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Newsletter 11th March 2022



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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Monday was a very special start to the week as we welcomed everyone into the hall for our first assembly back together. The theme was International Women's Day and we explored with the children the concept of gender inequality. I was so impressed by the children's behaviour and it was lovely to be reunited back together as a school community.

This week has been another busy one. The children have all received their logins for Firefly and have practiced logging into their personal accounts. Today, they looked at Firefly again to see all the exciting homework challenges that have been set for them by their teachers. There is a lovely range of activities for the children to immerse themselves in and we are hoping this style of homework will engage everyone. We will complete a survey just before Easter to find out both parent and pupil views.

We welcomed two of our governors into school this afternoon as well to meet with parents and collect their views about school in an online survey. If you did not get a chance to meet them, please do use the QR Code below to complete our survey and share your opinions. I am really keen to reflect on your views and look at how we can further improve our school.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

Parent Survey QR CODE



Reminder

Science Week

Science Week will take place from
14th March to the 18th March.

We are looking forward to
seeing parents on
**Friday 18th March from
2.30 pm to 2.50 pm**
to see your children's Science work.



Firefly Launch

Mr McLaughlin will be available in our
IT Suite on **Friday 18th March 2022 between
2.30 and 3.30 pm** for those parents who
would like some assistance with Firefly.

Y2 and Y6 SATs Dates for your Diaries

Y6 SATs will take place 9th May to 12th May
Y2 SATs will be carried out
throughout May.



This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT
Wisteria	Harvey Lawrence
Cherry	Alanna Heller
Oak	Alex Wheeler
Ash	Mia Compton
Hawthorn	Berat Findik
Juniper	Kian-Lee Taylor
Maple	Angie Liu Ngai Ching
Acer	Gabriel Zalari
Redwood	Jana Alharbat
Cedar	Humayra Hussain

	PSHE
	Leo Cordova Valdiviezo
	Rithwik Karira
	Oliver Callow
	Kinga Drewa
	Hrudhay Pillaram
	Lauren Tipler
	Samuel Carvalho De Jesus
	Bella Pounds
	Oscar Wilkes
	Miranda Raven Ahmed

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HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Laal 129
2nd Zolty 118
3rd Verde 102
4th Azul 78

Congratulations to Laal!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 92.28%,
which is slightly down on last week
which was 93.64%.

Let's see if we can improve this

On Monday, Ellie visited us from West Berkshire Council. We learnt all about reduce, reuse, recycle. We sorted out rubbish and recycling and made sure we knew the correct bin to put our waste in. We all made a pledge to waste less and recycle more. We also learnt about the bin lorries and how our recycling is sorted. We learnt that plastic bottles can be recycled and made into fleeces. We all got given a reusable bag with storybook, activity pack and cooking survival kit to take home.

Written by Cherry Class



CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK

This week, Hawthorn class made Roman bread as part of their Roman and DT topic.



In Juniper, Alex has written part of a holiday brochure:

Whilst the temperatures flash up to 34 degrees, the Sicilian sun glitters like golden glitter and the sun is as yellow as a juicy pineapple. The ice blue sky is a fluffy blanket with the caramel sun sat in the middle. Whenever or wherever you are in stunning Sicily, the welcoming weather will whisper "Come and lay in my sunbeams".

Gabi, Anna, Emma & Awstin from Acer Class created a story using the story cubes:-

Once upon a time there was a boy called George who was trying to reach a bottle of milk but he just wasn't tall enough.

George thought that he could use a stool to help him reach the milk. Unfortunately, it snapped in half when he stood on it and he found himself on his bottom!

He noticed the bottle wobbling, hurtling towards him. Dazed and shocked at the idea of the entire bottle of milk heading his way, he flung his hands up to shelter himself from the menacing milk bottle.

Instead of hitting George, the bottle ricocheted off his fingers and struck the burning candle behind him – chaos ensued.

He set his sights on his little sister's twin rag dolls and launched them frantically at the flames licking his mother's favourite red and white gingham table cloth.

George knew that this was bad so he darted to his bedroom and found his money box to begin counting the cost of the repairs.

He had two options; either he tried to make do with the funds he had or tell his parents and beg for mercy.

Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, George spotted an old IKEA table instruction leaflet; grabbing it quickly he scanned the pages in the hope that he would be able to salvage the old stool before his parents returned.

Confidently George located the craft drawer in the kitchen and attempted to glue the stool back together and scooped up mum's burnt table cloth, throwing it over the chair just as mum came in and asked George if he would like a glass of milk with the fresh doughnuts she had just bought. It was time to come clean!



Wisteria Class

This week Wisteria Class started our Science journey this term looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar.

We have 5 caterpillars in our class and we are excited to see them grow.



SPORT NEWS

On Wednesday afternoon 7 junior children travelled to Trinity School to take part in a Hockey tournament. The tournament was played with a friendly atmosphere, which allowed all the pupils to learn new skills and techniques throughout the afternoon. This was our first Hockey tournament in more than 3 years so we were incredibly proud of the team for their performances which resulted in a second place finish.

We also took a group of 9 Lower Junior pupils to Newbury Rugby Club to take part in the West Berkshire Tag Rugby Festival.

We were placed in a group against Francis Baily, Spurcroft, St Finians and Whitelands Park, so we knew each fixture would be a tough test.

We set ourselves a target of scoring 8 tries across the afternoon and getting 15 or more tags in each game. Our children responded brilliantly to the challenge and scored 14 tries and had more than 20 tags in each fixture!

Our girls' football team journeyed to Tilehurst to take part in an exciting football match. The team fought hard against a well-established Long Lane team. Despite losing they showed amazing determination and perseverance with a terrific second half performance. The team supported each other consistently and never gave up. Mrs Neale and I were very proud to be part of the team and thoroughly enjoyed watching.

Well done everyone!



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