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Monday 27th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an exciting but busy few weeks to look forward to this half term, which starts this week with international languages celebration week and world book day on Thursday. We look forward to seeing the children (and staff) coming to school in a range of costumes or personalisation of their uniform to represent a variety of their favourite book characters!



Diary dates and events

All class year group information and details of events continue to be sent to you through your child's year group staff team. These are also made available on our website and school app <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/events>

Please see below a few whole school dates and events this half term. The dates for the school year are also available on our school website and app. These are updated regularly each half term, so please do continue to check the website and app for updates.

Whole school event dates this half term include....

- Monday 27th February – International Language Celebration Week
- Tuesday 28th February – possible NEU teacher strike day
- Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day
- Monday 6th March – Parents/Carers Evening
- Wednesday 8th March – Parents/Carers Evening
- Week beginning Monday 13th March – Online Cultural Book Fair
- Wednesday 15th March – possible NEU teacher strike day
- Thursday 16th March - possible NEU teacher strike day
- Friday 17th March – Comic Relief – wear/dress up in red and donate
- Week beginning 20th March – Book Fair at the First School
- Week beginning 27th March – Book Fair at the Junior School
- Friday 31st March – School Closes at the end of the day for the Easter holiday break
- **Monday 17th April 2023 – Children return to school**

International Language Celebration Week – Week beginning 27th February 2023

For International Mother Language Day 2023, UNESCO chose to focus on the theme of '*multilingual education - a necessity to transform education*'. Although progress is being made and many of us understand the importance of being able to learn in your mother tongue,



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it is still thought that 40% of people in the world do not have access to an education in a language that they speak or understand.

In support of this special day, we will all be taking part in a range of activities to learn about different languages and cultures within a variety of countries. There will be the opportunity for children to sample delicious traditional dishes, engage in popular sporting activities, listen to familiar stories read by native speakers and much more! Each year group has been given a country as their focus and the aim is to find out as much about it as possible while also celebrating the wonderful languages and cultures that exist within our classrooms.

Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.

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World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

We are delighted to celebrate World Book Day this **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. However, as Year 4 will be swimming on this day, children in **Year 4 will have an alternate date** for World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March 2023**.

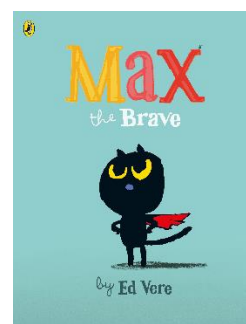
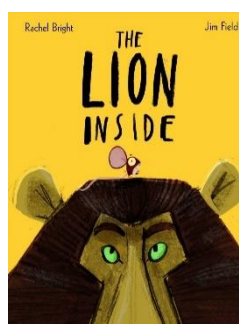
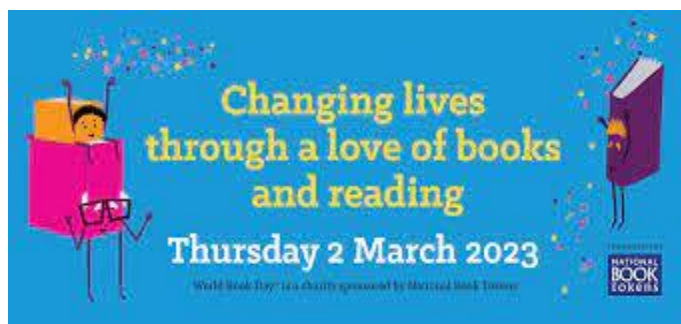
This year's World Book Day theme will be **Bravery**. Every year on World Book Day, we are blown away by the enthusiasm of our school community. Children are invited to highlight the theme in any creative way they feel, whether it is through a costume or by personalising their uniform. We know that this year families may find themselves in a difficult financial situation so we do not want our celebrations to be an additional cost. We would like to stress that dressing up is optional as we will be celebrating in lots of ways in school. Alternatively, children may wish to draw a picture at home to represent **Bravery** and bring it into school with them.

In order to mark this special occasion, we will be holding events such as Book Fairs, Drop Everything and Read (**D.E.A.R.**), the Portico Book Review competition in Key Stage 2 on World Book Day and a production at the Junior School on **1st March 2023**.

