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**Term 3 Week 9 (08/3/2024)**



Today was Mrs Porter's last day in the school office. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her over the years and we wish her lots more happiness as she moves on to work at Glashy college. We hope they realise how lucky they are to have her onboard. She has been a great asset to Victoria Primary School and will be missed by us all. We celebrated in school with a lovely send off for her at the end of the day when she was presented with the gifts from all of your donations. Your donations went towards buying her everlasting flowers and a vase along with a large voucher for her favourite shop. She was delighted with her gifts and sends her thanks to you all.



It was lovely to bring everyone together yesterday for our whole school World Book Day Assembly. We had lots of activities going on and it was great to see the older children reading and interacting with the younger children.

There were some fantastic creations for our Book-in-a-Box Competition – look out for a post from Mr Leyshon who will let us know who the winner is.

Our book swap is going to remain open next week so if your child has a book they have finished reading, they may bring it in to school to swap over.



In line with our water/Titanic topic, Indigo class had a visit today from a representative from NI Water. They spoke to them about their 'Water Aid' programme. They explained about the water cycle, why water is so important, how to protect water and about safety in water.

Did you know?

771 million people in the world – one in ten – do not have clean water close to home.  
1.7 billion people in the world – more than one in five – do not have a decent toilet of their own.  
3.6 billion people in the world – almost half – do not have a safely managed sanitation service at home.  
2.3 billion people in the world – almost one in three – lack soap and water for handwashing at home.



Due to the large number of talented children we have in school, the Spring Festival will move from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. This will enable us to have the full 5 days for Arts Week.

The Spring Arts Festival will be a casual event showcasing the art work and musical talents of our children. Parents are welcome to join us from 10am-11am on the day to have a look around the art and to hear some of the children performing.

#### House Team Scores

Sunshine:	341
Water:	286
Earth:	290
Fire:	290

Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a house point this week.



**14<sup>th</sup> March** – NSPCC workshops

**15<sup>th</sup> March** – Yellow Class trip to Carrickfergus Castle

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – St Patrick's Day holiday. School open as normal though there are no EA buses or school meals available. Please send a packed lunch with your child.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – School closes for the Easter holidays at 12 noon.

**12<sup>th</sup> April** – Spring Festival.