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## Newsletter 8th October 2021



**Celebrating Achievement and Success for all**

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, saw the exciting launch of Black History Month – an important opportunity to celebrate the amazing contributions Black individuals make to our society. Speenhamland is a diverse school which welcomes pupils and parents from a variety of cultures and countries. Black History Month provides us with the opportunity to celebrate diversity within our school and praise the achievements of Black people both in Britain and across the world.

Over the next month, each class will be learning more about Black British people who have made significant contributions to our country. At the end of the month, we will honour these individuals in a celebration assembly where each class will do a short presentation to the school.

I would also like this opportunity to set a whole school competition linked to Black History Month. I am challenging the children to create their own A4 poster about a Black individual from across the world and from across history - someone they feel inspired by. The posters should contain facts about the person's life and achievements together with a picture or drawing of the individual. Our School Council will judge the entries and prizes will be awarded. Entries can be given to class teachers and should include the child's name and class. The deadline for entering is Monday 18th October. Winners will be announced in our celebration assembly the following Thursday. Good luck everyone.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry — Headteacher**

## Parents' Evenings

**18th October 4 pm to 7 pm**  
**19th October 3.30 pm to 6.20 pm**

Please see letter attached for details.

***Link to sign up will be sent out today.***

## Reading

Well done to Acer Class with the most logged reads at home on Go Read!

The Juniors are currently outperforming Infants and Reception classes.

**Can you beat their score next week?**

Well done to Redwood Class who have logged the most words read on Accelerated Reader with an impressive 1,023,144 words since the start of term!

Keep reading and quizzing Juniors to add to your class total.

Please note that reading books need to come in to school daily.

In Key Stage One, this is two books - one a Rising Stars Phonics book and the other matched colour banded book.

In Key Stage Two, this is an Accelerated Reader book, which has a number on an orange sticker.

Library books only need to come in when they are being changed according to the class library slot.



## FoSS

### Donation Day 15th October

FoSS will be holding a donation day on 15th October in exchange for chocolate donations (EYFS and KS1) and bottle donations (KS2) for the tombola stalls at the Autumn Fair. Please bring your donations to the Dining Hall on the 15th October.



# NEWSLETTER

## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

### ACHIEVEMENT

<b>Wisteria</b>	Harvey Lawrence
<b>Cherry</b>	Emily Opanowicz
<b>Oak</b>	Sawar Rahman
<b>Ash</b>	Remi Robinson
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Michal Jankowski
<b>Juniper</b>	Matei Olteanu
<b>Maple</b>	Kai Ratcliffe
<b>Acer</b>	Alfie Brown
<b>Redwood</b>	Isabelle Fisher
<b>Cedar</b>	Lola Begley
<b>Sport</b>	Andrew Hodgetts

### PSHE

Raisha Rahman  
Elizabeth Collins  
Ava Metcalf  
Marley Clough-Culliford  
Sebastian Rudd  
Oscar Little  
Alec Down-Giddens  
Elsie Edwards  
Charlie Stokes  
Theo Josling



## Girls Football Match Report

On Wednesday, we went to St Gabriel's School for a football match.

We tried our best and so did our opponents.

The competition was very good and their techniques were very good too.

Even though we lost, we all had fun and an exciting time and that's what matters.

We shall try again for the next match.

We are resilient and we will come out mighty in the next match.

Well done St Gabriel's it was a fair game.

*Written by the Girls' Football Team*



## Christmas Card Competition 2021 (Laura Farris MP)

The winning design will become the MP's official Christmas card and will be sent out across West Berkshire and to the Prime Minister.

The winner's name and school will be printed on the inside of the card, alongside a smaller version of the designs by the 2 runners up.

Entries to be on A4 or A5 paper and preferably coloured in paints, felt tips or crayons.

### How to enter:

Put your design in an envelope with your name, age, year group and school clearly marked.

Send your envelope to the address below or scan your design and send it to:

[laura.farris.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.farris.mp@parliament.uk)

Laura Farris MP

Park Street, Newbury, RG14 1EA

*All entries must arrive by  
Friday 29 October 2021*

## HOUSE WINNER

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

**1st Zolty 159**

**2nd Azul 156**

**3rd Laal 148**

**4th Verde 99**

## Attendance

This week's attendance is 96.53% which is an improvement on last week's attendance of 95.79%.

***Keep up the good work!***

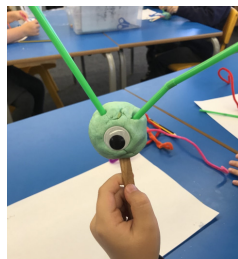


# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

## Infants' After School Art Club

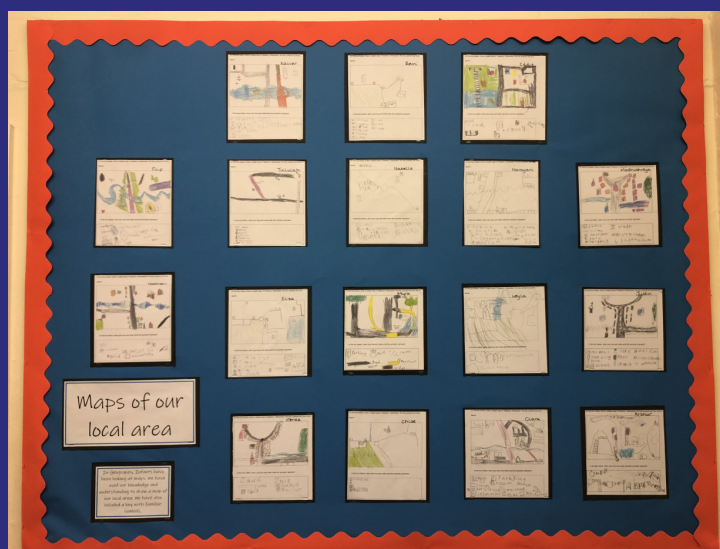
Last Friday the children in Art Club created monsters using their own play dough.

It got very messy but was good fun!



## Science After School Club

In this week's Science Club we were making rockets and testing how far we could propel them. The children explored a range of materials to make their rockets and see how this would affect how far they would fly.



This week in Geography, Infants have been looking at maps. We have used our knowledge and understanding to draw a map of our local area and have included a key with familiar symbols.



## Wildlife Club

This week the children attending Wildlife After School Club made some lovely Hedgehog houses.

## Wisteria Class

This week in Art, Wisteria Class have looked at the work of Van Gogh and tried to recreate his Sunflowers painting. We also continued our senses in Science by exploring popcorn before and after it has been cooked! We were amazed at how much it had changed!





# FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

## Forest School with LKS2



**This week at Forest School, Juniper, Hawthorn and Maple have been learning to make fire using fire strikers as well as creating suitable habitats and homes for woodland creatures.**

**The rabbits have burrows and the owls have perches!**



## Forest School with UKS2



**Cedar, Redwood and Acer have furthered their knot-tying skills by creating waterproof and functional shelters. Excellent team work and problem-solving skills were demonstrated as the groups adapted and improved the shelters so that everyone could be accommodated and not get wet!**



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