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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Monday's assembly theme was mental health where we reinforced the importance of children being open and sharing their feelings. We explored the Five Ways to Wellbeing and provided practical strategies on how children could promote a healthy, happy outlook. This theme will be explored further next term when we launch our Zolty House Charity Event.

This week has been another week of enriching opportunities for our pupils. The upper juniors have been immersed in African culture, researching African countries and learning about their musical traditions. A trip to the Corn Exchange to watch some African drummers truly inspired them with their instrument making when they returned to school. On Friday, the whole school was treated to a special assembly where they showcased all of their wonderful work and musical talents.

Spending the afternoon in Wisteria class this week was an absolute joy – I was so proud of how far the children had come since September. I was invited to join in an exciting game of 'The Floor is Lava' with children shouting out shape names to stand on! Later, the children showcased their musical talents tapping to the beat of familiar songs.

Our year 2 pupils should be congratulated this week on their positive attitude to their SATs tests. They have enjoyed the banana and biscuit treats before each test and have put 100% into every test they completed. Next week, they will finish off the remainder of their SATs tests.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



PSHE Event
Tuesday 24th May
at 6 pm



We look forward to seeing you all next Tuesday, to share the Jigsaw materials with you and answer any questions you may have.

Please note that this is a meeting for parents and carers only – if you have to bring children, we politely request that they sit in the IT suite for the duration of the meeting.

Zolty Charity Day Event

Due to numerous events this short term eg SATs and Kingswood, Zolty's House Event will now take place on Friday 10th June.

More details to follow.

Lunchtime fun with the Keevill pupils

Thursday lunchtime, Miss Mason, one of our teaching assistants, invited children from the playground to join the Keevill children with their parachute game.

It was so nice to see them all working together and having so much fun!

Afterwards, the children asked if they could join them again and the answer was of course yes!



This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

| | ACHIEVEMENT | PSHE |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wisteria | Toby Goddard | Leo Cordova Valdiviez |
| Cherry | Karnik Udasi | Arthur Smith |
| Oak | Phoebe Steiner | Isla Hooper |
| Ash | Marley Clough-Culliford | Aarav Shukla |
| Hawthorn | Jessica Grace | Sonny Basden |
| Juniper | Matei Olteanu | Alex Feltham |
| Maple | Athrav Subhas | Antonia Gherbe |
| Acer | Isaac Sproule | Bella Pounds |
| Redwood | Kaleb Smith | Layla-Anne Stanswood |
| Cedar | Brittany Cordova | Reis Ballhysa |

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Zolty 154
2nd Azul 143
3rd Laal 132
4th Verde 120

Congratulations to Zolty!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 94.29%
Last week's attendance was 94.96%

Another good week, keep up the amazing work!

Newbury Spring Festival at The Corn Exchange

We were lucky enough to go to the Corn Exchange on Tuesday to watch the Kakatsitsi drummers from Ghana. They began by introducing themselves and their instruments, explaining what they were made from. They didn't have any music to follow but listened to the master drummer who gave them clues when to change rhythm and pace. They explained that their drumming songs all told a story, usually about peace, hope and thankfulness.



CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

This week the children in Wisteria class continued in their exploration of the Arctic and what Innuits eat.

After a discussion they decided to make ice cream! The children loved helping to add the ingredients before shaking it all together very vigorously! It tasted delicious.



Upper Junior News

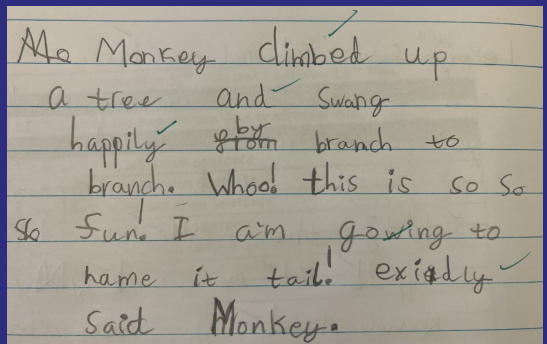
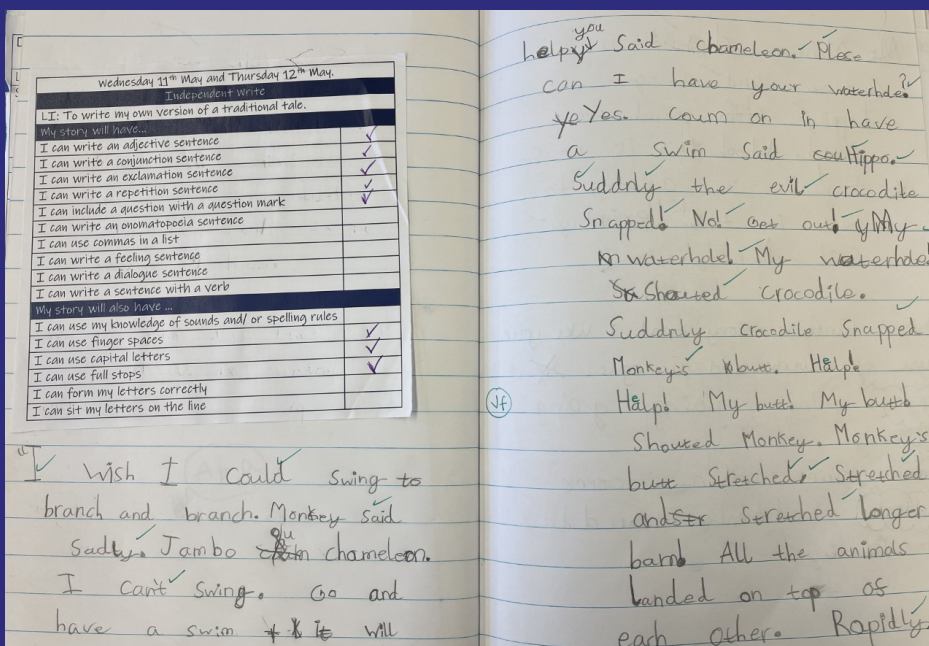
The Years 5s have made kalimbas, also known as thumb pianos.

We investigated which materials would make the best keys out of hair clips, lolly sticks, dowelling and paper clips, and then made our own musical instruments.



This week, the Lower Juniors had a practical maths lesson exploring the difference between capacity and volume, and the difference between litres and millilitres.

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A fantastic independent story -
Why Monkey has a Tail
By Ana Cherry Class

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News from our Forest School



KS1 an EYFS had to create a suitable home for a woodland creature. Their creations included ducks with ponds, owls with perches, foxes with dens and rabbits with burrows!



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