



# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 24th September 2021



**Celebrating Achievement and Success for all**

# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The theme for our assembly this week was resourcefulness. The children considered what resources were available to them in school to help them overcome any difficulties they had. They were challenged to use these resources in their learning this week to help achieve success. Our teacher certificates show the children who were really resourceful this week – great job!

Around school, the children have been engaged in learning and have been keen to share their highlights with me! In Reception, a group of boys were busy digging in the sandpit looking for dinosaur DNA that they could take to their lab to make a velociraptor! The Infant children have been focused on their partitioning in Maths this week, using practical apparatus to help them make part-part-whole models. In Lower Juniors, Art has been a popular lesson making the primary colours using Pointillism! In Upper Juniors, the English text 'Explorer' has really captured the children's imagination as they continue to write their disaster stories, stuck in the Amazon!

As well as fabulous learning, the children continue to impress me with their excellent manners and respect. There is a strong sense of community within the school, with everyone looking out for each other. School is certainly a lovely place to be.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry**  
Headteacher

## Wellbeing in the Family

**Free mental health course run by  
the Corn Exchange starts  
next week.**

Please see attached flyers for  
details.

## FoSS

The FoSS are holding their AGM on  
**28th September 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm,**  
in the School Hall, which we are encouraging  
our parents to go along and join.

Our FoSS members do an incredible job raising  
valuable money for the school which directly  
benefits all of the children.

They are busy organising an **Autumn Fair**, which  
will take place on the **6th November 12 to 2 pm.**  
Hopefully this event will raise enough  
money for us to develop our Library.

Our vision is to have a sliding door and outside  
canopy, so that the children can take their love  
of reading into the outdoors.

***I look forward to seeing some of  
you at the meeting.***



## JEANS FOR GENES

We raised £160 on "Jeans for  
Genes Day".

*Well done and thank you.*



## HOUSE WINNER

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

**1st Zolty 135  
2nd Azul 134  
3rd Laal 133  
4th Verde 115**

## This Week's Resourceful and PSHE Awards

### RESOURCEFULNESS

<b>Wisteria</b>	Jimmy Bodin-House
<b>Cherry</b>	Alanna Heller
<b>Oak</b>	Jack Leeke
<b>Ash</b>	Isabella Stingone
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Navil Kanagasabapathi
<b>Juniper</b>	Evie Garnish
<b>Maple</b>	Abbie King
<b>Acer</b>	Tyler Jupp
<b>Redwood</b>	Praveen Sivabalan
<b>Cedar</b>	Reis Ballhysa
<b>Sport</b>	Tyler Booth

### PSHE

Sahasra Pillaram  
Arthur Smith  
Isabelle Sandel  
Alfie Chapple  
Isla Silva Robinson  
Elizabeth Sproule  
Jensen Harding  
Emily Leeke  
Laila Mai Hynes  
Luke Gadd



### Start and End of Day Procedures

We are continually reviewing our start and end of the day procedures.  
From Monday, we are going to close the side gate leading round to Reception.  
There is no adult monitoring this gate and we need to ensure our children remain safe on our site.  
Next Monday, we ask our Reception children and parents to please use the main entrance gate.

*Thank you for your cooperation with this.*

## REMINDERS

### Individual Photos

Our photographer will be in school on Wednesday 6th October, 8 am for siblings and 8.30 am for the rest of the school.

### Office Email Contact

If you need to contact the school, please email use Speenhamland's office email: [office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org](mailto:office@speenhamland.newburyacademytrust.org) and not [office@newburyacademytrust.org](mailto:office@newburyacademytrust.org) as this goes to Trinity School.  
Thank you.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming started this week for classes Acer and Cedar.  
The children were very excited!

Thank you to all those parents from Cedar Class that ensured their children were in school slightly earlier to leave for their lesson.



### Attendance

This week's attendance is 95.96%, which is a little down on last week's attendance of 98.11%.

