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## Newsletter 15th October 2021



Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we continued celebrating Black History Month with an assembly linked to famous Black sporting personalities. We talked about the hardships they had overcome and encouraged children to show their own resilience and determination in their PE lessons this week. Our Tag Rugby teams certainly did that on Thursday competing in the tournament at Trinity School. Read the children's match reports for further details! A huge congratulations to all the children who represented Speenhamland at this event – you did us proud.

Within school, we are also getting excited about the forthcoming Autumn Fair on 6th November 12 noon to 2 pm. Thank you to everyone who donated either chocolate or a bottle for tombola prizes today – your donations are very much appreciated. Behind the scenes, each class has been busy organising their class stall. At the Fair, lots of children will be helping to run their class game. As we are a competitive bunch, we will have a school competition to see which class can raise the most money on their stall. The winning class will be awarded with a Golden Dragon Egg and extra playtime!

I look forward to welcoming many of you to Parents Evenings next Monday and Tuesday evening. This will be a great opportunity to find out how your child has settled and the progress they are making with their learning. Mrs Broad and Mrs Green will also be available if you wish to discuss your child's special educational needs.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry — Headteacher**

Remember our school competition linked to  
**Black History Month.**

Children need 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.

*Mrs Lewry has already received some fantastic posters – keep them coming!*

## After School Clubs

### Clubs have now finished.

We hope you have enjoyed the great variety of clubs that were available to the whole school this term.

Clubs will start again week commencing 8th November and letters will be sent out next Monday 18th October with links going live at 6 pm and closing on Wednesday 20th October at 3.30 pm.

**Please note there will NOT be the opportunity to book your child onto a club if this deadline has been missed.**

## Autumn Term Dates

### Half Term:

Friday 22 October to Friday 29th October

### Autumn Term 2:

1st November 2021 to 16th December 2021 **at 12 noon**

### Spring Term 3:

Pupils return 5th January 2022

## FoSS

### Autumn Fair 6th November

Your child will be coming home today with Raffle tickets. £1 per ticket, £5 per book. £100 cash first prize plus vouchers for various retailers.

Please return in named envelope by 5th November.

Your child will also be coming home next Monday with a picture of a Pumpkin to decorate and colour.

If they would like to enter this colouring competition, please attach 20p with tape to their entry and return to Class Teacher week commencing 1st November.



## This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

### ACHIEVEMENT

<b>Wisteria</b>	Marilou Athanasiadou
<b>Cherry</b>	Ava Jerome
<b>Oak</b>	Ibrahima Diallo
<b>Ash</b>	Thomas King
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Jess Lambourne
<b>Juniper</b>	Harley Fidler
<b>Maple</b>	Charlie Vang
<b>Acer</b>	Morgan Cook
<b>Redwood</b>	Cameron Smith
<b>Cedar</b>	Poppy Bradfield
<b>Sport</b>	Johanna Prakash

### PSHE

Alistair O'Flynn Chivers  
Ainara Viasus Arevalos  
Tullulah Fidler  
Jack Kingston-Jones  
Kiaan Solanky  
Isabelle Rocha  
Skyla Johnson  
Poppy Josling  
Jana Alharbat  
Humayra Hussain



Well done to Redwood and Acer, who are tied with the most logged reads at home on Go Read this week.

Can Infants beat the Juniors next week?

For the second week in a row, Redwood have read the most words on Accelerated Reader with 383,056 words read in the last week!

If you have any Library books at home that you have finished reading, please return to the Library.

### Remote Learning Provision

We have slightly changed our remote learning provision!

If you report your child absent with Covid, the class teacher will email the week's work on the first day of absence.

## HOUSE WINNER

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

1st Laal 196  
2nd Zoltz 173  
3rd Verde 171  
4th Azul 170

### Rugby Tournament

On Thursday afternoon, 20 Upper Junior children travelled to Trinity School to participate in a Tag Rugby tournament.

We had two teams enter the tournament and both teams played 7 matches each.

Across our 14 matches we scored an amazing 40 tries!

Speenhamland 2 improved throughout the tournament and played some lovely attacking Rugby while Speenhamland 1 dominated throughout winning all 7 of their games to be crowned as the tournament winners!

Rugby captain Praveen Sivabalan would like to thank everyone for their hard work and say well done!



### Attendance

This week's attendance is 93.16% which is down on last week's attendance of 96.53%.

