



Newsletter

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



Hatred stirs up conflict but love covers all wrongs. PROVERBS 10:12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed a successful week in school, and this week we have felt proud to share our school with other head teachers and the director and deputy director of the Peterborough Diocese. We have taken great pride in developing our unique and creative Day 10 curriculum, and other schools are keen to adopt a similar approach, having seen its success here. We shared our Day 10 afternoon, and enjoyed reflecting on all that Day 10 has contributed to our school over the years. We want to thank all our children, and particularly those who spoke so confidently to our visitors- Connie, Seth, Emma, Elise, Romilly, Emi, Lily and Luke. We had so much positive feedback from everyone, and we think we have encouraged others to embrace this creative approach to the curriculum.

We have had more creative outcomes from Day 10 this week. We have created a range of settings to stimulate descriptive writing, and we have created our own 'Gruffalo' characters using the text of Julia Donaldson, rather than copying the artwork of Axel Scheffler.

'Oh help, oh no! It's a Gruffalo...'



Coming soon...PANCAKE DAY!

We are aware that Pancake Day falls in our half-term holiday, so we will be enjoying our annual Pancake Day celebration on the first Tuesday back after the holiday.

EGGS...OF AN UNUSUAL VARIETY

After discovering 'dinosaur' eggs in our bug garden last week, the whole school has been enjoying the excitement of our Reception class, as they look after the eggs and anticipate the 'hatching'. All the children have embraced this fun and exciting experience, and they have done so much wonderful writing and creative work as a result.



We want to thank all those families who looked after the eggs in their homes. We have made a class book about the experience and look forward to sharing it with you soon.



LOGO UP-DATE

Part of our 'School and Village Community' Day 10 project was to ask our children to contribute ideas for a re-design of our logo. Our aim is to design a logo that reflects our school identity, and we have involved children, parents, teachers and governors in the design process. We hope to share our new design soon. We want to say a huge thank you to Tracey Sharp who has helped us so much with this important project.



S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 97%. Well done to **Willow** class who had the highest attendance at 99%.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Darcey Hunt for being a superstar at Gymnastics with Premier Sport
Congratulations to Louie Robertson for completing his Pony Club E test
Bravo to Ethan Means for getting the WMSSC Schools Out Trophy



Upcoming Events

- 20th February – Parents Evening
- 21st February – Parents Evening
- 24th February – Brigstock PFA Curry Night



Sports Crew Superstars – w/c 29.01.2018

Bethany for being kind to the younger children in her group and cheering everybody

Lola for not giving up and believing in herself.

Freddie and Milo because they helped each other and showed good teamwork.

Rio because he didn't stop, he was determined to finish.

Sophie Owen for believing she could do it!



Day 10 Quiz Winners

Emma Tetley, Sophie Ettridge and Katie Webster



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

Reception – Barnaby Marsden-Findlay for some amazing writing about pirate ships and dinosaurs, using his phonics to sound out some really long words

Cubby Ash for working so well with others, and making such good improvements in all areas

Year 1 – Alexander Stevenson for working so hard in literacy and for having pride in his work

Year 2 – Brayden Wilson for putting so much effort into his maths and literacy and for also completing work at home to support his learning

Year 3 – Freya Dowling for dedication and determination towards her Maths work

Year 4 – Evie Stanley for her brilliant ideas when describing a character

Year 5 – Luke Pillen for his excellent answers in comprehension work, clear and detailed, well done

Year 6 – Oscar Hunt for bringing together the information he gathered to create an engaging and informative non chronological paragraph

E-Safety Corner

With so many children now accessing social media sites, the attached article from the BBC about the growth in under-age use of social media may be of interest.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-42153694>



WILLOW CLASS

In Willow class this week, the children have had great fun doing lots of problem solving.

The first problem we had to solve was a challenge from the pirates! We found a pirate chest in the classroom full of pirate treasure. The pirates wondered if their treasure was too heavy to go in their ship, so we had to find out if it would sink the ship. It did! Every time!



Our next problem was finding out which things were heavier or lighter than us. The children used lots of different weighing scales to find out which things were heavier or lighter.



The children then found a pile of parcels in the classroom that a postman had dropped and used our weighing skills to work out which parcels were heavy and which ones were light. The children found out that it didn't matter if the parcels were big or small because big parcels could be light and small, tiny parcels could be really heavy.

Our next challenge was to try and find something in the classroom that weighed exactly the same as 10 cubes and make the weighing scales balance. Ren, Jude, Lillie-Mae and Erin completed this challenge and made the scales balance!



Our final challenge and probably the MOST exciting challenge of the week was that we had to look after some dinosaur eggs! Big Foot visited our school last week and lost some dinosaur eggs in our Bug Garden.

The children have been very busy looking after the eggs very carefully, keeping them warm and safe so that they will hatch soon.

In our class museum, the children have continued to write for many different reasons, creating labels, tickets, booklets and even a letter written by Alyssa telling us to look out for something else important that Big Foot has lost. The children have also really enjoyed investigating the fossils with magnifying glasses, creating rubbing and their own drawings.



MAPLE CLASS

This week in Literacy the children have been looking at the Julia Donaldson story Monkey Puzzle. They have been thinking about rhyming words and question marks, both of which feature in the story. They have also been writing their own version of the story substituting different animals that have similar features to the monkey.

In Maths we have been looking at multiplication and division and have used practical objects to help work out problems.

The children have continued to work hard in science and have enjoyed learning about animals, their habitats, their structure and what they eat.

We have also been focussing on some grammar, in particular the suffix "ed" and how we use the past tense. The children have all worked very hard and we are very proud of them.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

We have had another eventful week. On Monday, we had a visitor from Anglian Water who spoke to the children about being 'Water wise'. We did a few investigations to see how we could save water and the children learnt about how water is cleaned. We also talked about sewerage and what happens to everything we put down our toilets and sinks. We were shocked to find out that we waste up to 23 litres of water when leaving the tap on to brush our teeth!



In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing by ten – the children have been working hard to understand that if we know what 2×3 , we know what 20×3 is and what 200×3 is. Some children found this quite tricky because they aren't secure in their knowledge of times tables – please keep practising them at home.

We explored Norman castles in History this week. We learnt all about Motte and Bailey Castles and what makes them special. The children wrote their own information leaflet about Norman Castles which describes the different areas. Their illustrations were great as well.

OAK CLASS

In literacy we have started our new unit on non-chronological reports. After a cold write we looked at an example and thought about the planning format that would be needed to create an engaging and informative piece of writing. We then used information about aspects of China to plan and create our own paragraphs. This required the children to think about using complex sentences through incorporating relative and subordinate clauses and using the passive voice. We have continued with comprehension work and our SPaG focus has been to punctuate and set out dialogue accurately.

In maths we have identified the prime numbers in a 100 square and have been working with multiples, factors, prime factors and composite numbers.



In science we had a visitor this week. Richard from Anglian Water came into show the children the water cleaning process and involve them in a number of practical activities. The children were all enthralled by the morning and perhaps will not look at water the same way again.



We have enjoyed listening to each others 'China Learning Logs' – well done for all your hard work. Our drumming session on Tuesday was again a highlight for the week; some of the rhythms are becoming more complicated!