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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, has seen the upper school children really shine in their production of Rockerfella Cinderella. On Tuesday, they performed their dress rehearsal to the whole school before two successful evening performances to parents. It was amazing to see the children so confident and animated on the stage. They encouraged lots of audience participation and it was definitely the best school production I had ever seen! Credit should also be given to the year 5 choir who performed the songs and actions with great enthusiasm. Well done to all of the children involved and a special thank you to the upper school teachers who supported the children throughout.

Over the course of the week, we have seen temperatures gradually rising and there is an amber warning in place for extreme heat. West Berkshire have sent out useful guidance and we have put in place extra measures to keep the children safe in school. On Monday and Tuesday, where temperatures are predicted to be in the high 30s, the following measures will be followed:

- Children will remain inside for break and lunch times to ensure they do not over exert themselves and have exposure to the sun.
- Children will be encouraged to take regular 'water breaks' to ensure they stay hydrated – please ensure they have a water bottle with them.
- We will try to keep rooms as cool as we can by having the blinds down and lights off where possible.
- No PE sessions will take place.

The children should come to school in their usual school uniform as they will be inside in the cool all day. School will be open normal hours and Dragon Club will put in place similar measures for remaining inside.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry—Headteacher

40th Annual Kennet Games

Congratulations to Evie and Henry who competed at the Kennet Games on Saturday 2nd July. There were numerous games and races to compete in as well as a Boccia Team event. We also got to meet Louise



Sugden again. She recently opened the new Keevill, and is now in preparation to compete at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in August. It was a great opportunity to see ex Keevill pupils and their families, as well as meeting other children with a physical disability. The atmosphere was really friendly and supportive but it did not prevent the children (and some of the adults) showing their competitive spirit and trying to do their best. I was really impressed with the risk taking and resilience of Evie and Henry in trying different events, and working out ways of improving their skills to earn more points. They certainly demonstrated all the qualities of our 5 R's.

Mrs Green (Teacher-in-Charge of The Keevill)

Mental Health Support Team

We are delighted to announce that we will be working closely with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in the next academic year. MHST were created as part of the 2018 Government initiative between Department for Education & Department of Health.

The support will include the MHSTs working in partnership with Speenhamland to provide evidence-based interventions to children who are experiencing mental health difficulties. They will support us by:

- Delivering evidence-based interventions for children and young people with mild-to-moderate mental health problems.
- Supporting the Senior Mental Health Lead (Mrs Osmond) to introduce or develop their whole school approach.
- Giving timely advice to Speenhamland staff, and liaising with external specialist services, to help children and young people to get the right support and stay in education.

In conjunction with this initiative, Mrs Osmond has also carried out the necessary training to be our Senior Mental Health lead and has recently submitted her portfolio for the necessary accreditation.

This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

ACHIEVEMENT

Wisteria Jakub Maciejewski
Cherry Elizabeth Collins
Oak Oliver Callow
Ash Leah Fairchild
Hawthorn Sebastian Rudd
Juniper Diana Gomzyakova

MapleMolly ChaplinAcerIsaac SprouleRedwoodSam Flitton

Cedar Nandhini Potti Naveen Kumar Sport Ayden Moisa & Jude Waters

PSHE

Isaac Still Lily Heaver

Clara- Rose Brown Isabella Stingone Jasmine Rocha Kian-Lee Taylor Swadha Tyagi Alfie Brown Oscar Wilkes

Miranda Raven Ahmed

HOUSE WINNER Last Week

The Dragon's Eggs results for last week were:

1st Azul 136 2nd Zolty 106 3rd Verde 98 4th Laal 93

Congratulations to Azul!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 91.46 % Last week's attendance was 93.46 %

Unfortunately another drop from the previous week's attendance.

Let's improve this for the last week for this academic year.

Thank you for your support.

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Cheerleading Club

The children demonstrated the skills they have learnt this term at cheerleading club.







CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK



After weeks of rehearsals, the Upper Juniors finally perfected their performace of 'Cinderella and Rockerfeller'.

It's a performance full of comedy, drama, fun and audience participation. With the year 6's wonderful acting and the year 5's fantastic singing we've had a great time performing the play to our friends and families.

by Florence and Oscar from Redwood Class



















Wisteria Class

This week, the children have been working hard to create their very own career puppets!

They have been learning about careers this term and discussing what we'd like to be when we are older!



WE ASPIRE
WE CHALLENGE
WE SUPPORT





This week, Year 1 have been learning to tell the time and have learnt how to read o'clock and half past using the hands.