had a very busy halfterm. They have been learning about the value of money during money week and why we have money by exploring bartering and how long it takes to save up for items when buying gifts for others.

In Jigsaw, the pupils worked to produce some lovely pictures of imaginary birds and in the process, they learnt to listen and work well with others.

As February was LGBTQ+ month the children in year 3 learned about and celebrated the achievements of some of the LGBTQ+ community. The theme this year was connected to art. Year 3 studied and tried to copy the style of Keith Haring who was a graffiti artist and activist. In English we ended the half term by writing a diary entry about a fun day in the life of Tadeo Jones. In maths we completed our work on pictograms, bar charts and tables. Here is some of our Keith Haring inspired artwork.





## Year 4

#### Stonewall

We are very proud that Corrie achieved the bronze Stonewall award earlier this year. In February, we celebrated LGBTQ+ month. The theme this year was 'Politics in Art.' Here are some fantastic examples of our art work:



#### My Money Week

Corrie took part in My Money Week, week beginning 7th February. The children learnt about personal finance, saving, borrowing and lending, how to keep money safe and how to budget.

'I enjoyed finding out about budgeting when I'm shopping.' Mia

'I think My Money Week was informative as it warned us about the risks of lending money.' Silah

'I enjoyed finding out about the importance of charities and what they do.' Seren

'I learnt that there is a difference between a need and a want.' Alfie

#### Hats off to Denton!

As part of the 'hook' for our new English topic year 4 completed the hat trail and learnt some interesting facts about the hatting industry in Denton.



## Year 5

Spring Term 1 has been a very busy time in Y5. We have really enjoyed learning all about Eastern Europe in our Kagan lessons and finding out about other Eastern European countries. We loved learning about different cultures and traditions, especially about Faberge eggs and Matryoshka dolls. We have been reading our class novel Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell, which is set in Russia and we are almost at the most significant part of the story, which is really exciting! We also really enjoyed Finance Week and learning lots of interesting information about borrowing, saving, budgeting and different types of job and their pay. Next half term, we are looking forward to starting our Grand Designs topic and finding out about famous buildings around the World. We are also looking forward to World Book Day and joining in lots of different activities.

Class 5T & Class 5W

## Year 6

During the summer term we will, as always, be holding our brilliant Sports and Health Week. Myself and the Sports and Health Ambassadors (Rylan, Callum, Lyla and Jacey), will be having a meeting with the Kickstart coaches over the next couple of weeks to talk about what events we will be offering during the week. If you have any ideas for sports you'd like to try, sports you do that you think others might enjoy or any health initiatives that you think would be a good idea, please let either your own teacher, myself or any of our Ambassadors know your ideas and we will try to put them into our plan.

Thanks,

Mr. Griffin, Rylan, Callum, Lyla and Jacey.

# **APPLY NOW** for a nursery place September 2022!!!



# Message from your Headteacher

I hope everyone had a restful half term, we had lots of work done over the holiday on our heating system and this is still ongoing, we are hoping that by next week we will have resolved any issues that are still remaining. It was great to see so many children dressed up for World Book Day, all the children had a great day and enjoyed taking part in activities. Thank you to all the parents who booked on to parents evening, I know that staff have welcomed the opportunity to catch up with you all and talk about the children and the amazing work they do in school. We have had a good response to our call for volunteers for gardening, we hope that as the weather improves there will be more opportunities to get involved and work with the children to improve our outdoor areas.

Mrs Cartledge