**Let's improve on this for next week!**



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

## Town Hall Visit

Last Friday (8th October) Acer Class walked to the Town Hall.

We had been invited by the Town Councillors to learn about the history of Newbury.

We met Jo Day, a former mayor of Newbury, Billy Drummond, the current mayor, Gary Norman, the Deputy Mayor, Nigel Foot, a councillor and Barry, the Town Marshall.

First of all, we all sat together to listen to Jo Day talk about Newbury, the funding the town council receives as well as the various jobs it has to do.

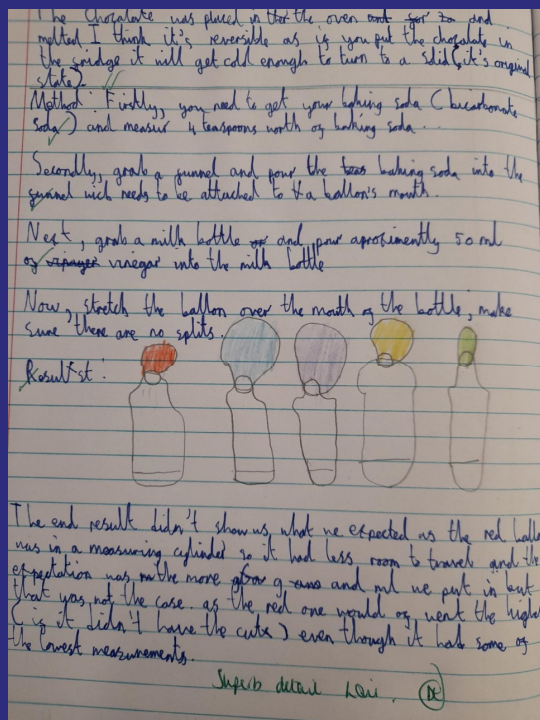
We were then split into 2 groups. One group had a tour of the Town Hall and had to complete a quiz – we learned that the architect and builder were called Money and Crook!

The other group were lucky enough to try on the robes and hats, some of us even were allowed to sit on the Mayor's chair and bang his gavel – it was great fun! We were even given a word search to complete.

When we left, we were all given a Newbury flag which has a wheat sheaf on it, the River Kennet, Newbury castle, 2 swords (representing the 2 battles of Newbury) and a teasel (a spiky plant used to separate wool.)

It was a great afternoon, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

*By Acer Class*



Science write-up Loui Basden Acer

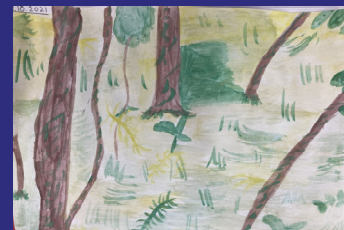
## River Visit

Lower Juniors met with the charity ARK to find out about the wildlife and ecology of the river Lambourn and how we can help look after the river. Whilst we were there, we were able to spot many of the river features that we had been learning about in class.

*By Class Maple*



Redwood Class have been studying the landscape work of Gustav Klimt. We challenged ourselves to paint some landscape paintings in the style of Klimt, painting directly onto paper without sketching or planning our work. Paintings are by Anita, Javeria and Chloe R



## Wisteria Class News

This week, we have been exploring and comparing weights in maths.

We investigated when we would use weighing scales and discussed which weighed more.

We then put our knowledge into practice by baking cakes by making sure the ingredients weighed the same as 2 eggs.

Wisteria Class undertook their first outing to the post box on Thursday. We practiced walking safely and what to do when we got to a road. The children were so well behaved and really enjoyed the trip!

We can't wait for our letters to arrive and for our next outing!"





# FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



## Forest School with LKS2

This week at Forest School, Juniper, Maple and Hawthorn have continued practising their fire lighting skills using a flint and steel as well as getting rather creative to make their own paintbrush from natural materials.

Teamwork, perseverance and knot tying were just some of the skills required to complete these challenges!



## Forest School with UKS2

This week at Forest School, Cedar, Acer and Redwood completed a scavenger hunt that required a lot of creativity and thinking 'outside the box'! As conker season is in full swing, the classes challenged each other to a conker collecting competition with Redwood as our current champions and a total of 742 conkers! The children had to work collaboratively in order to count the conkers accurately, putting them into groups of ten and then counting in multiples. We have truly conquered collecting conkers!



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