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THE SQUIRREL

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Development Days 2019-20:
Monday 1st June 2020
Tuesday 2nd June 2020
Wednesday 3rd June 2020
Thursday 4th June 2020
Friday 5th June 2020



Whole School Attendance
97.31%

TARGET: 97.7%

As mentioned in the Newsletter before half term, we will be producing the **Newsletter on a Thursday** as it is the end of the week in school, ready for a Friday start. I do hope that you all had a restful half term and the rain didn't stop you enjoying it too much. I was really pleased that it didn't stop the making of the Sensory Garden and we managed to produce such a fabulous new area for the children. We will have an opening ceremony inviting all the sponsors who kindly donated to the project.

Although it seems a little while ago now, in the week before half term we took part in our first **Dance Live competition**. It was a lovely day and the children were fantastic, and although we were not placed the children's performance was outstanding and I definitely had that tingly feeling all over. We have got a confirmed date for next year and in the Summer term we will give out information of how to be a part of Dance Live 2021. My thanks to Chloe, Mary and the team who just support this event brilliantly going above and beyond always.

The Valentines Disco was a great success and we raised £426.00 towards the library project. Thank you to members of LEAF and Team Lanesend who organised and supported the event. I also enjoyed a dance or two on the dance floor. We have further charity events coming up with Sport Relief and Easter towards the end of this term. It was a great half term, although it was also a very wet and windy one.

This week in school, the teachers and children have been meeting to celebrate the children's successes and to share next steps for further improving learning for all the children. If you have not signed up then please contact your child's class teacher and they will arrange to meet you at another convenient time. During these meetings you would have received your child's annual report and their termly progress updates. When I read the reports I can see that a lot of love and care went into them all. If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

So far this week, we have had a boys football match at The Bay and although they narrowly missed out on going through to the finals, it is a great achievement to reach the semi finals. Well done boys. Mike Fleetham was in school yesterday working with Team Lanesend, delivering a twilight on challenge and variety in the classroom. I'm sure many of his great ideas will be explored over the coming weeks. Year 5 visited Cowes Library to watch a performance about 'The Ark and the Dove' and their journey when they set sail from Cowes in 1633. The children were mesmerised and complimented for their fabulous behaviour. Well done Year 5. Today in school Year 5 have another memorable experience with our very first overnight Space Camp. Thank you to all the staff who have agreed to stay in school tonight, we may all be looking a little tired in the morning. We had previously booked in a Parent Forum meeting for this Tuesday but felt that it would be better to move it to later on in the term, to Thursday 26th March at 5pm.

Next week is the beginning of the **Speech and Drama Festival** in Ryde. We have several children taking part as well as the Choirs for KS1 and KS2. Over the past few years we have improved our performance throughout the festival and we hope this year the children will again rise to the challenge and shine brightly. Year 6 parents are invited in for lunch on Monday and Year 3 and 4 have got athletics at Cowes Enterprise College after school on Monday too. On Tuesday, we are taking part in the **Spelling Bee at St Francis** in Ventnor. Year 1 are visiting Cherry Blossom and the U11's boys team have got a semi final at Dover Park in the evening and we also have a Water Sports meeting for year 5.

Reverend Amanda is in for Assembly on Wednesday and **Thursday is our World Book Day**. This year we are doing another book swap and asking for donations of unwanted books to come into each classroom and for children to swap a book and bring home a new book in the evening. We are also hoping that families may video their favourite story to share as part of our bedtime story initiative. Please send your videos to Tara Hopkinson who will upload them to our school YouTube. Next Friday our Trustees are in school for a monitoring visit to support the school improvement plan. You can find a copy of our school evaluation on our website.

This week I also attended a **place planning** meeting with a focus on the Cowes area and across the island too. As an island we have an ageing population and a declining growth in birth. This is going to impact on the island as we have too many school places across all schools. As Head teachers we are looking at how we can support this decline for the future and ensure that all children have fair and equitable funding. I will keep you updated with any developments in the future.

Our **Kidzania trip** to London is very nearly here and there will be a letter coming home today with all the information. It is an amazing experience and so exciting that the children get their own currency and have the ability to earn more money in the different job roles they experience. We do have a few spare spaces so please do contact the office if you wish your child to attend.

Coronavirus: please be reassured that we get regular updates from the department of education on advice to schools. The latest guidance came out on 25th February and it tells us what to do in the case of a confirmed infection. There is also advice if you have travelled abroad to different countries and you can find this on the government website.

