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Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an inspiring week for our pupils with a visit from a real-life British adventurer! James Ketchell visited the school on Tuesday and gave a motivating presentation to all the children – from Reception to Y6. (James was very flexible and presented three times so we could avoid the whole school being together at the same time!)

From his explorations rowing across the Atlantic, to climbing Mount Everest and cycling around the world, the children were captivated by his stories, photos and videos. The talks encompassed our school values and really inspired our children to follow their dreams and never give up. Newbury Weekly News came in to take photographs of the event and we should feature in next week's edition – look out for Speenhamland!

After the talk, the children reflected and considered what they would take away from their experience with James. Oscar said, "James Ketchell has inspired me to never give up on my dreams no matter what anyone else says." Similarly, Ella stated, "From his talk, James has encouraged me to be more of a risk-taker, which is something that I find tricky, but I will keep trying." Brooke was inspired by the stories of kindness from around the world and reported, "He taught me to be kind to others because they will treat you the same way." If you would like to find out more about James Ketchell and share his experiences as a family at home, there are some useful links below:

<https://jamesketchell.net/>

<https://www.instagram.com/ketchelljames/>

<https://twitter.com/captainketch>

Mrs J Lewry - Headteacher



Yesterday I had the most amazing morning with all the pupils from @SpeenhamlandSch in #newbury they were very polite and listened to every word I had to say... It was great

#fun #adventure #kindness #goals #dreams #domore #nevergiveup



BBC Children in Need

Friday 19th November



Children can wear a spotty top with their usual school bottoms and school shoes in return for a donation. Donations can be made through the

Parent Pay link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/>



Here are this week's reading results:

Acer class had the most parent reads logged on

Go Read this week, with

Oak and Redwood not far behind!

Redwood has just held on to the top spot again with 173,990 words read. However, Acer were less than 1000 words behind with 172,998!

Come on Acer, can we knock Redwood off the top next week?

Reminders

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and to launch the event we are joining the nation in Odd Socks Day. All you need to do is wear odd socks with your school uniform on Monday 15th November and celebrate what makes us all unique.

Flu immunisation will take place on Monday 15th November for all those children who have a completed e-consent form.

Our extra-curricular clubs started this week.

If you didn't get a place, new clubs will commence in the spring term.

Please note that we are unable to allow parents to watch clubs. No parents on site until pick-up at 3.55 pm please. Thank you.

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This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

ACHIEVEMENT

Wisteria	Matthew Tucker
Cherry	Elizabeth Collins
Oak	Harrison Chalk
Ash	Harley-James Chandler
Hawthorn	Jessica Lambourne
Juniper	Freddie Newton
Maple	Harry Leeke
Acer	Awstin Lewis
Redwood	Blossom Green
Cedar	Libby McCugh
Sport	Alanna Heller

PSHE

Delilah Newton
Thomas Sheldon
Phoebe Steiner
Ananya Arya
Ted Raven
Morgan Graham
Francis Moisa
Emily Leeke
Anita Soosaipillai Vasquez
Jasper Stephens
Jack Kingston-Jones



FoSS News



CONGRATULATIONS!



**Our Grand Raffle Draw
has taken place.
Congratulations to our winners:**

1. Sylvia Giles
2. Andrew Heller
3. Karen Collins
4. Olteahn Christian
5. Megan Ryan
6. Sandra Jesus
7. Nita Hansen
8. Zoe Brown
9. Suzanne Smith
10. Josh Knight
11. Rhianna Gadd
12. Brandon Bowley
13. Adrian Smith
14. Ayansh Ranjan

**We are very grateful to the following
companies who donated prizes:**

Between the Lines
Dunelm
The Entertainer
Halfords
Legends barbers
Mole Country Store
Temptations
Vue Cinema
Waitrose
West Berks Brewery

Christmas Lunch 8th December 2021

You can now book for our delicious Christmas Lunch via Parent Pay.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS TODAY!

***Glazed Roast Turkey, Sticky Pigs,
Stuffing and Gravy***
(Served with Ultimate Roasties and
Christmas Trimmings Traybake)

Roote en Crouete (V)
(Served with Ultimate Roasties and
Christmas Trimmings Traybake)

***Christmas Pudding with Custard or
Melting Snowman Cookies***

HOUSE WINNER

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

1st Laal 219
2nd Zolty 202
3rd Azul 181
4th Verde 154

Attendance

This week's attendance is 93.65%. Last week was 94.33% which is a drop. Let's improve this next week.

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

Wisteria Class

This week in Wisteria Class we have been learning about Remembrance Day and discussing why it is important, together creating a large poppy collage.

"We remember people who have died in the war" - Noah.

"It would be lovely to see lots of poppies all over the school" - Matthew.



This week in History, Oak class became Historians and enjoyed looking at artefacts from the Victorian period. We looked at artefacts such as a special constable's truncheon, some medals and a stoneware bottle.



Last Thursday, Redwood Class were kindly invited to Trinity to take part in a Zoolab experience.

We met the lady, Jess, who owned all of the animals. Jess told us lots of interesting and informative information about each animal and bio-diversity. We were able to hold or stroke a hissing cockroach, a cornsnake, rats, a giant African land snail and a millipede. We also saw a tarantula up close and stroked a rat!

My favourite animals to hold were the giant African land snail and the cornsnake.

Fun Fact: Mrs Munro wasn't a big fan of the cockroach! We also worked with one of the Trinity science teachers to learn about keys and classification. We had a fun morning and learnt lots of interesting things.

By Isabelle Fisher and Blossom Green

FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



Forest School with Reception

The children explored the Forest School with Mrs Earl last week.



Forest School with LKS2

This week in Forest School, Hawthorn, Juniper and Maple have been practising their knot tying and shelter building skills with great success!



Forest School with UKS2

This week in Forest School, Acer, Redwood and Cedar have been practising their fire lighting skills by building 'cabin' fires.



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