



# Newsletter

*“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement”*



I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. PSALMS 32:8

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been such an active week for all of our children! Last Friday we were so proud of the sportsmanship and resilience shown by all of our Key Stage 2 children as they completed the Tata ‘Kids of Steel’ Triathlon. They have also run in the cross country competition, running against children from a number of local schools. Ethan, our sport captain, has done a write-up on these events later on in the newsletter.



Our older children also completed Level 1 and 2 of ‘Bikeability’, which is so important in helping our children to understand how to ride their bikes confidently and safely on the roads. We were proud that they achieved Level 1 and 2, and they impressed the instructors with their listening skills and commitment to improve.



Playmakers training was completed by all Year 5 children on Tuesday. Rob, the instructor, was full of compliments for the excellent behaviour and the positive attitude of all our children.

As well as great sporting success we have also shown our commitment to raising money for charity. The school council organised the coffee morning for Macmillan, and we want to thank everyone for their time and generosity- and we are so grateful to all those who contributed cakes.

**“I feel the School Council have had a really big responsibility and I fell really honoured to have helped to organise the coffee morning” – Isla Harvey, Year 6**

## CHRISTMAS CARDS!

The children have created beautiful cards, which we will be sending off to the card company next week. Your child’s cards will be printed with their name on the back, and need to be paid for on Monday if you wish us to have them printed. A letter has been sent home, and we want to confirm that the cards are on sale on Monday from 3.10pm. We request cheques- but if you want to pay with cash it must be the exact amount.



## HARVEST

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents, carers and grandparents to our Harvest Service on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am in the school hall. We will all be performing songs, poems and prayers and we hope you will enjoy celebrating Harvest with us. We welcome all offers of harvest produce, which can be taken to the school hall on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Any Harvest Boxes will be delivered around the village afterwards and all other food will be taken to Corby Food Bank. There will be a collection for Harriet Auma on the door. We sponsor her education in Uganda, and this will start off this year's fund for her.

**If anyone would like to write a prayer for Harvest, please send it in on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October and we will read them in assemblies throughout the week. We will also choose some to read in our Harvest Festival. We do request that they are written neatly so that we can put them on display.**

Thank you all again for your support, and we look forward to another enjoyable week.

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



### Upcoming Events

4<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest assembly at 9.30 am

10<sup>th</sup> October- Parents Evening, 4.30-7.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> October- Parents Evening, 3.40-5.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> October- Y5,6 meeting about residential, 3.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> October- Individual School photographs



### Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Barnaby Marsden-Findlay for working so hard and with such enthusiasm ... always with a smile on his face.
- Year 1 – Pip Whorrell for always being ready to learn and for contributing to class discussions.
- Year 2 – Asher Hodson for putting great effort into singing practice and for setting a good example for behaviour in the class.
- Year 3 – Oliver Combrink for a thoughtful and beautifully presented Diary Entry.
- Year 4 – Evie Stanley for being a times table whizz !
- Year 5 – Teddy Westwood for a true act of kindness. Well done for immediately helping out and supporting a friend.
- Year 6 – Freddie Harrow for a fabulous write up of the Banquo banquet scene in Macbeth.



### Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 96.8%.



### **WILLOW CLASS**

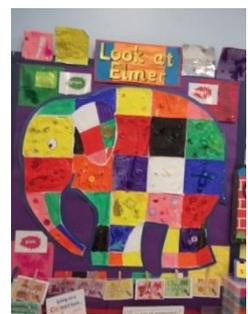
We have had another amazing week in Reception! All the children have taken staying for full days in their stride but we have all been getting rather tired! This week the children have been working hard counting and finding 3 different things. We have also been using the sounds we have learned to spell different words and have a go at writing them. What a clever bunch they are. We have done some writing in our Literacy books, and we have all tried to write 'I am....' We have also learnt to read and write the word 'Look'.



We have also joined year 1 and 2 for a great science afternoon. The children took part in lots of different activities finding out more about our bodies and the signs of Autumn around the school.



We have also been doing lots of lovely worked linked to our favourite colours and we have created a truly magnificent Elmer the Elephant in our classroom. We have also finished the rainbow for our Noah's Ark...now it just needs the animals to go in two by two!



