



## **Newsletter – February 2024**

### **Headteacher's Update**

It has been another busy half term here at MJS! We've enjoyed some exciting trips and visitors, and the time has flown by. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent Consultations this week to celebrate some of the great work your children have been doing. We saw lots of smiling faces, and we are just as proud of your children as you are.

We hope that you all have a well deserved rest over half term. Monday 26th February is a Non Pupil Day, so we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 27th February**.

### **Trips and Visits**

Year 3 took part in a dance workshop run by Dance Days. They were able to try out Bollywood, Street Dance and Flamenco! They also went to Colchester Zoo to learn all about Life Cycles in the Educational centre. Year 4 went to Jimmy's Farm to compare animals to humans and to understand their habitats. They have also created fantastic recycling projects. Year 5 took part in a workshop covering the history of medicine, such as the 'Black Death'. They've also started their 'Grow Your Own' project, and we look forward to seeing the vegetables and salad grow, ready to eat in the summer term! Year 6 took part in an Electricity workshop and went to watch 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria theatre in London. This was a busy day, but Year 6 behaved brilliantly, and members of the public even commented to staff how sensible they were. We are so proud of them!

### **Class Assemblies**

We welcomed parents and carers into school to celebrate class assemblies with Zeta and Gamma, who showed off lots of the things they had been learning. Both classes did an amazing job - well done! Next half term, we welcome the parents of Delta and Alpha.

### **Parent Coffee Mornings**

It has been lovely to see the number of parents attending the coffee mornings grow over the last few meetings. Miss Lythgo and her volunteers are doing a great job and look forward to meeting many more of you next month!



### **Polio Awareness Day**

Mr Wood from Colchester Rotary Club hosted an assembly providing information to our children about Polio. The Rotary Club provided us with 500 crocus bulbs, some we have planted around the school and others we have grown and allowed To create awareness we had a Pink, Blue and Purple Day today - all children looked fabulous!

### **Dates for your Diary in March**

**Tuesday 5th:** Delta Class Assembly

**Friday 8th:** World Book Day - more information to follow

**Monday 18th:** Wateraid Speaker for Y6

**Friday 22nd:** Parents Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 26th:** Alpha Class Assembly

**Thursday 28th:** Silly Sock Day - Autism Awareness Day, Y6 Forensic Science Workshop

As always, we will keep you updated with any other dates as we get them, so please make sure you keep your details up to date with us so you get our e-mails and texts.

We hope that you all have a lovely break, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 27th February 2024!