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## Newsletter 17th September 2021



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We launched Monday's assembly by revisiting one of our school values – resilience. The children were encouraged to think about and share examples of resilience in their learning last week. At the end of the assembly, a challenge was set for pupils (and staff) to be resilient learners this week. Our teacher certificates acknowledge the children who showed strong examples of that 'can do' attitude – well done!

This week, there has been a real buzz around school as we begin our 'Learning Beyond the Curriculum' programme. Forest School started this week for many children in the juniors and we started our extra-curricular club provision. A special thank you to Mr Page and Mrs Earl for organising clubs as well as to all the staff who have volunteered to run a club in their own time. The take up by the children has been tremendous and we have 13 clubs running this half of term and 307 spaces have been allocated across the 13 clubs.

In today's assembly, our Year 6 children were presented with their badges of responsibility: House Captains, Sports Captains, PM Pals and Librarians. We also awarded our new School Council representatives. This year, it is our aim to really develop these roles so the children have greater involvement in the school and more power in pupil voice. We will keep you informed of their work.

Thank you for your continued support with school. Remember, if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, this can be done at the end of the day at pickup.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry — Headteacher**

## LOST PROPERTY

Every Monday and Friday after school, a table will be placed outside the school with lost property on.

In the event of wet weather, it will be set up inside the dining room.

***Please visit if you have missing items!***

## JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you to all the children and staff who supported Jeans for Genes Day by wearing their jeans to school today. We will let you know how much money we raised for this worthwhile charity.



## GO READ

You should now have your child's individual login details for the Go Read app and parents and children alike, can now log reading completed.

You can also look at the reading your child has completed in school with an adult. If you experience any issues with the new app, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

***We are all here to support.***

## HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are LAAL:

1st Laal 226

2nd Zolty 204

3rd Azul 187

4th Verde 182

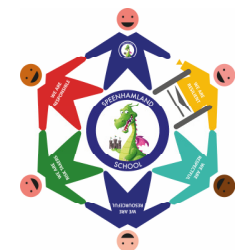
## This Week's Resilience and PSHE Awards

### RESILIENCE

<b>Wisteria</b>	Noah Callow
<b>Cherry</b>	Tyler Booth
<b>Oak</b>	Gabriel Carvalho De Jesus
<b>Ash</b>	Nishika Nuni
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Grace Stinson
<b>Juniper</b>	Charlie Borchert
<b>Maple</b>	Harry Leeke
<b>Acer</b>	Bella McCugh
<b>Redwood</b>	William Fearn
<b>Cedar</b>	Alex Thurston
<b>Sport</b>	Antonia Gherbe

### PSHE

Lee Brennan
Madhushreya Sreeram
Sienna Richens
Leah Fairchild
Emilia Stosak
Christina Athanasiadou
Jacky Elliott
Flora Tanacs
Layla-Skye Taylor
Paveen Jeyaseelan



## Y6 Secondary Schools Online Applications

All parents of Y6 pupils can apply on their home Local Authorities on-line application system. A flyer has been sent out this week. The West Berkshire Council online application is found at:

[www.westberks.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Any parents struggling with the online application can contact West Berkshire Council for assistance or for a paper form who will be happy to help you fill it in.

**The closing date: 31 October 2021.**

## Youth Theatre Corn Exchange

If you think your child would enjoy Youth Theatre then simply visit their website and complete a registration form:

<https://cornexchangenew.com/learning/youth-theatre>

Ellie Rudge, Learning and Participation Assistant. will then be in touch with you about the next steps.

Please note that we do offer bursaries for those whose financial situation might prevent them from otherwise taking part.

Please also be assured that we are still adhering to COVID-19 capacity limits to ensure that we can maintain a safe distance between our young people.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget to use the link below to quickly and easily find out if you are entitled to free school meals.

There are other benefits, other than free school meals eg reduction in school trips.

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>

## Attendance

This week's attendance is 98.11%!

This is amazing. Up from 97.75% last week.

**Keep up the good work!**

# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The children were awarded with their badges in assembly today.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Year 6 School Roles September 2021

Role	Name
Laal	Logan Thurstan & Poppy Josling
Zolty	Oscar Lord & Florence Chalk
Verde	Oscar Wilkes & Harsha Kajan
Azul	Jessie Murphy & Humayra Hussain
PM Pals	<div>Cameron Smith</div> <div>Javeria Sajid</div> <div>Lola Begley</div> <div>Isabelle Fisher</div> <div>Blossom Green</div> <div>Anita Soosaipillai Vasquez</div> <div>Harry Goodman</div> <div>Emily Leeke</div> <div>Bella McCugh</div> <div>Keira Carlyon</div> <div>Loui Basden</div> <div>Berivan Findik</div> <div>Harley Rogers</div> <div>Oliver Johnsen</div> <div>Flora Tanacs</div> <div>Ryan Bettles-Day</div>
Boys Football	Tyler Jupp
Girls Football	Chloe Parish
Rugby	Praveen Sivabalan
Cricket	Theo Josling
Cross Country	Oscar Wilkes
Netball	Poppy Bradfield
Sports Ambassadors	<div>Laila Mai Hynes</div> <div>Grace Neale</div> <div>Luke Gadd</div> <div>Sam Flitton</div>
Head Librarian	Vraj Patel

