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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The theme for Monday's assembly was Chinese New Year and after watching a small video clip about the celebrations, the children amazed me with their recall of facts. I set them all a challenge to try and learn the phrase, "Happy New Year" in Chinese. The last few days I have been overwhelmed with the amount of children greeting me in Chinese – it's lovely to see children taking up the additional challenges we provide.

I have seen some outstanding pieces of writing from our youngest children this week. William in Wisteria brought me a fantastic picture of the planets all labelled and was able to tell me Neil Armstrong was driving the rocket! In Ash class, I saw children independently editing their writing to improve it using the new English marking codes we have introduced. Their current text, Wombat Goes Walkabout, has inspired them to create some fantastic stories.

Finally, I wanted to share with you further praise we have received from members of the public. When our swimmers walked down to Northcroft this week, members of the public stopped to tell the staff how lovely our children were. Thank you to all the children involved for being excellent ambassadors for Speenhamland!

Hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



RAISING FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

In order to raise further funds for the school, Vodafone run a scheme where they will match fund money we raise.

If you work at Vodafone and would be prepared to support us with this, please contact the School office.

Thank you!

DROPPING OFF AT SCHOOL

Yesterday, we had two traffic wardens monitoring the traffic outside our school due to parents blocking Pelican Lane.

If you use the Kiss and Drop system, please do not wait in the car and block the road.

Children can be dropped off from 8.20 am and staff will be at the gate to welcome them.

Please also continue to use Waitrose car park to help alleviate traffic issues.

Thank you.



A big thank you to all the EYFS and KS1 parents who ordered a school meal for their children yesterday (Census Day), which will help our school with vital funding.

A magnificent 84% enjoyed their yummy special school lunch.

Your support was very much appreciated.

FOOTWEAR

Unfortunately, we have had a number of children wearing trainers to school instead of statutory school shoes.

We have invested in black plimsolls in all sizes. If your child arrives in trainers, they will be directed to Mrs Osmond (Deputy Headteacher) who will provide them with a pair of plimsolls to wear during the day.

These will then be returned to Mrs Osmond at the end of the day and trainers returned.

Achievement and PSHE Awards

SCHOOL

Wisteria	Daisy Sandel
Cherry	Oliver Callow
Oak	Arthur Smith
Ash	Aliyana Hussain
Willow	Aniv Subhas
Hawthorn	Eddie Jones
Juniper	Morgan Graham
Maple	Zahra Ali
Acer	Owen Cowap
Redwood	Klim Taranov
Cedar	Liam Blake

PSHE

Hana Mahmoud
Jack Leeke
Sewal Findik
Adhviksai Sundar
Esmee Rose Bejinariu
Jasmine Rocha
Avnish Chandramohan
Samuel Carvalho De Jesus
Brandon Bowley
Libby McCugh
Rudra Anish



ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 92.95%
Last week's attendance was 94.56%

Unfortunately, 210 learning minutes were lost this week through late arrivals. Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

The Winner is!

HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Zolty 286
- 2nd Laal 283
- 3rd Azul 261
- 4th Verde 259

Congratulations to Zolty!

VACANCIES

**Exciting Job Opportunities
at Speenhamland!**

Required as soon as possible

**Support Worker
for a Named Teacher**

1 Year FTC

25 hours per week (4 days per week)

Part time opportunities available

Grade B3 £18,887 pro rata

Teaching Assistants

1 year FTC

31.25 paid hours per week 8.30 am to 3.15 pm

Part time opportunities available

Grade B1 to B3 £18,333 to £18,887

depending on experience.

*Please contact Mrs Burgess (Office Manager)
for application packs or visit our website:*

[www.speenhamlandprimary.co.uk/page/?
title=Current+Vacancies&pid=46](http://www.speenhamlandprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Current+Vacancies&pid=46)

We look forward to hearing from you!

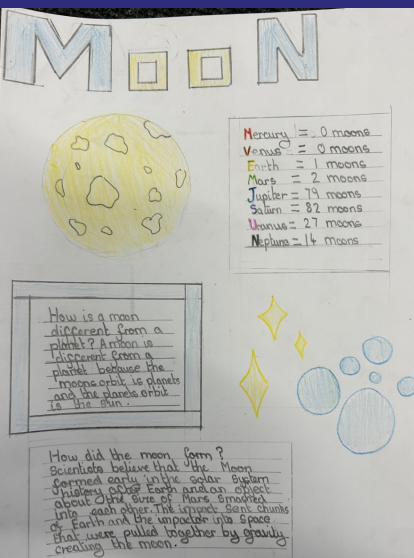
CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK



This week, the children in Wisteria Class have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. They dressed up in different outfits and worked on their chop stick skills with noodles!



This week, Juniper class really enjoyed visiting Newbury Museum as part of their History unit—the History of Newbury. The children were trying to find out who the first settlers to Newbury were. They learnt about the different artefacts, and Miss Watkin took pictures of them for our timeline lesson.



Redwood class have been learning about the moons in our solar system. They completed their own research before creating their own posters, showcasing their new knowledge. Posters are by Isla and Caleb and Isla



During Infants' English experience day, Mr Page showed pupils how to make a fire and taught them about fire safety. The children then toasted marshmallows, sang camp fire songs and described a fire, such as what it looks, smells and sounds like. This has given the children rich experiences to write about.

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FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



Hot News from Forest School

To really ignite Forest School this year, UKS2 started with a recap of fire safety, fire construction, making smores and tree climbing.



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