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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we welcomed Chenoa from Newbury Library who led our assembly. She talked to the children about the value of joining a library and the vast range of books they could have access to for reading. She also provided some useful top tips on how to select the right book. We are hoping that the talk will have inspired lots of our children to visit their local library this weekend where they can loan up to 15 books at a time!

On the subject of reading, all the pupils came home this week with a new reading wallet and covering letter. We are trying desperately hard to ensure our books that pupils borrow continue to be inspiring and of good quality. We politely ask that you ensure the home reading books are stored in the wallet to avoid any unnecessary damage. If the wallet is lost, there will be a £1 cost to replace it.

We continue to see a significant number of children being kept in during their social time for not completing their reading and maths fluency expectations for the week. Research has shown that regular practice, even if only for five minutes at a time, is more effective than long, less regular practices. Reading is fundamental to unlocking the curriculum and ensuring children are successful not only in primary, but beyond. Indeed, "Children who are weak readers will struggle as much in maths and science at GCSE as they do in English and in arts subjects, according to one of the biggest ever studies of student reading." (GL Assessment) Similarly, rapid recall of number bonds and times table facts provides strong foundations for maths lessons. Please support us in encouraging your child to complete three study sessions each week.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



Christmas Lights Switch On
Santa's sleigh visit



Falkland Grange Care Home in Newbury would like to invite you along to attend our upcoming Christmas Light Switch On & Visit from Santa's Sleigh (Lions Club of Newbury) on **Thursday 30th November between 6 pm and 8 pm.** A warm welcome will be given to all, and festive refreshments will be provided. See flyer attached.



HIGH PRIORITY

Please may we remind parents/carers to ensure that school has correct emergency contact details, any medicines (including inhalers and EpiPens) held in school are in date and that school has copies of the most recent Care Plans. Please also advise the office if your child has any newly diagnosed conditions or any changes to conditions, eg no longer has eczema to ensure that our data base is correct.

Thank you.



Do you work at Vodafone?

We are looking for a parent who works at Vodafone to support us with match-funding. Please get in contact with the office if you can help.

Many thanks.

Christmas Fair



We will be holding a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 1st December** to collect donations for our up-coming Christmas Fair.

EYFS/Infants - chocolate and sweet donations.

Juniors - bottle donations.

We are also looking for any unwanted teddy donations as well as unwanted gifts.

Thank you.



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Achievement and PSHE Awards

	SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Mehdi Khan	Fidha Ferdinand
Willow	Elham Yasinzada	Klay Lewis
Cherry	Luka Griffiths	Shryjin Imran
Oak	Aruhi Admala	Sem Ninson
Ash	William Watt	Kiara Desai
Hawthorn	David Oyedele	Phoebe Steiner
Juniper	Marley Clough-Culliford	Riley Aitken
Maple	Alexander Wheeler	Mia Compton
Acer	Lilly Prins	Millie Parish
Redwood	Adyan Hussain	JJ Mercer
Cedar	Arthur Riley	Nusayba Alharbat
Maths/English Group	Mary Kamran	



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Zolty 274

2nd Azul 269

3rd Verde 231

4th Laal 226

Congratulations to Zolty!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 90.27%

Last week's attendance was 92.08%

**This is, unfortunately, another drop in attendance.
Let's all make a huge effort to reach
our 97% target.**

Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Keep reading!

Reading logged in school and at home (3+ reads).
CONGRATULATIONS to Redwood Class for achieving
100%! Well done to Cherry and Hawthorn for 90%.
Who will achieve 100% next week?

READING LOGGED 06-11-23 to 12-11-23

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	26	80%
Ash	15	60%
Cedar	21	70%
Cherry	22	90%
Hawthorn	24	90%
Juniper	15	55%
Maple	22	75%
Oak	17	70%
Redwood	30	100%
Willow	16	80%
Wisteria	9	40%

PUPILS' AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

In Reception this week, we have been looking at the book "Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk". The children have used their imaginations to climb a jelly beanstalk, tasted different jelly beans, put themselves in Jack's shoes, thought about how he was feeling and then became giants!

