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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for everyone's understanding with the club sign up error this week. All the technical issues have been rectified by Teachers2Parents and we intend to re-launch club sign up for everyone on Monday. The site will go live at 6.00pm and will remain open until 4.00pm on Wednesday. Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis so please do not delay! Confirmation of club places will be given in a letter on Thursday.

I would like to highlight the value of your child attending an extra-curricular club. It develops your child's confidence and social skills, working cooperatively with a different group of children. It is also an excellent opportunity to pursue an interest or even try something completely new. I hope lots of our pupils will embrace this exciting opportunity as there is a wide variety of clubs on offer for autumn 2.

With the weather turning more wintry and wet this week, I would urge all children to remember a coat every day. If the rain is not too heavy, we still like to send children outside for fresh air and a movement break. Unfortunately, we are seeing more and more children coming to school without coats.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



CHANGE OF SWIMMING DATE

Acer and Cedar

Due to unavoidable circumstances at Northcroft, Thursday 19th October swimming session has been postponed and will be made up on Thursday 7th December.



18th and 19th October

Don't forget to book parents' evening. Electronic invites have been sent and lots of parents/carers have already booked. If you have any difficulties booking, please contact the office and speak with Mrs Burgess who can assist with the booking.

We are looking forward to seeing you all!



PTA Halloween Disco

3rd November

EYFS and Infants at 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm
Juniors 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm

Ticket will be £4 each and sold during parents' evenings next week.

Tickets will entitle the pupils to one free goody bag, which includes a drink, snack and a treat. All pupils must be collected by a parent/guardian after the disco (no self-walking home) and no mobiles.

Infants to bring their party clothes to school to change into.

Juniors will go home to change into their party clothes.



Harvest Collection

The Foodbank are coming in next Monday for an assembly with the children.

Please find attached a flyer indicating what items the Foodbank need.

Please bring your donations between

Tuesday 17th until Thursday 2nd November.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

AWARDS—CONGRAULATIONS!

AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



Achievement and PSHE Awards

SCHOOL

Wisteria	Sophie Cheeseman-Radbourn
Willow	Salem Palmer-Reid
Cherry	Toby Andrews
Oak	Harshit Gurung
Ash	Eva Valakh
Hawthorn	Leyla Radbourne
Juniper	Kinga Drewa
Maple	Alessia Calin
Acer	Samjin Imran
Redwood	Molly Chaplin
Cedar	Francis Moisa
Maths/English Group	Noah Callow

PSHE

Maxwell Iboje
Jana Irshad
Athulya Chandramohan
Esmee-Rose Bejinariu
Ayansh Umaliya
Rafee Rahman
Lily Heaver
Jack Leeke
Damian Davies
Hollie Fairclough
Alexis Ridd



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Azul 247
- 2nd Verde 209
- 3rd Laal 199
- 4th Zolty 186

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 93.52%
Last week's attendance was 94.71%
There was also 70 learning minutes lost this week
through late arrivals.

*Please ensure your child is in class
for 8.30 am.*

EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Keep reading!

A fantastic week for reading 3 or more times in school
and home. A special well done to Acer, Cedar &
Juniper who all managed 100%, very impressive!

Well done to everyone!

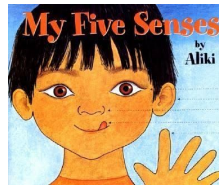
READING LOGGED 02-10-23 to 08-10-23

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	29	100%
Ash	11	44%
Cedar	30	100%
Cherry	16	65%
Hawthorn	16	55%
Juniper	27	100%
Maple	16	55%
Oak	24	95%
Redwood	28	90%
Willow	5	25%
Wisteria	5	25%

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AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

This week in Reception, the pupils had so many conkers fall from our oak tree, that they spent time building a conker run. They loved seeing how far the conkers went. This has been a great opportunity for maths, using language like full and empty. They also measured how far the conkers rolled



Also, this week we have been reading the book 'My Five Senses' by Aliki, whilst using our sense of smell. Hana smelt a teabag and said, "yuck!"

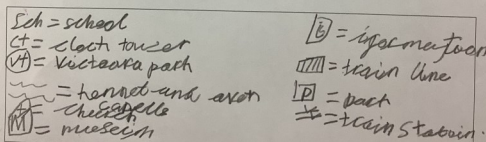


This week in infants, the pupils have been looking at maps of the local area. They then used their knowledge of map symbols learnt in previous lessons to create our own maps of Newbury.

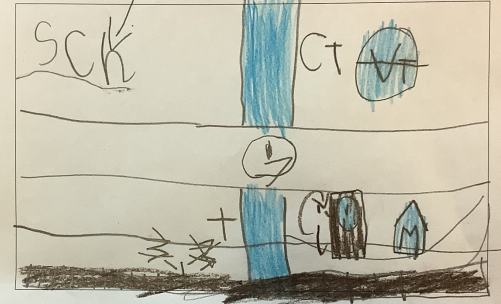
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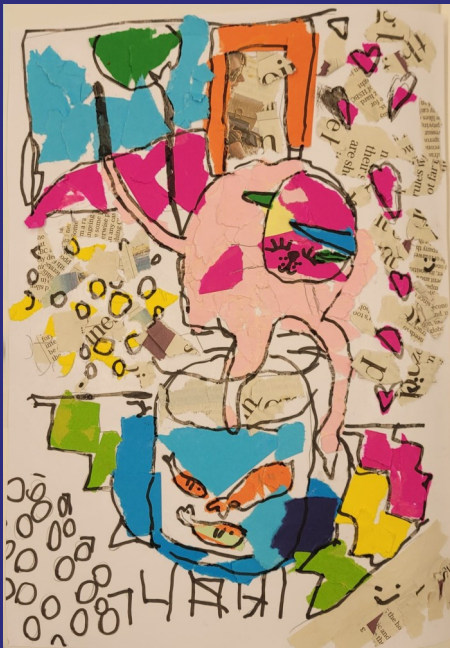
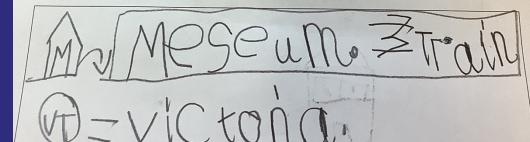
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Hawthorn class produced collage artwork in the style of Henri Matisse. The pupils built up layers of paper to create the effect.
Work by Rafee, Elaina and Sewal



Upper juniors have continued their science investigations with some fun experiments this week. They have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes.

FOREST SCHOOL



FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

The children have used natural materials, rope and broom handles to create stretchers. The children were taught to snake lash the rope to hold their sticks in place.



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