



## Independent learning

Independent learning is a strong feature of our curriculum. Many of our children enjoy doing research in their own time, some of which is directly linked to their current topic, or something which they are personally interested in. I am pleased to say, that I have received many contributions from the children for this newsletter. I do hope that you will enjoy reading this edition.

## 9 things to know about Rhinos

1. Male rhinos are called bulls and females are called cows. Their young are calves.
2. A group of rhinos is called a 'crash'.
3. Rhinos eyesight isn't great. They are unable to see a motionless person at a distance of 30 metres, they mainly rely on their strong sense of smell.
4. Rhinos make an array of funny noises when they are communicating. During confrontations they growl and make 'trumpet calls'. Black rhinos snort when they are angry, make sneeze like calls as an alarm and scream if they are scared
5. Rhinos love mud, rhinos can often be seen rolling around in mud, giving themselves a protective mud coat to keep them cool, stop insects biting and get rid of any parasites. Asian rhinos are also excellent swimmers crossing rivers with ease. However, their African relatives are very poor swimmers and can drown in deep water – so they stick to wallowing in mud for a cool down.
6. Rhino horn is made of keratin, the same protein which forms the basis of our hair and nails. Greater one-horned and Javan rhinos only have one horn, whereas all the other rhino species have two horns. The white rhino's horns can grow 7cm every year.
7. Rhinos are under threat. Over 7,100 African rhinos have been killed by poaching in the last 10 years, that's around 2 every year. Some poaching gangs are using helicopters to track the rhinos and once the animals are shot with guns or tranquilising darts, their horns are removed using chainsaws and quickly air-lifted away. The whole operation can take as little as 10 minutes, and if the rhino isn't already dead, it will often bleed to death.
8. There are now only 20,000 white rhinos living across Africa.
9. The last remaining male northern white rhino in the world, died in Sudan in March 2018 of age-related issues.

By Sami – Chestnut Class



## **Ramadan Mubarak!**

Ramadan Mubarak means 'happy Ramadan'. Muslims everywhere are going without food and drink from sunrise to sundown (known as fasting) during Ramadan. This year, it ends with the holy festival of Eid al-Fitr (pronounced eed al feeter), which means 'the festival of the breaking of the fast'. But what else does Ramadan involve and why is it so important to Muslims?

Unlike the calendar used in the West (the Georgian calendar), which bases dates around the sun, Ramadan is set by the Islamic calendar, which bases its months around the movement of the moon. Ramadan and Eid celebration dates change each year, since the Islamic calendar is 11 days shorter than the Georgian one.

Ramadan is always the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, as that was the month when the Koran, the holy book for Muslims is said to have been first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

Muslims live their lives based around the Five Pillars of Islam, one of which is fasting. The other pillars are faith, prayer, charity and making the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca.

Fasting is said to bring Muslims closer to Allah (God), although not everyone has to do it. For example, if you're young, old, poorly or pregnant.

Those who are fasting will often have a meal (known as the suhoor) just before dawn, and another (known as iftar) directly after sunset.

At the end of the fast, when the sun has gone down, families will break their fast.

This year Eid al Fitr will be celebrated on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.



## **Inspirational Quotes**

***Don't stop dreaming just start making them come true.***

This means, believe in what you dream about, so make it come true. Even if it's a hard dream never give up and make it come true. Nagina – Ash class.

***Don't wait for an opportunity but create it.***

This means, don't wait for somebody to do something, you do it! Ayaan – Ash class.

## Book Review

What is your favourite book, do you want to tell people about it? Zain from Sycamore is our first book reviewer for this year!

**Author:** Alex T Smith

**Illustrator:** Alex T Smith

**Book title:** Mr Penguin and the Fortress of Secrets

**Reviewed by:** Zain



### Character Appearance for Mr Penguin

He is all black and white with two flappy flippers, he carries a satchel full of fish finger sandwiches, He has a little beak and carries a large magnifying glass.

Introduction: Mr Penguin is a highly dedicated and experienced penguin. He has been training for years to solve situations like this. Everywhere he travels he is well-known.

Mr Penguin discovered an ancient, annihilated fortress which looked creepy and gloomy and unexpected things could happen at any time which could scare you instantly.

And all of the pets were missing. After a few minutes, Mr Penguin approached a secretive notebook which had important information...

After, this evil and cunning person planned a cruel and dastardly plan, to hypnotise the rodents using the hypnotron (it's a tremendous machine which hypnotises people and pets all around the world). The cunning, evil person was called Dr Mesmero and she wanted to take over the world. Thankfully, Mr penguin hypnotised her to change her from bad to good.

Finally, Mr Penguin is going to his hometown Cityville.

Suddenly, they had to divert the plane because another exciting adventure was calling for Mr Penguin.

My star rating ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



I hope that you have enjoyed Zain's book review, I look forward to hearing from you about a book that you've been reading that you would like to recommend to others.

# Broadfield Primary School

# Awards



'Together We Can Achieve'

## Pupil of the Week



Reception 1	Minahil
Reception 2	Tayyibah
Year 1 Larch	Faizan
Y1/2 Beech	Khirad
Y2 Willow	Hassan
Y3 Maple	Hakim
Y3/4 Woodlands	Mehreen
Y3/4 Chestnut	Qasim
Y5 Ash	Hashim
Y5 Sycamore	Tasmiyah
Y6 Elm	Zakiya
Y6 Oak	Pakiza
Y6 Oak	Danyal

## Honourable Mentions

Marcus	Aidan
Sana	Sehar
Lybah	Zikra
Kevin	Ibrahim
Daniella	Sami
Elizabeth	Mahteen
Mayar	Safa
Sawera	Nagina
Hashim	Zain
Ayaan	Samera

## Best Attendance



This week's best attenders are:

**Willow**

**99.6%**

**Outstanding!**

**Well Done to All!**