



PANSHANGER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As you will have seen by the scaffolding that has been erected on the roof of the school we are ready for the installation of the solar panels. Unfortunately, this has been delayed as the workmen had to finish another job before travelling to WGC. Fingers crossed the project will be finished this week. We have displayed one of the panels in the school hall for the children to look at, most were very surprised by the sheer size of it (2m x 1m).



On **World Book Day** the children spent time reading together and working on creating a range of book marks in their Buddy Groups. Very well done to our Buddy Leaders for helping the younger children in their groups. Each child has been given a world book day voucher which they can use at a range of shops or at our Book Fair at the end of March.

We had a great performance of the **Jungle Book** on Friday and the children all looked amazing dressed up in their animal costumes. All classes will complete follow up work based on the book during this week.

Ukraine

Our thoughts go out to the people in Ukraine at this time and especially to the families at Panshanger School who have links with the country. Many of the children have questions about what is going on in Eastern Europe and we are trying to answer them (in an age appropriate manner). Please be aware they may have questions to ask at home and also be vigilant in regard to what they are watching - some of the reporting / footage can be quite graphic on the news. News round is excellent for children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Here is a message we have been asked to pass on from HCC: If you feel you would like to make a financial donation to one of the organisations below it will have an immediate impact and help fund what is most needed on the ground:

- **The British Red Cross** has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters.
- **The UNHCR** refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.
- **UNICEF** is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue.

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- [The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain](#) is fundraising for medicine, food and other essentials.
- [Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romania and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

Year 3 had a great trip last week to The Roman Baths and Mill Green museum, as usual their behaviour was commented on in a favourable manner. They remembered lots of facts about their work about the Romans and had a great day out of school.



Comic relief is Friday 18th March. The children are welcome to come dressed in their 'normal' clothes whilst making a donation to the charity. We are also selling red noses for in school (£1.50). We are hoping to do a cake sale during the day, sending the money raised to Comic relief. Please bring in any cakes on the Thursday or Friday. If there are any left, we will sell them at the end of school. If you are making cakes at home, please remember to send in a full ingredient list that we can display. If bringing shop bought cakes remember we are a NUT FREE school, so please check all ingredients thoroughly. We also have children in school who are gluten free, lactose intolerant and with milk allergies.

Class assemblies:

- Thursday 24th March - Year 5
- Thursday 31st March - Year 6
- Thursday 28th April - Year 4
- Friday 6th May - Year 3
- Thursday 19th May - Year 2
- Thursday 26th May - Year 1
- Thursday 30th June - Reception

The assemblies will start at 8.50am and will last for approx. 20 mins. Each class will have an audience including the rest of the school plus their parents / grandparents etc.

Easter activities

Rising Stars (the company who provide the trampolining opportunities in school) are running 2 days of activities at Panshanger, 6th and 12th April. If you would like your child to attend please book on their website as there are limited spaces available. <https://risingstars-online.co.uk/events-category/hertfordshire/>

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