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NEWSLETTER

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IN THE LINE FOR 10 TO 9.

School Attendance this week is 97.3%.

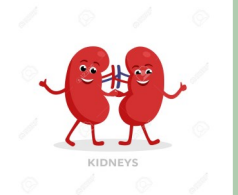
Well done to Year 2_ who had the best attendance with 100% -WOW!



HEADLINE NEWS

World Kidney Week March 6th—10th

Next week the whole school will be fundraising for our chosen National Charity, PKD. This is the organisation who support people with polycystic kidney disease and is particularly close to our hearts in school as 10 years ago our very own Mrs Whitworth made the selfless decision to donate one of her own kidneys to a close friend of the family who is suffering with this condition. It is the most common inherited life-threatening condition. Find out more at pkdcharity.org.uk



We will start off the week with a presentation in assembly on Monday where the children will learn all about our kidneys and why they are important. Throughout the rest of the week there will be lots of class-based activities, wordsearches, competitions etc. The children can bring in 50ps to 'Guess the Number of Jelly Beans in a Jar' or 'Name the Kidney toy'.

Thursday 9th March is World Kidney Day and the children are invited to come to school in their PE kits but with a kidney related twist, such as a red, green or purple (PKD colours) T-shirt or socks, hair accessories etc. and bring £1. They will all receive a kidney shaped biscuit from the kitchen with a milk shake.

On Friday all the children will come home with a bottle of water to remind them of the importance of drinking lots of water for kidney health.

The week will be educational—touching on health and science, as well as fun. It demonstrates charitable giving to the children and all the proceeds will go to PKD. We hope you will support us raise money for a charity that has touched a member of our school staff so personally and we look forward to a great week!

DLP Gymnastics

Four children from our brilliant Year 2 class attended a DLP Gymnastics session, at Friezland Primary, on Wednesday. The children were taught various balances, rolls and turns to form an effective sequence. Mrs Roddy commented that the children represented the school immaculately and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

SCHOOL MEALS: WEEK 1 NEXT

£12.50 PER WEEK. TWO WEEKS NOTICE TO CHANGE TO OR FROM PACKED LUNCHES.

Means Tested Free School Meals link: [Free school meals](#) | [Free school meals](#) | [Oldham Council](#)

Remember if the Government decide to issue holiday vouchers again, only people on MEANS TESTED free school meals will qualify. Ask at the office if you are unsure.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS THIS HALF-TERM

Monday: Y4-6 Fine Art Club. By invitation only. Continues until Easter.

Tuesday: Y2 Reading Club—3.20—4.15pm (all year).
*Y3-6 Choir—lunchtimes. Full (all year. No permission reqd).

Thursday: Y3-6 Computer Coding Club: Continues until Easter.
NEW* Reception, Y1&2 Lego Club: 3.20—4.15pm. **Now full.**

TO JOIN A NEW CLUB YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN A PERMISSION SLIP.
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE FROM 3.20—4.15PM.

World Book Day

St Thomas' School celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. It was a very enjoyable day and the children loved sharing their costumes and discussing the definition of different words. It was lovely to see how many children had used their imagination to create their own costumes.

We started the day with a fun assembly based on the book 'Room On The Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children loved watching the staff act out this story. There was also a writing competition and the winning work will be displayed in school.

Thank you to all parents who came into school to share a book with their child. It is vital that children understand how important reading is for their academic development and for their own pleasure.

READING IS A GIFT. IT FEEDS THE BRAIN!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. Mrs Ragan (Literacy Coordinator).

Key Stage Assessments and Tests

Parents of children in Year 1,2,4 or 6 can find details of assessments and tests which their children will be taking this year on the class pages of our website which you can access by clicking the links:

http://www.leesfield.oldham.sch.uk/class_pages/year_1/y1_phonics_screening.html

http://www.leesfield.oldham.sch.uk/class_pages/year_2/y2_sats_support.html

http://www.leesfield.oldham.sch.uk/class_pages/year_4/year_4_multiplication_tables_check.html

http://www.leesfield.oldham.sch.uk/class_pages/year_6/y6_sats_support.html

Events This Half-Term

- W/c 13th March—all week: British Science Week.
- 21st March Tuesday: Year 2 class assembly for parents at 2.30pm.
- 22nd March Wednesday: Reception & Y6 Heights & Weights.
- 28th March Tuesday: Science Share Coffee Morning.

**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES ARE EVERY FRIDAY AT
2.30PM. ALL WELCOME!**