

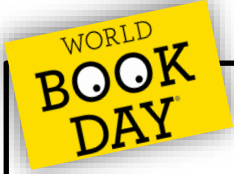


Our values: Resilience, Kindness, Responsibility, Ambition



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✿ Weekly Roundup ✿

Our focus value for this half term is: **Ambition**

A very Special Book Week at Phoenix

A huge thank you to Miss Morris for organising such a fantastic Book Week for our pupils. It has been wonderful to see the excitement around reading across the whole school.

Highlights have included:

- More visits to The Storybarn this week with Year 3, Year 6, Year 2 and Year 4
- Our brilliant Masked Reader challenge
- Buddy Reading across different year groups
- The Book Fair, which many children enjoyed visiting with their classes
- And today we were delighted to welcome author Angela Marie James, who inspired pupils with her poems and writing journey.

Book Week has truly celebrated our love of reading at Phoenix – thank you to all staff and pupils who helped make it such a success.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on **Tuesday 24th March**. The format of the evening will remain the same and teachers will be in the hall ready to complete a short consultation. A letter will be sent out next week confirming these details and to provide an opportunity for you to select a time slot. We please ask that if you do book an appointment and can no longer attend that you let the class teacher know so the slot can be offered to someone else.

Thank you & Good Luck

Today we say goodbye and good luck to Michelle, one of our wonderful members of the school kitchen team.

Michelle has been a valued part of our school community and has supported so many children during lunchtimes over the last 10 years.

We thank her for everything she has done for Phoenix and wish her all the very best in her new role and future career.

★ Attendance Stars ★

As you know, raising our whole school attendance is a huge priority for us at Phoenix, and we have noticed an improvement in both attendance and punctuality, so we'd like to extend our thanks to our families for supporting us with this. Let's keep improving and raising the profile together!

Our whole school target is 97%

Our school attendance winners this week:

Y2 97%

Y5 95%

OPAL Development Day



Today we had a visit from our OPAL consultant who was reviewing our play time offer to our children. The review consisted of an observation of lunch time as well as discussions with members of the OPAL team. You will notice that the main yard area has been developed significantly over the last 12 -18 months and I would like to take this time to thank Mr Rubio and Mr Peters for all their hard work and effort in ensuring that our pupils have a varied and engaging play environment.

So far, we have added:

- **Giant sandpit which is accessed by all children**
- **Upcycled music stands that are available on the yard**
- **Removal of the old biodome to create space for large allotment beds that will be used by each class**
- **New basketball hoops**
- **Ride on wheel trolley**
- **Magnetic tiles**
- **Animals & small world play**
- **Construction Blocks**

If you have any ideas or donations that could be useful, please see Mr Rubio or Mr Peters. Thank you!

★ Special Mention for our basketball team and Cross-Country team! ★

Well done to our Phoenix basketball team for representing us on Monday, and our cross-country runners who represented school on Wednesday. The children showed fantastic determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the events. We are very proud of the effort and positive attitude they demonstrated while competing. Huge thank you to our parents for showing their support at cross-country too!