



Chuter Ede Primary School

"Valuing everyone and aiming for our best."

Mission Statement: "Valuing Everyone and Aiming for our Best" —
WE VALUE BEING EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, ASPIRATIONAL and KIND

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. It really was an amazing day. We decided to **not** dress up this year which may have been a controversial decision, but we have found that dressing up can sometimes distract from the point of the day and we wholeheartedly wanted the point of the day to be a celebration of books and the power and pleasure of reading.

Mrs Follen put posts on the school Dojo explaining what we got up to- have you managed to do the quiz yet? Apparently I was very easy to guess- Edith (Year 5 Fernwood) tells me it was my smile that gave it away, I'm just happy to hear I haven't aged much!

At one point in the day we had a D.E.A.R moment- Drop Everything And Read! At Balderton some children were chosen to alert others of this by patrolling the corridors ringing a bell. Some children in the Apples heard the bell and genuinely thought Santa was on his way again! We all ended the day choosing a grown up to share a story with- it was like a Chuter Ede Jackanory, I really am showing my age now!

Yesterday really felt like a true celebration of books- it was so meaningful and purposeful. Thank you to you all for the fabulous donation of books that children were able to then swap- there was a real buzz of excitement about this. Huge thanks also to those of you who were able to drop in and read first thing- we'd love to do more of this in the future.

Don't just take my word for it that it was a great day. Here's what some of the children had to say.

FERNWOOD

Aubrey - Foundation

'It was good. We were all in class and read our own books. It was different to normal because some grown ups came into school and Ella and Gracie's mums read my book to me.'

Elias - Year 1

'I loved it. I've brought another book today for show and tell. I like dog books.'

BALDERTON

Y6

"We enjoyed the quiz because we guessed who was who."

"It was great to drop everything and read"

"We got to pick who we went to to listen to a story"

"I liked the book swap. We were able to recycle old books."

"I liked going to my old teacher for a story"

"I enjoyed working with the Y3 children to help them read"

Colt - Year 1

'I liked my book because it was a game book. I liked having a story at lunch.'

Matthew - Year 2

'It was fun and it was loud! In the morning everyone had grown ups in reading. My favourite part was being tested by the year 5 about the book I choose from the free book shop!'

Isaac - Year 3

'I think that it was quite fun not doing much work! I liked it when we got a book for free. I choose Mischief and Mayhem; it's a book where things get added to Rold Dahl stories. I've already read half a page and I think I'm going to enjoy it.'

Piper - Year 4

'It was nice that people got to get books from the book swap. At the end of the day we got to go into different classes and listen to a story. We had lots of choice, which was nice. It's good to have a break from work and appreciate the authors that create all of the books for us because without them we wouldn't have the books!'

Lucy - Year 4

'I thought it was really nice because there are lots of people in this school who really like to read, so it was nice to give them time. The book swap was really exciting; we got to choose a book to take home and keep.'

Hunter - Year 5

'I thought it was really good because it encourages people to read. If people don't like reading it makes it more fun by reading with other people. It was good that we got to mix with other people and see what books they like.'

Elodie - Year 6

'It was good. I liked the afternoon when we had all of the teachers reading to us. I liked all of the stories; it was just really, really good.'

Y5

"I enjoyed the reading buddies and seeing the nice stories the little children had."

"I enjoyed going to my old teacher for a story."

"We had fun guessing all of the teacher baby photos."

Y4

"It was great to go to another class to head someone else read."

I enjoyed hearing how the little ones read."

"I was so pleased with my book from the book swap!"

Y3

"I enjoyed reading with the buddies. Their picture books were really nice."

"It was fun listening to a different teacher read."

"We laughed when we saw all the baby photos."

Y2

"I liked that it was quiet and calm so we could read our books."

"I liked choosing a new book to keep."

"I liked guessing the teacher's photos."

"My Mum came in and read in another language. That made me happy."

Y1

"There was time to just read!"

"I liked going to my old classroom to hear different stories!"

"I liked reading with my brother when we did buddies."

Apples

"I liked guessing the story from the clues."

"I liked reading with my Mum in the morning."

"I liked my new book!"

In other news, from next week we will be taking part in the 15th celebration of @Sustrans #BigWalkAndWheel in partnership with@SchwalbeUK. This is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It aims to inspire hundreds of thousands of pupils to get active on the school run and get thinking about looking after their environment. We know lots of you at Chuter Ede already do this but from Monday 11th to Friday 22nd March, we encourage as many of you as possible to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school each day. Are you up for the challenge?

.Warm Regards,
Bernadette Hunter
Headteacher

Date?	What's happening?
Monday 11 th March 2024	Parents Evening
Friday 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief- DO SOMETHING FUNNY FOR MONEY Children can come to school in non-uniform and you can donate via parentpay or cash to the office.
Tuesday 19 th March 2024	Easter Service at Balderton St Giles church with Reverend Louise for Balderton site children
Wednesday 20 th March 2024	Easter Service at Balderton St Giles church with Reverend Louise for Fernwood site children
Monday 25 th - Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Year 6 PGL trip
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring term