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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, Mrs Osmond launched anti-bullying week on Monday, with a whole school assembly theme, 'Make A Noise About Bullying.' The children clearly understood that bullying is not acceptable and to make some noise. Posters have been flooding in and will be judged on Tuesday, so you still have time to create yours.

Across the junior classes this week, we have conducted autumn term tests in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spellings. Teachers are conducting a gap analysis of the test papers and the weaker areas will feed into future teaching and learning to ensure we plug gaps in knowledge. The children's attitudes to these tests were commendable – every pupil focused well and displayed our school values – especially their resilience when answering those tricky questions. They should all feel proud of their positive mind-sets!

Next week, we will be conducting a phonics mock screen for all of our year 1 pupils as well as our year 2 pupils who did not pass the screen in year 1 or who are new to the country. Again, we will use the data from the phonics screen to identify children's sound gaps and plan necessary interventions to support those children falling behind. Continuing to read the phonics home book at least three times a week and recording any difficulties on Boom Reader is a great way to support your child.

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in the non-uniform day and donated £1.00 to Children in Need. Between us, we have helped to make a difference to so many children less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



We Supported Children in Need!

Thank you for your support. Everyone looked amazing and we raised the fantastic sum of £230!



Forthcoming Events

28-11-23 1.30 pm	Beauty and the Beast. Whole school attending.
06-12-23 1 pm	EYFS Nativity
06-12-23	Y6 to St Nicolas' Church COINS
06-12-23	Fire Brigade visit —Y5
11-12-23 9.15 am	Infant Nativity
12-12-23 9.30 am	Infant Nativity
13-12-23 5 pm	Infant Nativity
13-12-23	Christmas Lunch
20-12-23 1 pm	End of term
09-01-24	Pupils return

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

**Dragon Club will be open on the
21st and 22nd December.**

**Booking forms now available
from the Dragon Club.**

Forms to be returned by 27th November.

Come and enjoy the festive fun!



The Newbury Weekly News is helping Santa to cope with all the Christmas letters he receives.

If your child would like to take part, please send your Christmas wish list/letter and a photograph of yourself to the NWN (see email below).

This will then appear in their special edition called Dear Santa, which will be sent to Santa.

Closing date:

Monday 4th December at 12 noon

Publication date (in the NWN):

Thursday 14th December 2023

To enter, email your letter and picture to:

dearsanta@newburynews.co.uk

AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



Achievement and PSHE Awards

	SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Gigi Dawson Allen	Robert Brown
Willow	Ezmay Game	Harlow Graham
Cherry	Alexander Keogh	Matthew Tucker
Oak	Athiran Palanivel	Frank Michael
Ash	Leo Lipscombe	Peter Raven
Hawthorn	Liam Van Rensburg	Nada Kaowphatthanawan
Juniper	Alanna Heller	Lola Waite
Maple	Anna Smarovoz	Oliver Callow
Acer	Sebastian Rudd	Grace Stinson
Redwood	Levi Nagy-Galfi	Freddie Berry
Cedar	Charlie Vang	Alexis Ridd
Maths/English Group	Angelina Alimova	



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this WEEK are:

1st Azul 284

2nd Laal 207

3rd Verde 178

4th Zolty 174

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 92.08%

Last week's attendance was 94.41%

**Let's all make a huge effort to reach our
97% target.**

Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.
EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Keep reading!

Reading logged in school and at home (3+ reads).
Congratulations to Acer and Willow for achieving
100% this week! Well done to Wisteria and Maple for
95% - will you get 100% next week?

READING LOGGED 06-11-23 to 12-11-23

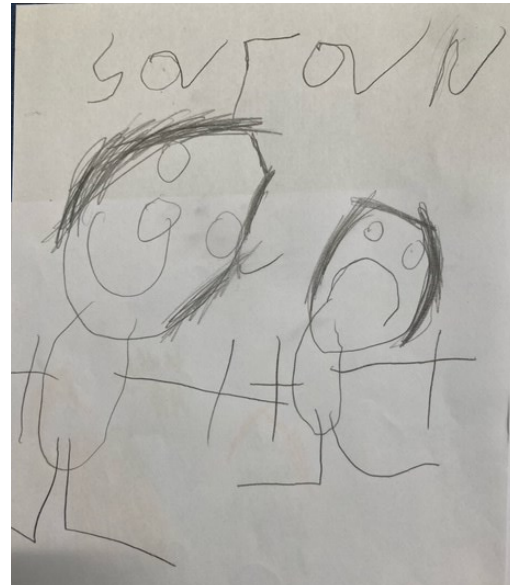
Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	30	100%
Ash	17	70%
Cedar	26	85%
Cherry	20	80%
Hawthorn	22	85%
Juniper	17	65%
Maple	27	95%
Oak	14	55%
Redwood	27	90%
Willow	20	100%
Wisteria	20	95%

PUPILS' AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

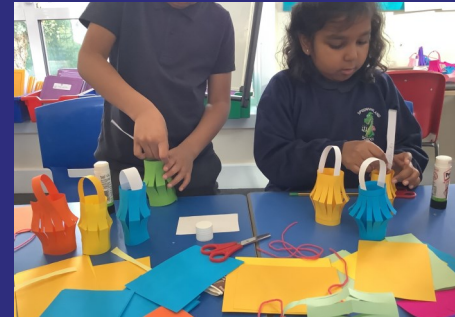
In Reception this week, we have been reading the book "The Twelve Days of Kindness". The children have looked at different ways to be kind and helpful to others. They have created class rules and have drawn pictures showing how you can be helpful to someone.

"Giving flowers to a man with no food." **by Ezmay**
 "I give her my toys, so she feels happy." **by Sarah**

Also this week, it was the children's first PE lesson, which was an introduction to tag games and working together as a team. The children really enjoyed this.



As part of our RE learning in Hawthorn, lower juniors had a Diwali party to celebrate! We danced, made traditional Diwali sweets, created rangoli patterns in sand and paper, and made diva lamps. Everyone enjoyed themselves.
Happy Diwali!



Earlier this month, our upper junior pupils had the wonderful opportunity to attend Trinity School for a science experience with ZooLab.

Below are comments from two of our pupils.

"My favourite animal was the Corn Snake. It had really cool features and wasn't slimy at all, like I thought".

By Isaac from Redwood class

"It was so interesting to find out what the animals like to eat. I liked the snake because it was smooth to touch. I was frightened of the tarantula even though she was pink!"

By Molly from Redwood class

Last Friday, the upper junior classes went to Parkway to see a spectacular spitfire plane. We learnt about the main parts of the plane, as well as learning about the pilots - the youngest being only 17 years old. We learnt that Newbury used to have runways, with a main one in Greenham. We also learnt that the Spitfire was originally named 'The Shrew' but many pilots didn't feel it was a good name, and because, when it first started, flames would come out of the exhaust, it was re-named Spitfire.

By Caleb and Navil from Acer class

FOREST SCHOOL



FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

This week, at Forest School, we have been learning about the fire triangle. We have been practising using a flint and steel to create a spark for the beginning of a fire. The children worked in groups, to light, supervise and extinguish a flame carefully in controlled conditions. Everyone successfully achieved this goal.



FOREST SCHOOL



WE ASPIRE, WE CHALLENGE, WE SUPPORT