

# March Newsletter

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 17th April - school reopens for the Summer Term**

Wednesday 26th April - Consultation on teaching Drugs and Alcohol across the Federation (Mr Howes and Mrs Bright) We're proposing to introduce this into our PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) curriculum so if you're interested in hearing why and seeing the resources in person come along to either: 9am to 10am – Stubbings Infant School Or 6pm to 7pm – Riverside Junior School

Friday 28th April - Great News Assembly

**Monday 1st May—May Bank Holiday**

From 2nd May—KS1 SATs throughout May

Friday 5th May - Claire Tooth (EMHP) coffee and chat drop-in after assembly for all parents from Stubbings and Central Street—At Stubbings

**Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation**

Friday 12th May—Great News Assembly

Friday 19th May—Federation Family Quiz

Friday 26th May—Great News Assembly

**Friday 26th May—School closes for half term**

**Monday 5th June— School reopens**

What a busy half term! We've had such a lot of fun with World Book day and Red Nose day!

A big thank you to our families for engaging so positively with Great News Assemblies, workshops with Claire our EMHP and parent consultations.

Over the Easter holiday, as well as enjoying some well-deserved chocolate the staff will be getting ready for a fantastic Summer term, there will be lots going on!

Please look out for information by email, dojo and on Twitter about what is happening in school.

We will also be letting you know how you can support by volunteering in school.

Have a fantastic Easter break.



**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**

We raised £32  
Thank you!

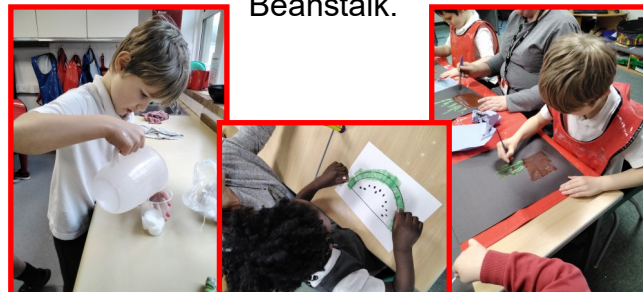
## Valley

Valley class have been learning to identify the signs of spring and have spotted buds, blossom and daffodils growing in our school garden. The end of the week saw lots of excitement as a large mysterious egg appeared in our classroom. We discussed different types of animals that lay eggs and enjoyed listening to the story Tap! Tap! The children made predictions about what they thought might be inside. What do you think it could be?



## River

River Class this term have been learning about plants and growing. The children have planted a range of seeds and beans and have enjoyed watching them grow in school. They have all enjoyed watching the progress of the plants as they have begun to sprout and grow. The children have used lots of language to share with adults and peers the changes they have observed! They have also shown real care for these plants and have helped to water them, when needed. Children in River class can now identify what plants need to grow! Our learning has been supported by the texts we have shared – our favourites being The Enormous Watermelon and Jack and the Beanstalk.



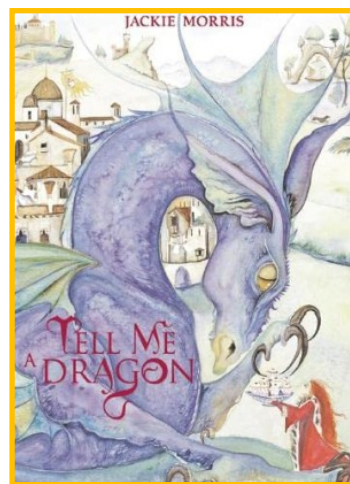
## Woodland

Woodland Class have been learning to answer the question "Where does our food come from?" They were surprised to find out by asking lots and lots of questions that our food comes from plants.

We have investigated some of the processes our food goes through from farm to fork, and have planted our own seeds to find out how plants grow. We have also discovered that plants need to be pollinated so we are busy planting seeds for bee-friendly flowers to help attract pollinators into the garden.



## Moorland



There be dragons! All half term we have been all about dragons in our English writing, from describing our magical dragon eggs to writing about a dragon visiting at play time. Watch out! There are some wanted posters looking for the

Hebden Dragon right now!

Maths in Moorland has been all about multiplication and division, now we are tackling fractions and finding out how we can find fractions of both shapes and numbers. This will get us ready for learning to tell the time after the holidays, so looking and talking about time at home will help deepen this learning.



The children in Valley Class explored forces as we created small paper rockets. They observed that the more force they placed on the bottle the higher their rocket would travel. The children learnt that the rocket then fell back down due to gravity. Together we created some gravity art work.



In Moorland Class for Science week, we looked at the connections between animals and their habitats, including food chains. We researched different habitats around the globe and created our own shoebox editions. We also researched food chains in these habitats to learn what connects everything that lives there and why they are suited for their habitat. All this brilliant scientific research answered our Question for learning 'Why don't hippos live in Hebden?'.

# Help us make **Open Space 70**

Open Space 70 (13-16 July) is an environmental arts festival made with the people of Calderdale.

## JOIN IN AT OUR FREE DROP-IN INSPIRER WORKSHOPS

Chat with artists, experts & our team, try something new & explore being part of Open Space 70. Allow around an hour for the creative activity. Open 10:30-13:30



### RECLAMATION

SAT 1 APRIL: MYTHOLMROYD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Use your phone to capture evidence of nature's ability to recover from human development. Full details of the photography challenge are on our website. With Gerard Liston & Paul Knights. All ages welcome.

### INSECT PRINTMAKING

SAT 15 APRIL: TODFELLOWS HALL, TODMORDEN

Celebrating the importance of insects in the natural world, learn how to make dry-point Tetrapak plates & prints of these weird & wonderful creatures. Rachel Red and Martyna Krol lead this drop-in session. Suitable for age 8+.



### PROTEST LAB!

SAT 22 APRIL: HEBDEN BRIDGE TOWN HALL

What do you think needs to change? Join artist Michael Powell & environmental campaigner Zephie Begolo for conversation & creative climate emergency placard making. Suitable for age 7+



**Hebden  
Bridge  
Arts**

CONNECT / CREATE / PRESENT

Work made in these workshops will be shared in exhibitions as part of our Arts Trail.

For other ways to get involved in Open Space 70 see overleaf & look online at [qrco.de/openspace](http://qrco.de/openspace)

# The Art of Taking Part...

**Homegrown** - Share something you've created on the theme of environment / climate emergency as part of the Arts Trail (15-16 July). Show your body of art work, sculptures or installation; share your eco-garden, mudlarking collection or your manifesto for change. Use your own space to share your work, or we'll find a venue for you to use.

**Open Exhibition** - As an alternative to joining the Arts Trail as part of Homegrown, you can submit one chosen work of your art in any medium for our exhibition 'Creative Responses to the Climate Emergency' at Northlight Artspace (15-16 July). Your piece can express anything from hope to fear, emotion to solution, mitigation to imagination.

**Inspirer Workshops** - Make something at one of our free drop-in sessions.

**Open Your Space** - We need to borrow exhibition venues for our Arts Trail, such as gardens, sheds, barns and yards. Can you lend us your space?

**Volunteer** - Can you give us a helping hand to support Open Space 70 workshops or offer visitors a warm welcome at an Arts Trail venue or festival event or two? Full training & support provided & travel expenses covered.

Full information about Open Space 70 is online. You can use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code below or visit [qrco.de/openspace](http://qrco.de/openspace)



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13-16 July  
in your  
diary!