## MAPLE CLASS

This week the children have been enjoying a new book during Literacy this week, *The Bog Baby* by Jeanne Willis. We have been writing from a different characters view point and practising using nouns, adjectives and adverbs. We also made our own Bog Babies out of clay and natural materials found in the Bug Garden. The children were very creative and I was very impressed with their resourcefulness. In Maths we have continued to look at number, addition and subtraction and related facts.

In Science we have continued our investigations based on ourselves, learning about the effects of exercise on the heart, where our organs are in body, how our hearing works, what a healthy balanced meal and lunch box consist of and seasonal changes in our environment.

In art this week we will begin to look at the artist Mackenzie Thorpe and the children will have the opportunity to create artwork in his style.

We have also been busy practising our song for the Harvest Festival and are looking forward to sharing it with you all.

## CHERRY BLOSSOM

We have had another fun-packed, busy week at school. Last week, we had the TATA Steel event. We had a fantastic time. The children were so well behaved, they showed determination and they had fun. Thank you to the parents who were able to support us and those that came along to watch.



We have finished our Greek Myth topic this week. The children have done a warm write of their own version of King Midas and the Golden Touch. I am really looking forward to reading them and I know that the children put a lot of effort into them.

In Maths, we have been practising our time tables. Year 9 have been looking at different techniques to help them remember the 9 X table, while Year 3 have been revising their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. They have been thinking about the key facts they need to know (e.g. 1 X 2, 5 X 2 and 10 X 2) which then help them to work out the rest of the tables more easily and much quicker.

In RE, our topic is considering what Christians do in the world that make a difference. We started off by thinking about different people in our lives who care for us and what they do to show it. The children had some really thoughtful ideas. They then had to think about the things that they do to show they care for other people. We linked this to our School Value of Kindness.

For our topic lesson this week, the children had to put themselves into the shoes of a Spartan boy. We read a short story about what it was like to grow up as a Spartan and made comparisons to our lives now. The children then had to write a diary entry about being taught to steal in order to survive. We focused on using emotive language to encourage the children to understand how young people in Ancient Greece would have felt.

This week, we competed in the Cross Country competition. It was such a wonderful event to watch. The children really did try their best, everyone had a go, nobody gave up and all of them were smiling at the end of it. I am so proud of them all.



## OAK CLASS

On Wednesday we went to Corby to take part and support our peers in the cross country event. The children enjoyed this and there was a real fighting and supportive spirit across the key stage.

The children have all enjoyed their Bikeability training this week and have come away more aware about the responsibilities of riding a bicycle as well as developing their cycling proficiency.

Year 5 excelled during their Playmaker training, demonstrating sportsmanship, leadership and initiative. Pacesetters commented on their excellent behaviour and manners.

The children were made to work hard during PE this week, we took part in the NSPCC workout challenge. All the children completed 4 activities which raised their heart rate and made them sweat! They all now have a signed completed sheet that can be used when they collect any sponsor money. I am sure they are looking forward to next week's PE already!

We have looked at relative clauses in more detail and the children have started another comprehension and SPaG rotation this week. In literacy we have relooked at the Banquo ghost scene and have worked in pairs to celebrate and improve our work before writing up a final version. We relooked at SPaG and arithmetic questions which we completed last week; to discuss and work through misconceptions and mistakes.

Year 6 children have completed addition and subtraction questions using negative numbers. The children have all worked hard to complete their Christmas cards in preparation for next weeks viewing.

## TATA Steel

It was a really fun event. It was great to see all of Key Stage 2 run, bike and swim. None of them gave up. We got a given a t-shirt and a medal at the end of it. Well done everybody.

Ethan  
Sports Captain

## Cross Country

All of Key Stage 2 took part in the Cross Country event. Each year group ran a race against up to 7 different schools. In Year 6, Connie A came 2<sup>nd</sup>, I came 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Year 5, Connie H came first. In Year 4, Oscar came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hattie came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Eliza came 4<sup>th</sup>. Everybody else ran really well and did our school very proud.

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