## School Council 2021 -2022

Class	Children
CHERRY	Irenka Kratochvilova Elizabeth Collins
Oak	Tululah Fidler Sienna Richens
Ash	Kinga Drewa (EAL, Yr 2) Morgan Waterhouse (Yr 1)
Hawthorn	Alexis Tingay Navil Kanagasabapathi
Juniper	Morgan Graham Christine Athanasiadou
Maple	Jack Collins Y4 Isaac Silva Robinson Y3
Redwood	Isabelle Fisher Blossom Green
Cedar	Oscar Lord Humayra Hussain
Acer	Caleb Rees Berivan Findik



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

## Our Visit from Laura Farris MP

On Friday last week, the Upper Juniors were lucky to have a visit from Laura Farris, the MP for Newbury. She gave a talk about her job, what she does in the House of Commons and her career before being an MP (she was a barrister). Although she works for Parliament, she told us she has only met Boris Johnson once! At the end of her visit, she told us that we could even arrange a visit to tour around the Houses of Parliament. We really hope this happens, as it would be so interesting.

**Loui, Emily, Logan, Oliver and Poppy  
(Acer class)**

Last Friday, Laura Farris MP came to our school which we all found really interesting! She spoke about her work as an MP, what she does within the community and how she brings people's problems to Parliament. She answered lots of our questions, including questions about the Prime Minister! She told us she has to call him Prime Minister instead of just Boris and she has actually only met him once. She also invited us to go and visit Parliament soon, which we are all very excited about!

**Redwood Class**

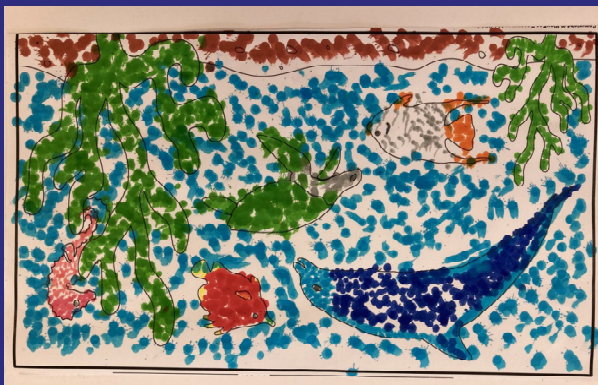


Hawthorn Class has been looking at the book 'Flood' in English.

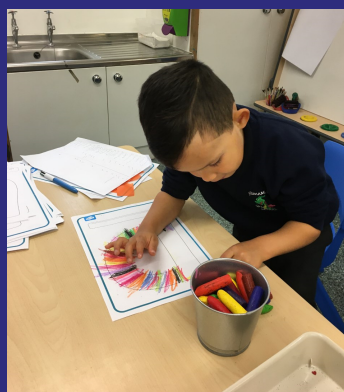
Damian has described what one of the main characters would take with them whilst evacuating their house.

Jack rushed through the hall, jumped up the stairs and went to his room. He snatched his kung-Fu toy because his dad gave it to him on his 5th birthday. Jack grabbed his iPhone because he had cherished memories on it, such as precious photos.

The monstrous storm was as loud as a pen full of roosters!



LKS2 are looking at pointillism and the works of George Seurat. This week we experimented with different media. Work by Antonia from Maple Class.



The children in EYFS have enjoyed exploring our environment this week. We particularly enjoyed finding the first letter of our name and decorating it with tissue paper before trying to write our name underneath.

*Excellent work Leyla*

Date: 15.9.2021  
 LT: I can say which number is one less than a given number  
 SC: I can apply my understanding of counting back  
 I know that one less is the number before  
 I can use apparatus to help me  
 I can form my numbers correctly

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20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11  
 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Complete each box below:

one less → *WHO*  
 1 one less → *zero*  
 nine one less → *eight*

Find one less than:

*54*  
*40*  
*one*

Leyla in Ash Class did some amazing maths work about 'One Less'.



# FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

## Forest School with LKS2



Maple, Juniper and Hawthorn have successfully completed their first Forest School session.

After a short introduction to the woods and several games involving listening skills, the children set to work building homes for the Speenhamland Fairies in the hope that they may move in more permanently! Excellent teamwork and use of natural resources, mean that the

Speenhamland fairies not only have a roof to keep them dry, but gardens, washing lines, food stores, chairs and even a swimming pool and hot tub! They finished off with a game of 'the floor is lava' to practise their balancing skills.



## Forest School with UKS2



Acer, Cedar and Redwood have also completed their first week of Forest School. Linking their outdoor learning to their current English learning, the children selected appropriate materials to build a raft so that the characters in the story (The Explorer by Katherine

Rundell) could sail along the Amazon river to Manaus. The pupils displayed excellent teamwork skills as well as adapting their designs to improve stability, weight and sail design.



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