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Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Throughout this week, I have seen so many examples of our children showing excellence. The Upper Juniors have started their French lessons this week and the enthusiasm and engagement in listening, speaking and writing French has been brilliant. Conducting tours with prospective new parents, our pupils have greeted visitors with warm, smiley faces. Finally, there has been a huge team effort to litter pick around the grounds and make our school environment a tidy, clean space. The children should all feel incredibly proud of how they conduct themselves on a daily basis.

We have made the Newbury Weekly News this week with a report on James Ketchell's visit last week. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/ultimate-triathlete-inspires-youngsters-9225987/>

This week, has also seen last minute preparations for our Grand Opening of our new Reception Classes, which will take place next Monday. Officials from West Berkshire will be joining us to officially open the new building as well as a photographer from the Newbury Weekly News. Look out for us in next week's edition. We are also lucky enough to have a video message from Mr Tumble!

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

Dragon Club

Dragon Club will be open from
16th December midday until
22nd December inclusive.

They will also be open for the Inset Day on
4th January 2022.

Booking forms available from the Dragon Club.

Come and enjoy lots of fun activities!



Well done to Acer Class for having logged the most reads at home this week! Redwood, Cherry and Ash you're not far behind Acer - can you beat them next week?

Wisteria, how many reads can you log next week?

Well done to Hawthorn Class who passed an impressive 39 quizzes this week!

Which Junior class will win next week?

Remember to quiz once you have finished your AR book.

Please note, Reception and Infant children will only be bringing home 1 reading book. This is based on the phonics they have learnt in school and is for your child to read aloud to you. They will also bring home one Library book, which they have chosen. This book is for sharing and designed for you to read to your child.

Please remember to log when your child reads on Go Read.

Harvest—Newbury Foodbank

We are pleased to confirm that our Upper Junior School Councillors helped load our Harvest Donations into the Newbury Foodbank Van last week.

We have now had an email from the organisation confirming that our donations weighed 84.4kgs which equates to 177 meals.

Newbury Foodbank wanted everyone to know that, 'Your donations will make a real difference and we are very grateful for your support.

Can we please pass on a massive thank you to everyone at Speenhamland who was involved with this campaign.'



This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

ACHIEVEMENT

Wisteria	Luci Flower
Cherry	Abeera Sajid
Oak	Xavier Pereira Marques
Ash	Scarlett Prout
Hawthorn	Evie Mills
Juniper	Felix Wilkes
Maple	Henry West
Acer	Ayden Moisa
Redwood	Kaleb Smith
Cedar	Owen Cowap
Sport	Kai Ratcliffe

PSHE

Coco Dallas
Justin Broadhurst
Katie-Elizabeth Baker
Aarav Shukla
Holly Davies
Adam Wilkins
Antonia Gherbe
Mamadou Diallo
Layla-Skye Taylor
Harry Goodman



Purple4Polio

Rotary Club of Newbury

Over the last two weeks, the Junior children have been busy during one of their Forest School afternoons, planting 500 purple crocus bulbs. These have been planted behind the ACE building, so they will be seen from the pathway during the spring.

They have been planted for the 'Purple for Polio campaign,' organised by the Rotary Club of Newbury. In 1985, Rotary International promised to rid the world of the Polio disease and there is only one endemic country left before every child in the world is vaccinated. The oral vaccine costs as little as 20p per child so later in the year, when our crocus' have flowered, we would like to raise some money for this cause.



BBC Children in Need



Today, we have seen some very spotty children in school supporting Children in Need. So far we have raised £217. Thank you to everyone who donated. It's not too late if you still want to donate or had forgotten! Please use the following link, which has also been sent via email separately this week:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4100>

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results were very close this week!
The winners were ZOLTY.

1st Zolty 160
2nd Laal 159
3rd Verde 158
4th Azul 151

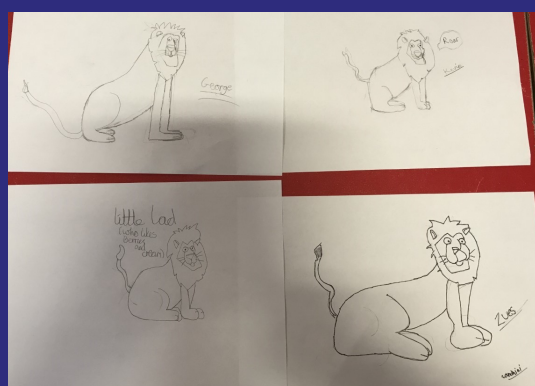
Attendance

This week's attendance is 93.70%.
Last week was 94.33%
which is sadly another drop.
Let's improve this next week.

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

Remembrance Day Display

Pupils from Acer and Cedar worked together to produce this amazing Remembrance Day display.



Drawing Techniques after school club had a brilliant go at drawing a lion whilst watching Miss Mason step by step. They look amazing!

The sea's a scavenger,
She traps and steals from the sand,
Those rubies and emeralds,
That come from the land.

The water vapour's an eagle,
A stroller, a leaf,
She sprints and she walks,
On the hard ground beneath.

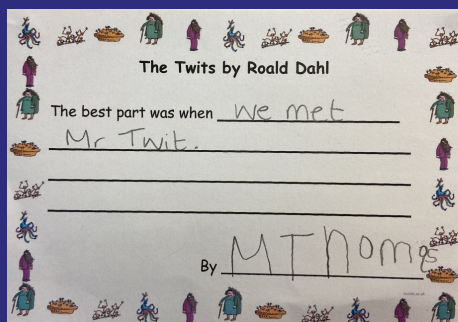
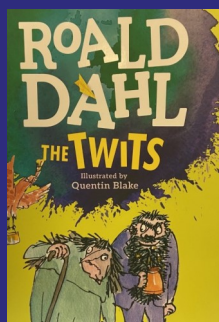
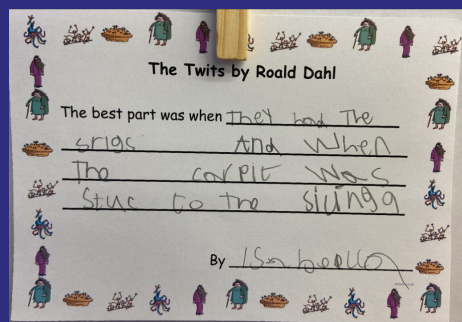
The cloud's a serpent,
Drifting like a kite,
A fluffy blanket across the sky,
She floats in the night.

The snow's a choir,
Whistling her song,
Leaping and twirling,
The melody is so strong.

The river's an infant,
She screams and she coos,
That little cute kid,
She feels brand new.

The sea's a foe,
Villainous and cruel,
She's scaly and ugly,
She can beat you in a duel.

By Hollie (Hawthorn Class)



In Ash Class we have been reading Roald Dahl's books. We finished 'The Twits' this week and we're excited to read 'George's Marvellous Medicine'!



Wisteria Class

This week we have continued our journey in English lessons with Fantastic Foundations, where the children start with verbally sharing sentences and building up to writing sentences in the Summer Term.

This week, we have explored different emotions, imagined we were in a cave using a parachute and watched various videos on how the Northern Lights move, practicing this ourselves!