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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We started off this week's assembly by talking about the power of pupil voice. The results of 'The Big Ask' survey – completed by over half a million children, from every part of England – was shared with the children. It reflected children's views after the pandemic and how they felt about many issues including family, school and their own wellbeing. The Big Ask survey highlighted how brave, ambitious, determined and resilient children are and this certainly reflects what the pupils of Speenhamland are like!

Following the theme of pupil voice, we then launched our House Charity idea. This afternoon, children met their Head of House and House Captains to discuss potential charities that they would like to raise money for in the year. The children also shared their ideas on a curriculum-themed day which could be linked to this charity event. When we have collected all of the information together, we will inform you on the chosen charities and dates for the themed days!

This week, our School Council met for the first time and discussed their role and how they can represent the students in their class to ensure that their voice is heard. As a follow-up in class next week, they will be discussing what respect looks like within our community and how we can develop that around the school.

PM Pals are half way through their training with Mrs Osmond, which has involved: learning what peer mediation is; their role, including how to be a good listener; the importance of remaining impartial and not taking sides; empathy and confidentiality. Their training next week will include lots of role playing with different scenarios. The children will then be out on the playground from Monday 11th October.

A busy week for everyone with a big emphasis on children having greater ownership in school life and being heard with their voice!

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



School Hot Dinners Taster Day

I am delighted to tell you next **Tuesday 5th October from 2:30pm** parents will be able to come and sample a wide range of our delicious, cooked in-house school dinners on our school playground!

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to let you meet the Aspens team or try the wonderful food that we can offer our pupils at Speenhamland daily.

It is a well-known that school lunch is critical to children's health and well-being, and ensures that children have the nutrition they need throughout the day to learn.

Research shows that receiving free or reduced-price school lunches reduces food insecurity, obesity rates, and poor health.

In addition, the new school meal nutrition standards are having a positive impact on student food selection and consumption, especially for fruit and vegetables.

So please do pop into the playground when you come to collect that day. In addition there are some prizes and a raffle combined!

CENSUS DAY SPECIAL MENU

Next Thursday, 7th October, is Census Day.

Our school receives funding for every EYFS and KS1 pupil that has a **FREE** school dinner on this day.

The special menu on Census day is:

***Fish Fingers and Chips or
Quorn Hot Dogs and Chips or
Cheese Jacket Potato or
Ham or Cheese Picnic Bag
Chocolate Brownie or Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt***

Thank you for your support.

This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

Wisteria
Cherry
Oak
Ash
Hawthorn
Juniper
Maple
Acer
Redwood
Cedar
Sport

ACHIEVEMENT

Finley Fisk
Nozima Sapiahunova
Harper Graham
Fae Prins
Jessica Grace
Aleigha-Mae Terry
Molly Chaplin
Oliver Johnsen
Florence Chalk
Ella Noka
Levi Begley

PSHE

Esmee Rose Bejinariu
Mehreen Rahman
Clara-Rose Brown
Chloe Flitton
Jasmine Rocha
Lizzy Mildenhall
Isla-Grace Bickerton
Loui Basden
Blossom Green
Nandhini Potti Naveen Kumar



Pokémon Cards

This week, we have experienced several problems with children bringing in Pokémon cards, trading them with each other and then falling out! To avoid further issues, we are politely requesting that children no longer bring any trading cards into school.

Thank you for your support with this.

COVID

We are continuing to work hard to keep everyone in our school community safe and healthy.

If your child displays any of the following symptoms – persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste – we politely request that you keep them at home and take a PCR test or self-isolate for 10 days and advise the office via

office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org

We have developed our Home Learning section on our website and weekly timetables will be available for any children self-isolating but who are well enough to continue learning.

FoSS

A very successful FoSS AGM took place on Tuesday evening.

Thank you to those who attended.

Mrs B Smith will remain as Chair

Mrs B Josling remains as Vice Chair/Secretary

Mrs C Lambourne remains as Treasurer

Mr J Knight is the Publicity/IT Officer

Exciting dates for your diaries:

2nd November 7 pm FoSS Meeting

6th November 12 to 2 pm Autumn Fair

10th December 3.15 to 5 pm

Christmas Event



HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are Azul

1st Azul 178

2nd Laal 169

3rd Zolty 163

4th Verde 135

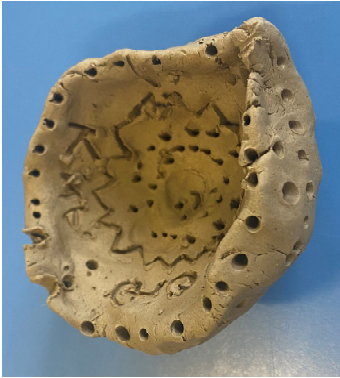
Attendance

This week's attendance is 95.79%, which is slightly down on last week's attendance of 95.96%.

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

In RE, LKS2 pupils have been exploring Diwali.

This week we made clay Diva Lamps.



This week in Wisteria class we took part in a hand washing experiment. We put a UV gel on our hands and looked at this under a black light which turned our hands green!

We then washed our hands before checking them under the light to see if they had been cleaned properly.

Autumn leaf tissue paper collages by the Infant Art and Crafts Club.



On Thursday morning, Redwood class had a very exciting morning as Jim and Tristan came to do a steel pan workshop!

They played us 'Under the Sea' from the Little Mermaid and then told us lots of information about steel pans. Did you know that steel pans originated in Trinidad in the Caribbean and became popular during World War 2? After this, we got to have a go. They taught us some chords and we got to play along to a Calypso song. We also got to play some different percussion instruments along with the tune too.

We had a great time, it was a really fun experience!

By Ryan, Javeria and Laila-Mai

Jim and Tristan, the percussionists, have emailed to say that they were very impressed with the children's knowledge and standard of playing. Well done!

FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Forest School with LKS2



Juniper, Hawthorn and Maple have been on a scavenger hunt this week.

Living and non-living materials, evidence of insects, as well as something hairy, round, smooth and white have all been discovered by the children.



Forest School with UKS2



This week in Cedar, Acer and Redwood, the children have been using their knot tying and lashing skills to create a working stretcher.

Excellent teamwork meant that all teams successfully created a stretcher that could transport someone around the woods.



Celebrating Achievement and Success for all