



Newsletter

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



I am with you always' MATTHEW 28:20

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed another successful week at school and we have enjoyed sharing your children's successes with you at our Parents' Evenings this week. Thank you to everyone who attended; we feel that the children have had such a positive start to this academic year, and have already achieved so much.

Sports Crew

In Year 5/6, the Sports Crew have been working alongside Mrs Ranson and Mrs Griggs. They have used the new equipment, which was funded from the Northamptonshire Healthy Child Project, to create playtime activities that the whole school can enjoy.

They had their first session this week and it was a great success. Many children joined in from all different year groups and had fun. The Sports Crew worked well to support the younger children and made it enjoyable for everybody. Our Sports Captain, Ethan Pike, worked with the Sports Crew as well.



Remembrance



We will be commemorating this very special event on November 10th this year, and we hope to include a visit to the church as part of our Remembrance. We have all painted beautiful poppy stones, and if anyone else in your family would like to add a poppy stone to our collection, please ask Mrs Ettridge. We hope you enjoy the display of poppy stones on the bank at the front of the school.



Next term's arrangements

After half term, there will be a slight change to the teaching arrangements in Key Stage 2. Miss Kirby will teach her four days in Year 5, 6 and Mrs Bull will teach Monday in Year 5, 6 and Tuesday in Year 3, 4. We feel that this offers better continuity to all children.

Thank you...

Thank you very much to Steve Harvey, who gave his time to give some valuable information about the secondary school application process. It was much appreciated by everyone.

Maths Champions

This week we have announced our Maths Champions, and we want to say **WELL DONE** to the following children who have worked so hard and done so well in their Maths work this half term. A selection of their work is on display in the entrance corridor, and you are welcome to take a look.

RECEPTION- Erin

YEAR 1- Pip

YEAR 2- Charlotte

YEAR 3- Freya

YEAR 4- Isaac

YEAR 5- Raphi

YEAR 6- Sophie E



Thank you to everyone for working so hard this week,

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

18.10.17- Individual School photos

18.10.17- 7.30pm- PFA AGM in the school hall

19.10.17- PFA school disco

20.10.17- Finish for half term

30.10.17- School training day

- Year 5 and 6 children leave for school residential

3.11.17- Year 5/6 return from Norfolk Lakes



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 95%.



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Cubby Ash for being a happy learner and trying really hard with every task he starts and persevering until he has finished.
- Year 1 – Teo Trbojevic for setting a fantastic example for behaviour and for beginning to join in class discussions.
- Year 2 – Charlotte Saunders for being such a kind and helpful member of Maple class and for always putting in great effort.
- Year 3 – Emi McGuire for her amazing ideas when writing a Kenning.
- Year 4 – Bethany Clark for a massive change in her attitude towards school and for always being helpful.
- Year 5 – Gabriel Hales-Macdonald for engaging himself in multiplication work, improving his understanding and sharing his answers in class.
- Year 6 – Lauren Hunter for her amazing maths work. She has shown so much determination and is challenging her own learning.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Asher and Elias Hodson who have both achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 4.

Thank you for sharing your home achievements with us.



WILLOW CLASS

In Reception, we have focussed on number 5 this week. We have been singing lots of songs, counting up to 5, back from 5 and spending 5 pennies in the Baker's Shop!

We have also been creating number pictures.

The children rolled a dice to choose a number and then created a picture with that number of things on it.

We have also had our first Day 10. The children all really enjoyed joining the rest of the school to think about different values.



Alyssa and Darcey were learning a new skill. *"I enjoyed making my bracelet," said Alyssa and Darcey.* Jude was looking at different inspirational sayings. *"I enjoyed being with the older boys and girls," said Jude.* Anna was being reflective. *"I enjoyed making an owl picture," said Anna.*



It has also been TOY DAY! We brought our favourite toys to school and they had lots of fun joining with us for a full range of activities. They were very impressed with their clever owners!

MAPLE CLASS

We have had another busy week in Maple Class.

In Literacy the children have been writing their own version of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, with their own characters. They were using writing descriptively about their animal and then making lists of the foods that their animal ate.

In Maths in year 2 we have been learning shapes and their properties. We also investigated lines of symmetry and made a symmetrical butterfly as a group. In year 1 we have been investigating doubling and took our learning outdoors and found practical ways to help us understand doubling.

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 our skeleton looks like, what a healthy balanced meal and lunch box consist of and seasonal changes in our environment.



Making double four, outside with stones.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

In Maths this week, we have continued looking at fractions. Year 3 have been finding fractions of amounts and then adding fractions with the same denominator. Year 4 have carried on finding non-unit fractions of amounts – I think we have finally cracked it!

In Literacy, we have been doing Kenning Poems. The children came up with some fantastic ideas for describing a mobile telephone – I was so impressed. Some examples: A music-player, a memory maker, a word traveller, a photo taker, a money waster.

In Art, we have carried on designing and painting our own Greek pots. Most of them are finished and they are being proudly displayed in the classroom.

In RE, we read the story of the Good Samaritan. We were reflecting on what the story teaches us and how we should consider our actions more carefully. The children then came up with their own interpretation of the story using drama. There were some very thoughtful performances.



OAK CLASS

The children have written their first draft of their newspaper report this week, they were able to discuss the various features necessary and implement these. They used appropriate report language and the correct layout and next week will edit and write a final copy.

In maths we continued with our work on shape, identifying properties and trying to draw and name the various shape depending on the properties listed. We have completed multiplication questions using the formal written method and all the children have had a go at empty box questions which has challenged their maths thinking.

In science we continue to monitor our bread to check the mould! The children have discussed how the order of animals can change depending on external inhibitors such as: environment and food. From this the class wrote reasons as to why and how certain animals become endangered.



We have continued to use our understanding about longitude and latitude to find different locations on a world map. We also calculated the local time in cities using our knowledge about time differences.



In RE we have looked at the work of two religious charities involved in global poverty issues and made links between their religious beliefs and the work of these organisations.