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Grand Opening



Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The sun was shining on Monday morning when we welcomed officials from West Berkshire Council and Education to our grand opening of our new Reception classes. I was incredibly proud of how well our youngest children conducted themselves throughout the morning – all our visitors were very impressed. The event was captured with video and photos which is great publicity for the school. If you visit our website, you can see the coverage of the event together with a special congratulations video from cbeebies' Mr Tumble. Link for the Mr Tumble video also below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KwWS_vl2hg

In assembly time this week, the children have also been busy constructing ideas for a new school vision. Each class created up to 3 suggestions for a new vision which captures what Speenhamland School is all about. Today, the children were presented with the final 3 suggestions (taken from their ideas) and asked to vote on their favourite. The final vision will then be launched next week to both children and parents. Watch this space!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry - Headteacher



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This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards



ACHIEVEMENT

Wisteria	Toby Goddard
Cherry	Arthur Smith
Oak	Rafee Rahman
Ash	AJ Hodgetts
Hawthorn	Grace Stinson
Juniper	Isabelle Rocha
Maple	Tommy Lambourne
Acer	Gabriel Zalari
Redwood	Harley Rogers
Cedar	Luke Gadd
Sport	Ananya Arya

PSHE

Arthur Berntsen
Lola Waite
Charlotte Flitton
Elliot Grace
Joseph Breslin
Danny Black
Skyla Johnson
Caleb Rees
Praveen Sivabalan
Harrison Graham

Cinderella at the Corn Exchange

We are all really looking forward to our trip to see Cinderella at the Corn Exchange next Tuesday.

We will leave at 9.30 am and arrive back at school at 12.30 pm.



HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Zolty 212
- 2nd Laal 203
- 3rd Azul 176
- 4th Verde 153

Congratulations Zolty!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please click on the link below to quickly and easily find out if you are entitled to free school meals. There are other benefits, other than free school meals eg reduction in school trips.

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>

Attendance Norovirus

This week's attendance is 88.71%.
Last week was 93.70%

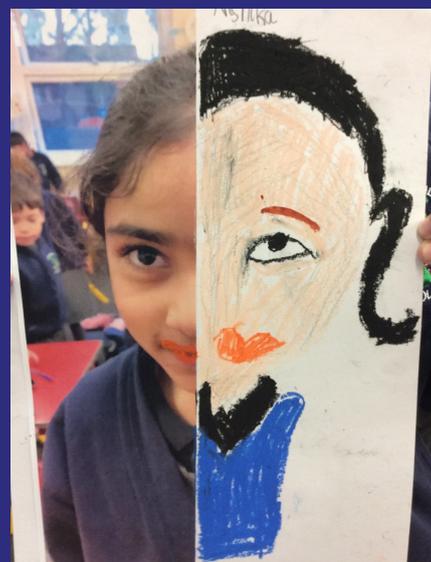
Our attendance this week reflects the high numbers of sickness we have experienced as a result of the Norovirus.

Just a reminder that children need to remain at home 48 hours after their last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Wishing everyone well.

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

During Literacy last Friday, Thomas (Cherry Class) and Marley (Ash Class) enjoyed exploring the story of The Queen's Hat. They followed the hat as it travelled past famous landmarks and recreated scenes from the book, like the zoo and the underground.



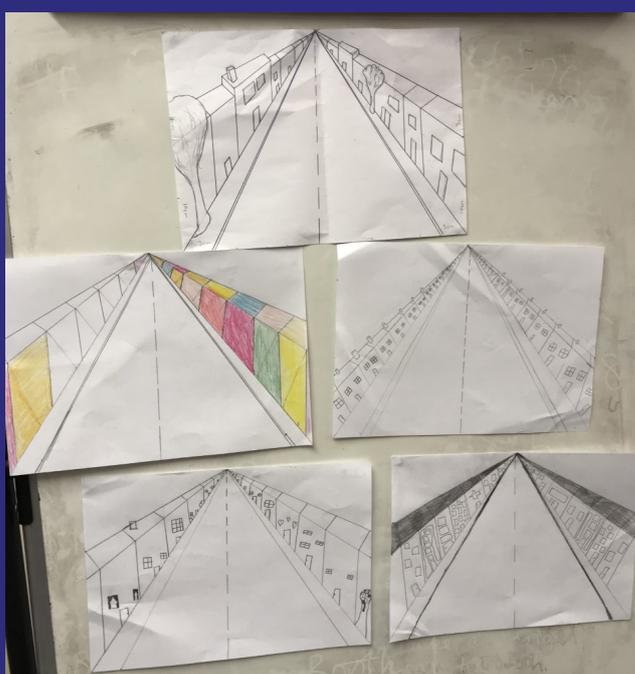
Art Club used charcoal and oil pastel to create half of a self-portrait



Redwood class prepared and enjoyed fajitas as part of our 'American Food' DT topic.



LKS2 have been investigating the patterns in their times tables by looking at the ones column. We then created a colour code and used this to create paper chains. What times tables do you think we are showing you here?



Drawing Techniques Club

Last week, children did perspective drawings using our mathematical knowledge this time.



This week in PE, Wisteria enjoyed undertaking an indoor obstacle course with Mrs Neale! We went over the hobby horse and on the mats! We loved moving in different ways and exploring the gym equipment.

FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



Forest School with LKS2

This week at Forest School, Juniper, Maple and Hawthorn have been developing their knot tying skills to create a keyring chain made from half hitches. They have also been creating compasses to help improve their understanding of direction and position.



Forest School with UKS2

This week at Forest School, Cedar, Acer and Redwood have been enjoying hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows and smores around a toasty campfire. There was a lot of singing too!



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