*Let's improve on this next week!*



# CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

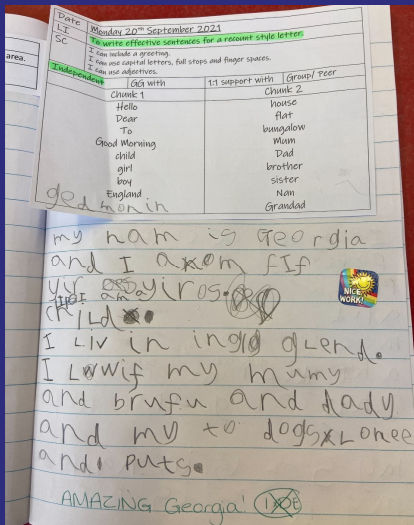


The children in Reception have started exploring paint in their art lessons. On Tuesday we looked at how paint feels using our hands before moving on to look at powder paint and water colour!

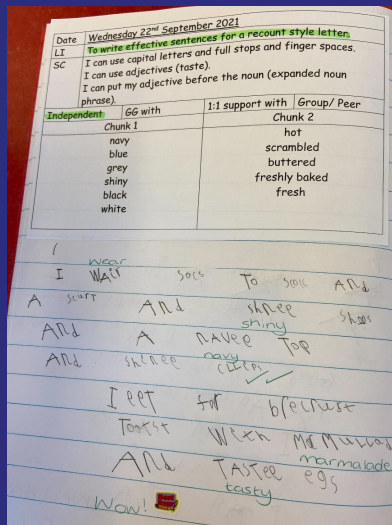


Lower Juniors worked as a team to apply our geographical knowledge to create a river, writing definitions of each part before constructing them.

We were resourceful, using the materials we could find around the school. We then invited Mrs Osmond and Miss Buckell to see our river - they were very impressed with the river and our knowledge.



Isabella and Georgia from Class Ash did some excellent English work, following the structure of a recount style letter.



Collaborative art work by pupils from Acer Class. They worked to re-create Henri Rousseau's Tiger in a Storm.

## After School Clubs

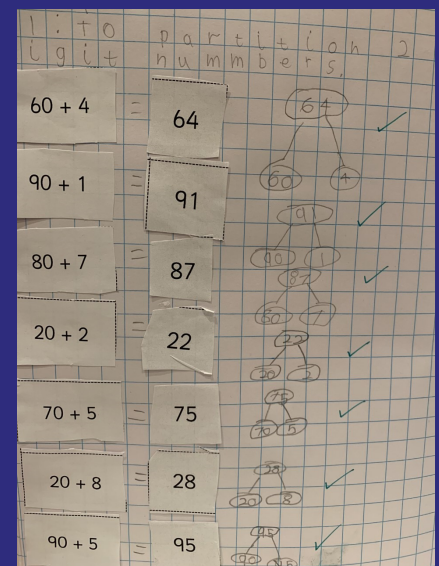
The children are having great fun in their After School Clubs!



The children enjoyed making cubes in Infant Art Club last week. Each cube has drawings of their favourite things.



Mrs Berry's Nature Club was having a brilliant time making bug hotels after school this week.



In Maths, Year 2 have been learning about partitioning 2 digit numbers. Tululah from Class Oak beautifully presented her work.



# FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE

## Forest School with LKS2



**This week at Forest School, Juniper, Hawthorn and Maple have been developing their listening and creativity skills.**

**Whispering games and whole class story telling have helped to develop their listening and response abilities. Creating an image using natural materials of their favourite parts of school life proved highly successful, with many depicting Forest School sessions!**



## Forest School with UKS2



**This week in Forest School, Cedar, Acer and Redwood have been learning to tie knots. Starting with a reef knot, the children practised multiple times until they were confident, with many pupils supporting and teaching their peers.**

**Then, the children learnt how to lash multiple sticks to a frame.**

**Vital skills that will be needed for next week's activities!**



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