This week in school I spoke to the children about effort and we will be focusing on how much effort we put into our learning, sport and choices over the next few weeks too. I hope you have a lovely weekend although I do believe it is wet and windy again. However, the magnolia trees are out and all the spring flowers are making everywhere look very spring like.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU

Coming soon:

Plastic-free Fridays!

WATCH THIS SPACE

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Olesinski LTD, Seacat Services, Diverse Marine, Couzens Marine Engineering and Spinlock** or kindly sponsoring our Engineering Club.



KidZania Trip

KS1: Tuesday 10th March

KS2: Wednesday 11th March

The payment is now overdue, please log in to School Money or pop to the office to pay if you have not already done so.

We have a few spare tickets remaining for KS1 if you are interested please call the office for more information.

<https://kidzania.co.uk>



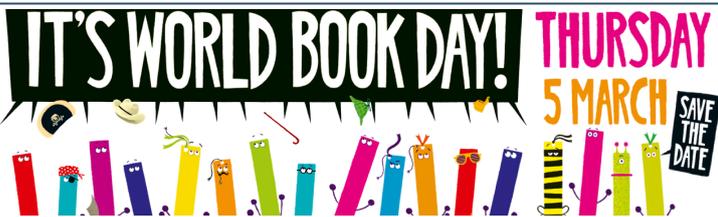
As always, if you have any queries regarding trips or monies, please come and speak to a member of the team. Thank you for your continued support.



Well done to Rebekah King and Millie Smith on your swimming certificates and Megan Crawley on your gymnastics certificate.



A gentle reminder to please not park in the Doctor's car park to drop off and pick up. We do have the park and ride you can use to park just up the road from us.



On Tuesday 5th March it is World book Day and we would like every child to receive a book. It would be wonderful if the children could donate a book or books that they no longer want to the class. We will then organise a swap so that everyone receives one.

Thank you all for your support.

Have you seen our fantastic new sensory garden on Clasdojo? A huge thank you to Sam Cotton from Samscaping from their hardwork and for making it look so beautiful.



ATTENDANCE Week Ending 14th February 2020

YR Stonehenge	96.5%
YR Pitstone Windmill	90.5%
YR Emmetts Garden	91.8%
Y1 Clouds Hill	92.4%
Y1 Glastonbury Tor	100%
Y1 Lindisfarne Castle	93%
Y2 Clumber Park	96.5%
Y2 Hill Top House	100%
Y2 Wray Castle	96.4%
Y3 Lake District	92.6%
Y3 Kinder Scout	98.0%
Y4 Compton Castle	98.0%
Y4 Cheddar Gorge	97.8%
Y4 Snowdonia	97.6%
Y5 Morwenstow	100%
Y5 Giant's Causeway	96.7%
Y5 Baggy Point	98.3%
Y6 Brownsea Island	92.9%
Y6 Nuffield Place	98.9%
Y6 Chartwell	100%
Whole School	96.0%

Missed sessions (family holidays) 2019/20

332!



Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance



Spring Term Topic "Time Well Spent"

Pupil Progress Meetings:

Thursday 27th

Mr Owen, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gangonells, Mr Read

Friday 28th

Miss McQueen, Mrs Wyld, Mrs Price, Miss Bailey

Thu 27th Space Camp year 5 overnight

Thu 27th Anti-bullying meeting

Thu 27th Pupil Council meeting

March

Mon 2nd Year 6 families in for lunch

Mon 2nd Chickens & Compost Year R

Mon 2nd Relax Kids week 6

Mon 2nd Speech and Drama Festival Starts

Mon 2nd Year 3 Swimming

Tues 3rd Spelling Bee, St Francis, Ventnor

Tues 3rd Watersports Meeting Y5 Families

Wed 4th Church Assembly

Thurs 5th World Book Day & World Book Day Menu

Thurs 5th Pupil Council Meeting

Mon 9th Year 3 Swimming

Mon 9th Visits to National Trust Week

Mon 9th Speech and Drama Festival Performances

Mon 9th U10s League Semi Finals VS Haylands

Tues 11th Kidzania Trip for KS1 (R, Y1, Y2)

Tues 11th U11s League Semi Finals KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 +6)

Thurs 12th Outdoor Classroom and Dig Day

DEBT POLICY

Please remember that if you have outstanding debt for a school trip, your child will not be able to book a place on a new school trip until that balance is paid. This also applies to after school clubs. Lunches should be booked and paid for in advance, as should the Squirrel's Den too. If you owe monies for lunches or Den you may be prohibited from accessing these. If you need to talk about money please pop in and speak to a member of the team—we are here to help.



