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Celebrating Achievement and Success for all

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to use this newsletter to stop and reflect on all the amazing things that have happened this half term. The time seems to have whizzed by since we started back in September, but as a school, I feel we have come on a massive journey and achieved so much.

Learning Beyond the Curriculum: Forest School has impacted significantly on our pupils who come to school, armed with their clothing and excited for the next adventure in learning. The weekly Forest School news reflects not only the enjoyment but the enhancement of our school values – resilience, responsibility, risk taking, resourcefulness and respect. Our extra-curricular clubs have also seen a massive uptake and it has been lovely to see the children mixing socially and developing new interests.

Pupil Voice: The PM Pals are fully trained and feel ready to mediate and support children at break times. Our school council is already working hard to promote the value of respect within our school community. They have also used their voice to select the Black History Month poster competition winners – selecting their favourite posters using an agreed criteria. House Captains have put forward their charity suggestions and ideas for curriculum themed days which we will start to plan next term.

Promotion of Reading: Children and parents alike have embraced our new Go Read app and there is now healthy competition within the school to see which class can log the most reading each week! We have started our new phonics scheme in Early Years and Infants and children are engaged in lessons and enjoying the new phonics reading books.

The School Community: It has been lovely to bring the school community back together with our weekly whole school assemblies. Similarly, having parents back on the school site, including for our recent parents' evenings, has dramatically improved links and communication.

I feel privileged to have joined the Speenhamland community and feel incredibly proud of everything we have achieved already. I hope everyone has a restful and happy half term and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st November.

Mrs J Lewry—Headteacher

Infant Schools Football Festival

On Saturday, Speenhamland Fire and Speenhamland Dragons represented Speenhamland at the Infant Schools Football Festival, organised by Thatcham Tornadoes.

This was the first tournament many of the children had participated in and all the staff and parents were really proud of their resilience and resourcefulness.

Each team played 5 games against other schools.

Speenhamland Dragons were against some fierce competition but they kept taking risks and even though they lost 4 games, their win against

St. Finaian's Falcons; four goals to 1 was an outstanding game, where every member of the team worked hard to achieve the win.

Speenhamland Fire, started the tournament with a loss but again their team work and demonstrating their responsibility in the game meant they won their next game against Parsons Down, drew against Thatcham Park and ended the morning with two 4 nil wins against Spurcroft and St Finian's.

At the end of the tournament, all children received a medal and Speenhamland won the Fair Play award for the whole tournament, again showing what respectful children they were in every game.

Well done Speenhamland and thanks to Miss Buckell and Miss Oakham for supporting the children.

Our teams were:

Speenhamland Dragons:

Chloe Flitton, Charlotte Flitton, Emily Opanowicz, Lily Scott and Harley Chandler

Speenhamland Fire:

Zavier Marques, Morgan Waterhouse, Riley Aitken, Ibrahima Diallo and Eddie Jones.

Ibrahima and Xavier said, 'It was fun, we learnt a lot by playing other schools and we were really proud of our Fair Play award.'

Charlotte and Lily said, 'I enjoyed playing other teams and it was good fun to be with our friends.'

It was good that all our players were respectful and we had a trophy.'



NEWSLETTER

This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

Wisteria
Cherry
Oak
Ash
Hawthorn
Juniper
Maple
Acer
Redwood
Cedar
Sport

ACHIEVEMENT

Isaac Still
Abeera Sajid
Eddie Jones
Aarav Shukla
Isla Silva-Robinson
Levi Nagy-Galfi
Emmie West
Harsha Kajan
Rhauandrey Rodrigues De Oliveira
Miranda Raven-Ahmed
Ibrahima Diallo

PSHE

Riley Orme
Jack Baker
Narayani Kashikar
Kinga Drewa
Michal Jankowski
Alex Feltham
Lilly Prins
Berivan Findik
Chloe Parish
Alfie Mabey



Black History Poster Winners

Congratulations to the Black History Poster winners selected by our school council:
Jack Baker (EYFS/Infant), Jasmine Rocha (Lower Juniors), Grace Neale (Upper Juniors)

Food Bank

A big thank you to all the people who have donated to the Food Bank.

Battle of the Bands Tournament

Now that the children have access to TTRS at home, we have set up a Battle of the Bands tournament for over Half Term. The pupils will need to work together to try and get a higher average score than the teachers! Not only will each correct answer count towards the teams score but will also help the children to develop their fluency and recall of multiplication facts.

We will share the result in the first newsletter after Half Term.



HOUSE WINNER

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

1st Laal 189
2nd Verde 157
3rd Zolty 152
4th Azul 138

Once again, Redwood are the runaway winners with 204,634 words read this week. Can any other class stop their winning streak!?

Oak and Acer are tied with the most logged parent reads at home. Come on Wisteria and Ash class - can you beat their totals?

Infants and Reception had an assembly about Newbury Library. We learnt that we can borrow books and there are many activities we can join in with. We are looking forward to our trip to the Library after Half Term. We all took a form to sign up for a free Library card, which will need to be returned directly to Newbury Library.



Attendance

This week's attendance is 92.86% which is down on last week's attendance of 93.16%.

Lates

We currently have several children arriving late. From Monday 1st November, Leadership will note lateness and reasons in an attempt to improve this.

CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

In Wisteria Class this week we have enjoyed participating in a lot of Autumnal fun! We were kindly gifted an enormous pumpkin which we carved and made our very own "Pumpkin soup" out of!



Wisteria enjoyed their dress up/Halloween party.



This week, Redwood class became scientists and completed a fun science experiment looking at which materials were soluble in cold water.

Date	Wednesday 20 th October		
LI	To write effective sentences for an adventure story.		
SC	I can use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces I can use verbs to add detail I can use adjectives to add detail I can include an expanded noun phrase.		
Independent	CG with	1:1 support with	Group/ Peer
	Chunk 1		Chunk 2
	glided	Looped	small
	swooped		tiny
	soared		white
	flapped		brown
	hovered		wooden
	descended		rowing

Suddenly the bird flapped
down and flew Pinccho to his dad.
Pinccho saw Gepetto with
a small boat on it
and orange.

Aarav in Ash class has made a great improvement with his presentation in English.

FoSS Meeting

Tuesday 2nd November, 7.00pm,

A Foss meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd November at 7 pm to check that everything is in place for the Autumn Fair.

It will be great to see new parents at this meeting especially for volunteering for jobs to support set up.

General Information

The Newbury Weekly News' First Class Supplement, which will includes a photo of our Reception Class, will be published next Thursday 28th October.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Due to the extra Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the 3rd July, the school will close for this academic year on Thursday 21st July.