



# The Pochin School

## Newsletter March 2024



Dear Parents and friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you enjoyed the Easter service as much as we did. It was truly heart-warming to see the children's enthusiasm and dedication shine through during the service. This term has been nothing short of a whirlwind, filled with exciting projects and invaluable learning experiences for our students. Here are some highlights from each class:

**Class 1:** The children have been focusing on healthy eating habits, and they recently had a blast making delicious and nutritious sandwiches. Learning about healthy choices at a young age sets a strong foundation for a lifetime of well-being.

**Class 2:** In Class 2, our budding authors and illustrators have been hard at work creating their own books for the preschool. It's been a joy to see their creativity flourish as they craft stories and bring them to life through words and pictures.

**Class 3 and 4:** DT (Design and Technology) has been a highlight for Classes 3 and 4 this term. The students have been busy constructing magnificent castles, applying their problem-solving skills and creativity to design and build their own masterpieces.

**Class 5:** Last but not least, Class 5 has been immersed in the world of storytelling. They've completed some truly remarkable stories centred around a young girl named Alma. Their imaginative narratives and engaging characters showcase their talent and passion for writing.

**World Book Day:** Thank you for joining us in celebrating the magic of storytelling and literacy on World Book Day. Seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters and sharing their love for reading was a joyous sight indeed.

**Comic Relief:** Together, we raised spirits and funds for a worthy cause on Comic Relief Day. Your generosity and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others are truly commendable.

**Mad March Day:** The energy and enthusiasm you brought to Mad March Day today has created a vibrant and festive atmosphere throughout the school and has raised valuable funds for the PTA.

We've compiled some memorable moments from these events, and you can find the pictures below.

We're incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm throughout the term. As always, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our wonderful parents and guardians. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and for being such integral members of our school community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break as we recharge for the adventures that await us in the summer term.

## Head Teacher Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

**1<sup>st</sup> March** - Emmie, Sia P, Niam, Sydney-Eva, Savannah, Seb M

**7<sup>th</sup> March** - Aarav P, Skylar, Emily B, Alysia, Miles, Josh

**14<sup>th</sup> March** - Lennie, Isabella W, Kian, Ava S, Emilia, Grace B

**21<sup>st</sup> March** - Kasen, Penny, Evelyn, Sia K, Neevah, Autumn



## Diary Dates

### April:

8<sup>th</sup> - School reopens for Summer term

### May:

13<sup>th</sup> - **Key Stage 2 SATS week (year 6 pupils)**

20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Aztec visit

21<sup>st</sup> - Year 6 LOPC visit

25<sup>th</sup> - School closes for Half term

### June:

3<sup>rd</sup> - School reopens to pupils

11<sup>th</sup> - School Sports day

12<sup>th</sup> - School Reserve sports day

25<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 sports Festival

26<sup>th</sup> - Musical Moments Event - 6pm

## Cyberbullying

Please look at the additional information sheet below with links to great Skip Safety Net website, which is designed to support families with a range of online support, parent guides and information sharing.

[Skips Safety Net \(skipseducational.org\)](https://www.skipsafety.net)



# HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY



All the children have enjoyed celebrating world day together.

## The winners of the 'Story in a Box' competition were:

Class 1:

- **Winner: Gruffalo by Rian**
- Runner-up: Spider-Man by Nayan and The Pants Washing Line by Teddy

Class 2:

- **Winner: BFG Hugo**
- Runner-up: Gingerbread Man - Siyana

Class 3:

- **Winner: George's Marvellous Medicine by Leela**
- Runner-up: Worst Week Ever by Charlotte

Class 4:

- **Winner: The Wild Way Home by Myran**
- Runner-up: Where's Wally? by Mikil

Class 5:

- **Winner: Shackleton by Elissa**



Thank you to everyone who purchased books from the school bookfair and PTA for running it.

The book sale raised over £400 worth of books for the school. These books are found in your children's class libraries!





# RED NOSE DAY



Why was the  
sand wet?  
Because the  
sea weed!

Which planet  
likes to sing?  
Nep-tune



The school raised an amazing **£161** for the Red Nose Day Appeal

The children yesterday celebrated the best jokes. It was really hard to decided on the best jokes, as so many of them made us laugh, especially the jokes where the children had inserted their own names. Great thinking!



Answers for  
the jokes on  
the back of  
the T-shirt

# Mad March Hair Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

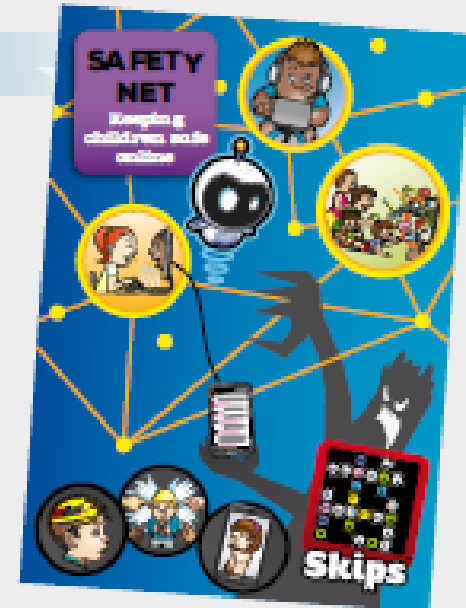
The children have donated £1 to the PTA from wearing their crazy hair today!



# Easter Service at St Marys Church



## A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

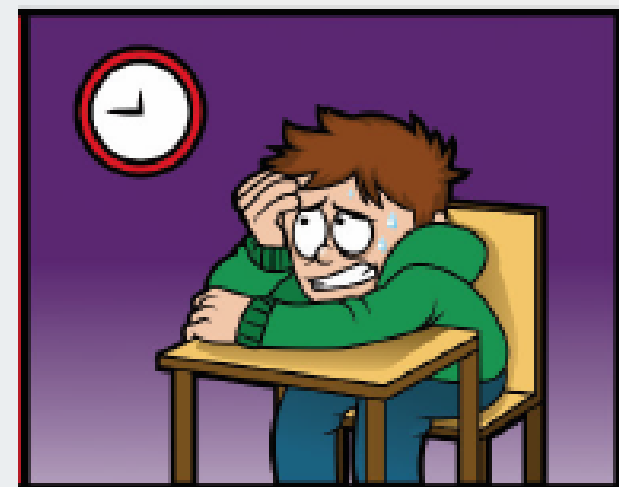
They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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'Morning Heather,  
Dianne has told me you would like to see the item from the Parish Council/County Council regarding parking. It is as follows:

Parking on Beeby Road/Holt Lane corners! The Parish Council are again in touch with Leicestershire County Council about the problems of parked vehicles on the corner of Beeby Road/Holt Lane. This is their recent response to us:-

“It remains an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 for any person in charge of a vehicle to cause or permit that vehicle to stand on a road/footway in such a manner that is considered to be dangerous, or that which causes an obstruction to the safe and effective use of the highway. The highway code also states with regards to vehicles parking **“DO NOT stop or park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction**, except in an authorised parking space”. Any such instances of this should be reported to the Police on their non-emergency number 101 or through <https://www.leics.police.uk/ro/report/rTI/rTI-beta-2.1/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>”

Please do assist with this ongoing problem - report to 101 or via the link above. If we don't report problems the County Council don't think we have a problem!