



Newsletter

"Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement"



I can do all things through Him who strengthens me

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Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy, happy week at school. Our value of the month is RESPONSIBILITY, and we have had so many children showing us what responsibility means within our school. Our school council have already been busy, and have been talking about projects for the coming term. Romilly said, "I am looking forward to having good meetings and I will help to make the school even better." Isaac said, "We are going to raise money for Harriet. One of our ideas is to have a film night." Mrs Griggs is looking forward to working with such an enthusiastic, committed group of children who have so many fresh ideas about how to support the school and the wider community.



Our first charity event is coming soon; we plan to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning appeal by holding a coffee morning of our own. We would like to invite parents to a coffee morning on Friday **29th September at 9.15** in the school hall. We will provide drinks and would be grateful for cake contributions! The school council will be sending out a letter with more information next week.

What a great start from this year's school council- well done, all of you.

As a school we would like to warmly welcome our new vicar, the Reverend Heather Lowe and her husband, Alan Lowe, who is Associate Minister. As head teachers, we attended the service in St Andrew's Church to welcome them on behalf of our school. They received a very warm reception from the whole village community and we know that they are keen to be involved with the school into the future. Heather has already agreed to join us for our Harvest service, and we look forward to working with her, and with Alan, on a range of projects within school and church.



DAY 10 HAS BEGUN!

We have all been excited to start another Day 10 unit. On Monday, the children learnt more about each of the activities in our assembly...there is a lot to look forward to! We will be doing lots of work on all the values that are so important to us as a school. Already, we have been kind, creative team-players and have shown that growth mind-set which enables us to learn new skills and keep practising even when things don't immediately go as planned. We hope you enjoyed the first set of 'tweeted' photos from our very successful Day 10 session on Wednesday.

We also want to give a special mention to Ella Anderson who had her hair cut and donated it to the 'Little Princesses' charity, who will be using her hair to make wigs for children with cancer.



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 97.1%. Well done to **Willow Class** and **Cherry Blossom** class who had 100%.



Upcoming Events

Monday 18 th September	Reception children staying for lunch, collection at 1.30pm.
Tuesday 19 th September	KS2 cricket
Wednesday 20 th September	Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies- NSPCC
Friday 22 nd September	TATA Steel Triathlon- KS2
Monday 25 th September	Bikeability starts for Year 5 and 6
Monday 25 th September	Reception children start full-time
Tuesday 26 th September	Playmaker training for Year 5
Wednesday 27 th September	Cross country- all KS2
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee morning
Tuesday 3 rd October	NSPCC workshops- Year 5 and 6



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Alyssa Turner for making such an excellent start in EVERY aspect of school life.
- Year 1 – Alexander Stevenson for making a brilliant transition into Year 1 and adapting to the changes really well.
- Year 2 – Jack Read for putting super effort into all his work in school and for being a really helpful member of Maple Class.
- Year 3 – Jack Robertson for writing a beautiful recipe for a Wonka chocolate bar.
- Year 4 – Isaac Lloyd-Uzoegbu for always trying his best, always being resilient and always working hard.
- Year 5 – Luke Pillen for a wonderful piece of descriptive writing about Macbeth's banquet.
- Year 6 – Emma Simpson for engaging in the Macbeth animation and completing clear and detailed notes.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Amelia Kirby-Gale Swimming Award



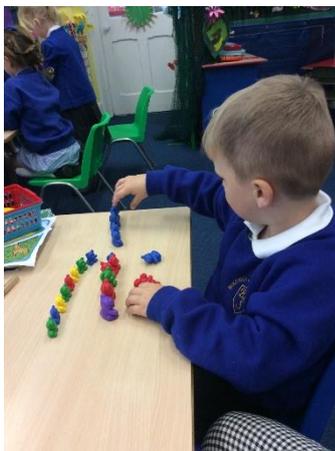
Class News

WILLOW CLASS

What a brilliant week we have had in Reception. The children have all settled in so well. So well in fact that sometimes we forget this is only week 2!

We have been very busy learning new sounds, how to write them and how to build words with them. We have also been practising writing numbers and counting lots of different things around the classroom and the outside area.

We have had our first PE lesson and enjoyed exploring the equipment outside. Furthermore, we have been creating some beautiful pieces of artwork which we are very proud of.



Can we remind everyone that next week the Reception children stay for lunch and pick up is at 1.30 from the side gate.

MAPLE CLASS

The children have all settled really well into the start of the new term and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them. It seems like I have known them for longer than just one week as they have all made me feel really welcome.

This week in Literacy we have started looking at the story *Funnybones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg to coincide with our current theme "Ourselves". So far the children have written their own version of the beginning and the middle.

During Science we have begun our investigations looking at "Ourselves" and our bodies, and had an interesting time looking at the effects of exercise on our bodies, where our organs are and how our sense of hearing works.

In Maths we have continued our work on Number and Place Value and have been looking at the way we write numbers too.

We have explored different ways of moving in PE and linked it into what happens to our bodies after exercise.

Additionally we had a fantastic art session where we learnt about the way to draw our faces with all the parts of face in proportion and in the right place, the children were amazing and their artwork will be continued to be worked on over the next few weeks.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

The children have been working really hard to learn all of the new routines for Year 3 and 4. I can't believe how grown up they all look and behave – it is going to be a fantastic year.

In Literacy this week, we have started our first genre of writing. The children have been looking at Greek Myths and thinking about what needs to be included. Year 4 have been making links to their learning from last year about Roman Myths; very reflective and resourceful. We had a little break from Greek Myths on Wednesday because it was Roald Dahl Day. The children designed their own chocolate bars and then wrote a recipe for them. They are in the process of writing their recipes up ready to be displayed in the classroom, they will look amazing when they're all finished.

In Maths, we have been looking at place value, addition and subtraction. Everybody has been using a number line to add and subtract which will help them when working out sums that are more of a challenge. We have also been finding the perimeter of shapes.



Our first topic lesson involved maps. We needed to find out where Greece was in the world and what the capital city is. The children worked together in pairs and it was so lovely to see them helping and supporting each other. They all managed to find Greece much quicker than I did.

We had our first RE lesson this week as well. The children were thinking about our class symbol, Light. They had to think of words/phrases and pictures to describe what light means to them. Everybody was very thoughtful in their responses.

OAK CLASS

We have continued to study the story of Macbeth and have enjoyed acting out Act 3 scene 4, when Banquo's ghost appears at



the banquet. This drama work has helped us immerse ourselves in this scene and convert this play script into a descriptive piece of writing. We challenged ourselves to include: fronted adverbials, dialogue, relative and subordinate clauses in this work. In addition we started the picture book 'Tuesday' which will lead to journalistic writing.



In maths 'The Oaks' have been thinking about place value, rounding numbers and counting forward and backwards in powers of 10 as well as investigating 3d shapes.

We have begun our RE focus by identifying and describing the work of different charities. We have also thought about the unfairness in the world and identify what could be done to address this. In PSHE we have begun to consider our feelings in different situations and identified coping mechanisms and strategies we can put in place.

We have begun our science topic with much discussion! During the lesson we classified animals depending on their common characteristics, discussed why some animals differ depending on the continent they live on and also looked at microorganisms and their place in the world.

On Friday we will work Mrs Ettridge to complete some more wonderful pieces of art work. The children worked so hard last week interpreting the Trinity and this work is now displayed in our classroom.

We are already looking forward to another busy week,

Yours,

S.Ettridge and V.Bull