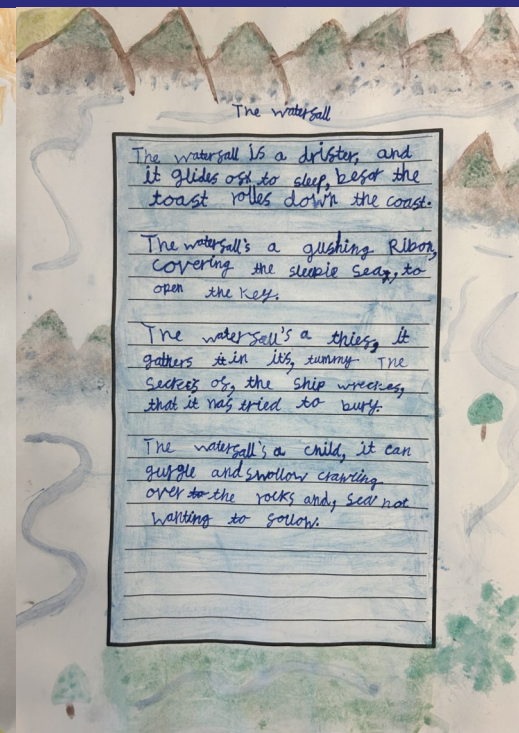
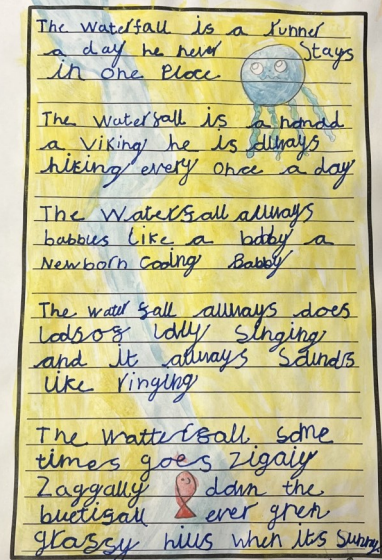
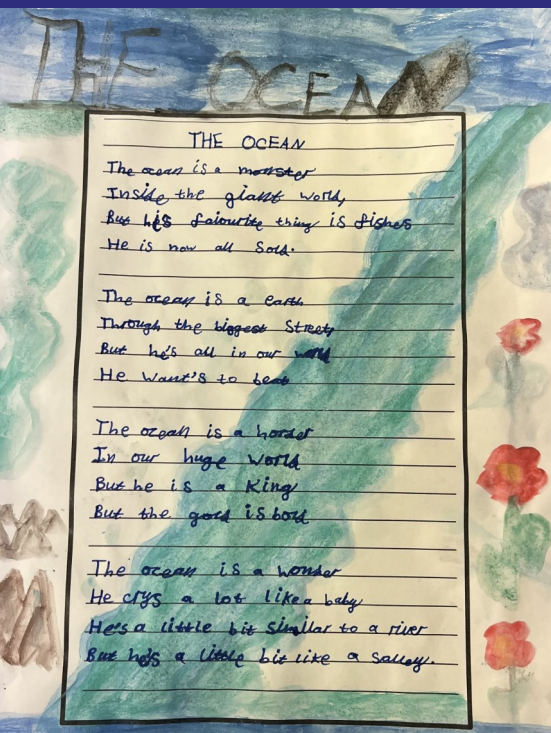
We also had a visitor this week. Jody came to talk to us about children who need support with their hearing. The children got to try on a BAHA, which is similar to other hearing aids but isn't inserted into the ear canal or behind the ear. The children were extremely respectful and sat with great interest.



Here are some poems written by Abeera from Maple class, and Fae and Sham from Juniper class.

The children used watercolours to decorate their paper and then they wrote their poems.

They used metaphor and rhyme in their river, sea and waterfall poems, based on the poem "The River" by Valerie Bloom.



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FOREST SCHOOL



FOREST SCHOOL INITIATIVE



This week at Forest School, the children celebrated with a campfire, songs, hot drinks and toasted marshmallow smores!



FUN AND LEARNING IN THE FOREST!