Scholastic Book Fair at First School: 20th March 2023 – 25th March 2023

Scholastic Book Fair at Junior School: 27th March 2023 – 31st March 2023

Remember, you can use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.



In addition, to celebrate World Book Day, **Year 5** and **Year 6** will be meeting award-winning novelist, **Elle McNicoll**. She will be touring schools in Manchester to promote her two latest releases, **Like A Charm** and **Like A Curse**. We are very excited to have Elle stop at our school! During Elle's visit, she will be speaking about her books, answering questions from

the children and selling her recent releases. If your child would like a signed copy of her books, they will have the opportunity to purchase them on the day or via Parent Pay. Each book is £6 or you can buy both books for £10.



Parent and Carer Coffee Mornings

In case you are not already aware, we have regular coffee mornings (tea is also available!) at the First School. These are open to all parents and carers of children at Beaver Road and we also welcome younger children who are not yet old enough to attend our school. It's a great way to get to know others within our community and make new friends. Please see the details of dates and times listed for this half term and we hope to see you there!

Beaver Road Coffee Mornings

Where: In the Willow Building, at the front of Beaver Road First School.

Who: Anyone with children at Beaver Road Primary School. Babies and toddlers warmly welcomed, just turn up!

Why: Come along for a chat, find out information about our school and make new friends!

When?

Friday 10th March 9am—10am - Pastries and drinks

Monday 13th March 9am—10am - **Connect Coffee Morning** with Dawn Cheshire from Manchester Parent Carer Forum. Dawn will be on hand to offer any advice on the local offer and SEND support in the area. Our school SENDCo and Family Engagement Officer will also be on hand to answer any questions. Anyone is welcome!

Friday 24th March 9am—10am - Pastries and drinks

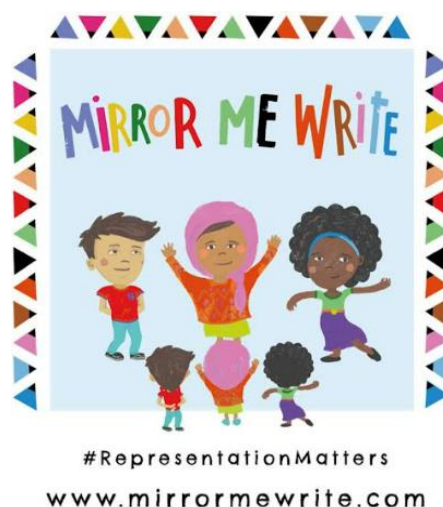
Mon 27th March 9am—10am - Pastries and drinks



Online Cultural Book Fair – Week beginning Monday 13th March

From Monday 13th March to Monday 20th March, Beaver Road will be hosting its first ever online Cultural Book Fair. The percentage of books reflecting characters from diverse backgrounds is very low and at our school, we want **all children** to see themselves in their literature. To do so, we have partnered with local-bookshop, *Mirror*

Me Write, to sell a range of inclusive books for **all ages**. From lyrical pictures to historical fiction to revamped traditional stories, **every book** will capture **every child's** interest. More information about the fair will be shared in an upcoming letter.





Comic Relief Day - Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th March and this year, Beaver Road is dressing up 'red' to toe! To show our support, all children can wear their favourite red outfit or accessories to school and if you are able to do so, please make a donation to Comic Relief through our Just Giving link at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-beaver-road-primary-school>

Comic Relief work heavily with projects that specifically support children and young people right here in the UK and across the world to help breakthrough the barriers that surround them and achieve their potential. A large amount of the work they do through organisations helps to support people to break free from the effects of poverty, violence and discrimination. To read some of their heartfelt stories, please visit: <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does> and thank you for any support you can give - every penny will add up to a life-changing difference to people facing the toughest times of their lives.



Tower of London Schools Coronation Competition

To celebrate the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III, we will be participating in the Tower of London Schools Coronation Competition. Each class will work as a whole class or in groups to design a bench. We will use this as an opportunity to learn about the values and symbols associated with a coronation and explore this exciting moment in our living history.



If you have any further questions or queries about anything this half term, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Liz Hardy
Executive Headteacher



Article 2 – Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.