Thank you to the Cowes Lion Club who have very kindly donated £300 for us to buy some non-fiction books with.



Sports Corner



Well done to all the boys who took part in the Chelsea Development Tournament at the weekend. There were only five schools who represented the island so we are very proud to be one of them.

Well done to the boys football team for their match against The bay on Tuesday, which resulted in a very close game with a score of

2-1.



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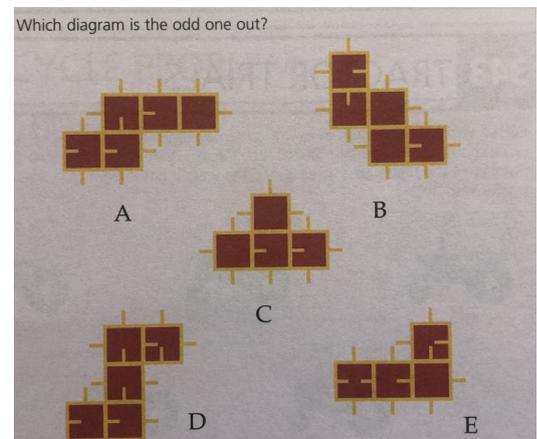
8am - 6pm Monday to Friday

Local appointments are available in Brading, Ryde, Shanklin, Ventnor, Freshwater, East Cowes and Newport

citizens advice

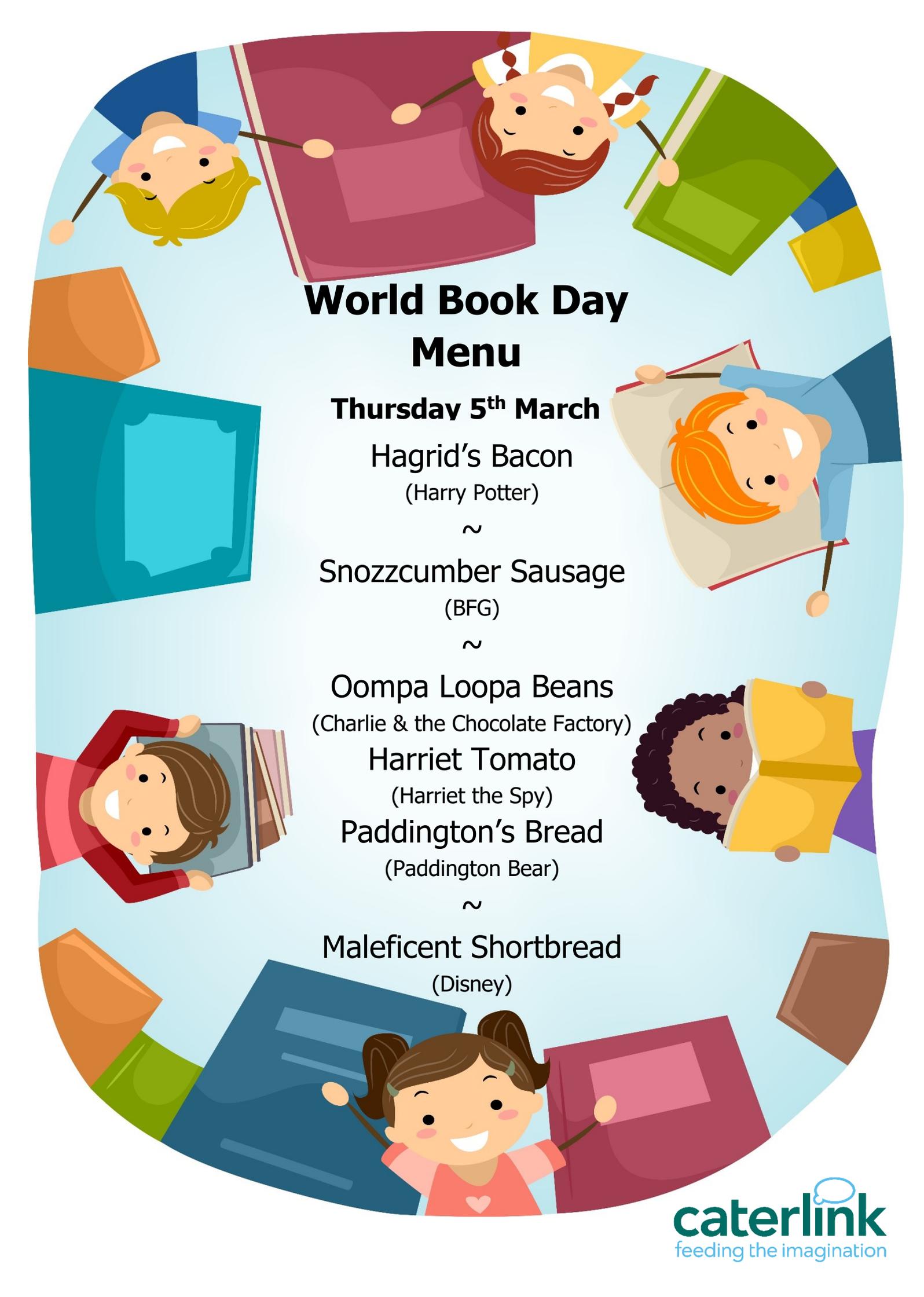
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Charity No. 1050217



