

## Message from the Headteacher

Once again I have been stunned at the generosity of our families. Last week, so many of you contributed to our library and this week I would like to thank everyone who donated to Comic Relief.

Also, I'd like to draw your attention to the parent/carer maths courses currently being run in school—many of you asked at parents evening how you could support your child, and these workshops will give you lots of ideas.



Can I please remind you that as part of our school uniform, children are required to wear school shoes.

Some children are coming to school wearing trainers—over the next few days we will be sending home letters to those children, reminding them to wear the correct uniform.

Many thanks to all the children wearing the correct uniform, which includes school shoes and a Smithdown tie.

## ATTENDANCE NEWS

### SPRING TERM

Nursery am: 83%

Nursery pm: 91%

RLMc: 97%

RLK: 99%

Year 1 GH: 98%

Year 1RMc: 99%

Year 2AG: 99%

Year 2 LA: 98%

Year 3 BC: 98%

Year 3 GL: 99%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 99%

Year 6: 98%

Well Done to this weeks winners, RLK, 1RMc, 2AG, 3GL, Y4 and Y5.

**School starts at 8.55am**

**Children can come into school from 8.45am and should be in class by 8.55am.**

**Nursery opens at 8.45am and 12.30pm.**



Thanks to Kings Leadership Academy, Year 6 pupils got a taste of Science at secondary school. On their visit last week they took part in a number of activities, including going inside the Alpha Dome to learn all about space and the planets.

### Dates for your diary:

18th March—Reception Messy Afternoon 2pm.

19th March—Launch of Smithdown Savings Scheme.

19th March- Reception maths workshop for parents/carers.

19th March—KS2 parent / carer maths workshop.

20th March—Year 5 Bikeability.

20th March—Year 5 Boys football competition

21st March—Year 6 Military School.

22nd March—Year 3 Campfire.

26th March—Reception maths workshop for parents/carers.

27th March—Year 6 Boys Football at LFC.

28th March—Year 6 Military School.

### 29th March—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

1st April—start of Smithdown Primary Science Week.

2nd April —Reception maths workshop for parents/carers.

2nd April—KS2 parent / carer maths workshop.

4th April—Year 6 Military School.

5th April —School Closes for end of term break.

15th April—School re-opens.

16th April— Debtaware workshops for years 5 & 6.

19th April—School closed (Good Friday Bank holiday)

### Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Thank you to everybody who bought a red nose, made a donation or wore red and their own clothes.

We raised over £600. A Magnificent amount!



### Year 2 Assembly

Last week, on Red Nose Day, Year 2 told us all about the work of Comic Relief and how the money we raise is helping people both in the UK and abroad.



### Spotlight on Parent / Carer Maths Workshop

Our maths workshops continue each Tuesday for parents/carers of children in Reception classes and KS2. They're always practical and fun and usually include a drink and biscuit! Why not come along to get some tips on helping your child.



Our Geography Gurus and School Councillors joined together to visit Gilmoor Recycling Centre last week. Both groups are working together to make Smithdown Primary and our wider community more environmentally friendly.

Projects so far include changing our milk from tetrapak to recyclable containers, recycling felt pens and whiteboard pens, clearing litter and sourcing eco friendly school ties.



Year 3GL and Year 4 enjoyed an attendance party on Friday. They enjoyed a few tasty treats as well as dancing and games as a reward for being the classes with the best attendance last term.

It won't be long until we see which class has won this term so remember, be in school every day.