



# Pelican News



# 24 March 2023

As we come to the end of the Lent term, it has been a real joy to reflect on all we have accomplished since January, and it is not surprising time seems to have passed at warp speed with all we have managed to fit in! Highlights must include the class assemblies, STEM week and World Book Day as these always provide something 'extra' to the usual rhythms and routines. However, it is sometimes the usual rhythms and routines in which you find the real highlights and Lent term often sees the children make huge leaps of progress in both their academic studies and personal and social development and they certainly haven't disappointed this year! Pre-Prep staff are so proud of how hard the children have worked this term and are already looking forward to continuing their learning journeys with them in the summer (after a very well-deserved rest over the Easter break!)

Look out for a pre-term edition of this newsletter towards the end of the break which will provide you with all the information you will need to be ready for the final term of the academic year!

Please remember to pack away your child's winter uniform today as they should return after the break in their summer uniform, details of which can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here/break/">here</a>

# **Hobbies**

Thank you for all the returned hobby responses for next term. If you have yet to complete a form, please could you do so as soon as possible so registers can be 'ready to go' at the start of next term.

## **Achievements**

Congratulations to the following children who have 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved:

Gold Award: Albert, Leila and Luther

# **Informal Concert**

Congratulations to the following children who all performed brilliantly in the Pre-Prep concert on Tuesday:

Pianists: Albert, Amelia, Gabriel, Logan, Ophelia, Rufus

Violinist: Rafaella

J-Saxophonist: Bertie

### STEM Science Competition

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded a prize for Mrs Cole's Science Competition. She was really impressed with all Pre-Prep entries and their clear understanding of

'adaptation' and would like to send a big 'well done' to everyone who entered. Due to a larger number of Y2 entries she has chosen a few winners from this year group, with other year groups having one overall winner.

#### Year 2

Winner: Gabriel (a fantastic description of the adaptations of a platypus with super drawing, labelling and such a detailed description in beautiful handwriting)

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rufus (a superb drawing of a pitcher plant with very clear labelling - a very interesting choice)

3<sup>rd</sup> place equal: Branok (Wow! - a very detailed description of a water lily using all the correct science terminology - well done for listening so well to my lesson on flowering plants!)

3<sup>rd</sup> place equal: Ophelia (I really like the tiger drawings and the very clear details about the adaptations)

#### Year 1

Winner: Otto (a great drawing of a snake and I liked the information about a flexible jaw and backward facing teeth - great facts)

# Reception

Winner: Henry (one of my favourite animals - a lovely elephant which has been coloured carefully with accurate labelling and a description of the adaptations)

# Nursery

Winner: Freya (what a great drawing of a jungle tree. I could tell that the tree was very tall and I liked the extra fact about the snake that climbs up the tree and glides from tree to tree)

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break,

Claire Luckhurst

# **Pelican Gallery**





