Last puzzle's answer:

38. Regard the alphabet as a circle. The number is double the number of spaces between the letters.



World Book Day Menu

Thursday 5th March

Hagrid's Bacon

(Harry Potter)

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Snozzcumber Sausage

(BFG)

~

Oompa Loopa Beans

(Charlie & the Chocolate Factory)

Harriet Tomato

(Harriet the Spy)

Paddington's Bread

(Paddington Bear)

~

Maleficent Shortbread

(Disney)

Debating Skills for 8-12 year olds



Fun, fast-paced activities and role-plays to build confidence in:

- Debate & Public Speaking
- Creative & Critical Thinking
- Leadership and Teamwork

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Saturdays 9.30-10.30am
Cost £11

To book a session or to find out about our half-term holiday club, contact info@juniorlawyersclub.co.uk 01225 941028 www.juniorlawyersclub.co.uk



See the website for details on our **Essay-Writing Competition** – finalists to be judged by a QC, with **£150** going to the **winner's school!**

Dinosaur Isle FUNDAY



Sunday 1st March
Open 10am-4pm
Last Admission 3pm
Culver Parade, Sandown
PO36 8QA

FREE ENTRY

Stevie Steg activities with Debbie Webb
Art with Tony Trowbridge
Face Painting
Model Painting
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Ryde Superbowl



Ryde Superbowl would like to invite any children from Lanesend Primary School to an exciting event with them on 5th March 2020 at 16.30-18.30. This event lasts for two fun packed hours, during which your child will enjoy the Laserquest and Ten Pin Bowling. Your child can experience this event for only £5.00. Tickets are sure to sell fast, so please phone them on 01983 617070 or send them a message on their Facebook page to book a space for your child.

DISCOVER THE AMAZING



Southampton Science and Engineering Festival:
6th - 15th March 2020
Science and Engineering Day:
Saturday 14th March 2020

#SOTSEF

Cowes library CHILDREN'S GAMES CLUB

LEGO CLUE

1st Saturday of the month
10.30am - 12.00pm
Feel free to bring games of your own.

4th Saturday of the month
10.00am - 12.00pm

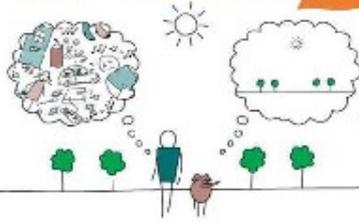
4 JAN
1 FEB
7 MAR
4 APRIL
2 MAY
6 JUNE
4 JULY

25 JAN
22 FEB
28 MAR
25 APRIL
23 MAY
27 JUNE
25 JULY

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
Your library informs, inspires, entertains



LANE ZONE



Mind Full, or Mindful?

*Tune into the quiet and calm,
turn down the busy and give
this week's activity a go...*

Welcome back to the **Zone...**



To boost the family's **'get up and go'** and start the day in a happy way, why not choose a weekly **Family Anthem**.

(The louder the better with this one!)

Our house is waking up (before you Go Go) to Wham! this week.

<https://youtu.be/plgZ7gMze7A>

Please share your anthems so we can give them a go too!

STEAM
We're getting involved with National Careers Week...
are you?

NCW

Most Likely To Succeed
A screening and discussion around a film that's helping global school communities...
what our children are capable of doing...
Ananya Thakur

STEAM
COLLABORATION
PARENTS,
AND COMMUNITY

INVITATION

THRIVING SKILLS FOR KIDS

COMMUNITY SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION
AN EVENING FOR ALL PARENTS, TEACHERS AND EMPLOYERS
6.30 - 9.30PM WEDS 4th MARCH : MEDINA COLLEGE : IOW

MORE INFO:
WWW.STEAMCO.ORG.UK/IOW