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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, our upper school pupils took to the stage to perform their production of 'Aladdin Trouble'. The three performances truly showcased what amazing talent we have at Speenhamland. The year 6 pupils were brilliant in role and the quality of the acting was sensational. They had their audiences in fits of laughter with their comedy moments from the appearance of the police to the animated Widow Twankey, Wishy and Washy. A special mention should go to Ayden, Chloe R and Oliver who were phenomenal leading parts. The year 5 choir were so animated in their singing and dancing – it was evident that the children thoroughly enjoyed performing to a crowd.

As well as so many positive comments from parents, it was also lovely to receive glowing feedback from our pupils. Oak class were really keen to share their thoughts:

Elaina – I liked the catchy songs and joining in with them.

Elliot: I liked the funny jokes.

Alex: I liked the whole production, it was amazing!

Alfie: I liked the singing and the actions.

Ana: I liked the end when Aladdin and Jasmine got married.

Ali Uras: I liked the jokes, they were very funny!

Next week, our year 6 pupils will be delivering their Leavers' Assembly to their parents and friends. This will be a lovely opportunity to reminisce about their time at Speenhamland and share some of their fondest memories. We hope the year 6 parents will join us next Thursday at 1.45pm in the hall to celebrate everything the year 6 pupils have achieved at primary school.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



LAST DAY OF TERM
School closes for the
summer holiday on
Friday 21st July at 1 pm.

Don't forget to order a yummy picnic bag via Parent Pay for your children to enjoy before you collect them.



AZUL CHARITY DAY

WOW!!! Last Friday, Azul held their charity day for the Young People's Trust for the Environment.

The children created persuasive adverts and songs to encourage others to walk to school and reduced their waste by re-using old clothes to create new ones.

They also completed their sponsored cycle/ scooter and it was a huge success raising £1131.96!

This is the biggest total a House has ever raised and we are extremely grateful for your generosity to this cause.

*Thank you from Mrs Choudhury,
Layla and Libby (Azul House Captains)*



Ready,
Set,
Read!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

West Berkshire Libraries' reading challenge was launched in today's assembly.

Let's help to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news>

FOOD BANK Non Uniform Day

Alice from Juniper class has read how low the food stock is at West Berkshire Foodbank and will be holding a non uniform day **next Wednesday** in exchange for donations.

They need tinned tomatoes/passata, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned custard/rice pudding, tinned potatoes, lunch box items for school holidays, cooking oil, pasta sauce, instant coffee, pot noodles/instant noodles, sponge pudding, sugar, fruit squash, tinned meat meals (curry, chilli, spaghetti), jam/marmite/marmalade, instant mash, UHT milk, crisps, biscuits, sweets/chocolate bars, ketchup, gluten free pasta, cup of soup, washing up liquid

No normal pasta please as they have this already.

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AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



Achievement and PSHE Awards

SCHOOL

Wisteria	Lexie-Rose Major-Knight
Cherry	Poppy Cousins
Oak	Scarlett Prout
Ash	Jimmy Bodin-House
Willow	Esmee Rose Bejinariu
Hawthorn	Isabelle Sandel
Juniper	Charlie Alston
Maple	Taran Satheesh
Acer	Brandon Bowley
Redwood	Freddie Berry
Cedar	Christina Athanasiadou

PSHE

Chester Pounds
Lily Heaver
Sewal Findik
Isaac Still
Arthur Berntsen
Lola Geater
Ava Metcalf
Skyla Johnson
Awstin Lewis
Arthur Riley
Felix Wilkes



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Azul 222

2nd Laal 201

3rd Zolty 188

4th Verde 129

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 95.16%

Last week's attendance was 94.16%

There was also 280 learning minutes lost this week through late arrivals.

Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.

EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Below are the results for the class that had the most children read 3 times or more from Monday 26th June to Sunday 2nd July.

Let's keep reading!

Wisteria 27 children
Willow 11 children
Cherry 10 children
Maple 8 children
Hawthorn 7 children
Redwood 7 children
Acer 6 children
Ash 6 children
Juniper 6 children
Cedar 5 children
Oak 4 children



PUPIL'S INCREDIBLE WORK

This week, the children in Wisteria class have started sewing their puppets, ready to put on a puppet show to the rest of the class next week!



Here is a picture of Maple class striking a pose with their upcycled T-shirt bags they made on Azul day.

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On Monday, infants had a visit from Jonathon's Jungle Roadshow where we got to see lots of different creatures.

We saw a gecko, a snake, a tarantula and a stick insect. We got to stroke the gecko, which felt like a sponge! We held a snake which was heavy and we watched the gecko jump!

We really enjoyed our time learning new facts.



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Aladdin

This week, our year 5 and year 6 children performed Aladdin to packed and enthralled audiences.
Well done to everyone who took part.

Here are a few comments from our performers:

It was phenomenal - Grace

It was a great opportunity, the tears and tantrums were worth it! - Layla-Anne and Alfie

Hours of hard work paid off, I thought it sounded and looked amazing - Madi

It was a performance of a lifetime - Evie



On Friday I had the privilege of attending the Shikshak Vandan Diwas (Teacher's Appreciation Day) event. West Berkshire Schools were invited to a celebration evening where children expressed their gratitude and thanks to their teachers across our local authority. Special thanks to Rudransh, Homith and Karnik for their very kind words. During the evening, The Bharati Shakha Newbury branch of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, explained their role in the local community, including the charity work that they have carried out during the year and the events they have organised for the town. It was truly an informative evening and if you would like any additional information please let me know.

Mrs Osmond (Deputy Headteacher)

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