



Newsletter

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



We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us.' ROMANS 12:6-7

Friday 6th October 2017

Issue 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

HARVEST

We all enjoyed our Harvest celebration and we are very proud of the way our children performed. We were also so pleased to perform our 'Song for Brigstock' for everyone and we hope that you all enjoyed this very special song. Well done again to Lily, Isaac and Elliot for writing such beautiful lyrics, and thank you to Paul Rogers and the Brigstock Historical Society for making this happen for our school. Thank you to everyone who brought in harvest produce- we have delivered around the village and also to the Corby Food Bank. Heather Lowe, the vicar, said how much she enjoyed sharing Harvest with us, and she was so impressed with the children and how well they performed.

It felt like such a lovely celebration of our school, and it was lovely to share it with so many parents.



We also collected £46.30 for Harriet Auma in Uganda- thank you all for contributing to her education.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to everyone who helped to sell our card designs and to all those of you who supported the school by buying them! We have raised £134.50, and we hope that you will all enjoy sending these cards for Christmas. The card company have guaranteed us that the cards will be returned by the end of November.

WRITING CHAMPIONS

This week we have celebrated our first 'Writing Champions', and their work is proudly displayed in the hall. We hope that you will have a look next week at parents' evenings.

Reception- Alyssa Turner

Year 1- Romilly Sharp

Year 2- Ethan Cloono

Year 3- Jack Robertson

Year 4- Hattie Andrews

Year 5- Connie Harvey

Year 6- Connie Andrews



NSPCC

This week, the NSPCC followed up their assembly with some workshops for our Year 5 and 6 children. The children talked about ways to stay happy and safe and they impressed our visitor with their thoughtful responses during the session.



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

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

10th October - Parents Evening, 4.30-7.30pm

11th October - Parents Evening, 3.40-5.30pm

12th October - Y5,6 meeting about residential, 3.30pm

18th October - School photographs
- PFA AGM at 7.30pm

19th October- PFA Fancy dress disco



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

Reception – Lillie-Mae Seaton for listening really carefully at all times and creating an amazing repeating pattern independently

Year 1 – Emily Smith for all her efforts in our Harvest Festival.

Year 2 – Alaina Huggins for working hard in maths and literacy.

Year 3 – Olivia Eyre for trying really hard to use joined up handwriting.

Year 4 – Ethan Means for putting so much energy and enthusiasm into the Harvest performance.

Year 5 – Alexa Brownlee for her independent and self-directed work and for being so focussed and determined in all she does.

Year 6 – Elliot Lloyd-Uzoegbu for fabulous ideas when focussing on the battle scene in Macbeth; using a range of imagery techniques.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Elias and Asher, who completed the final military Mud Run of the 2017 series.

Well done to Jack Wise who completed a 5 km Bubble Run.

Congratulations to Emma Tetley who achieved her Level 2 Gymnastics.

Well done to Raphi Harrow for attaining numerous 1st, 2nd and 3rd dance awards including a distinction.

Congratulations to Milo, Max and Archie Cosgrove for completing the Uventure run.

Thank you for sharing your home achievements with us.



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 93.4%.

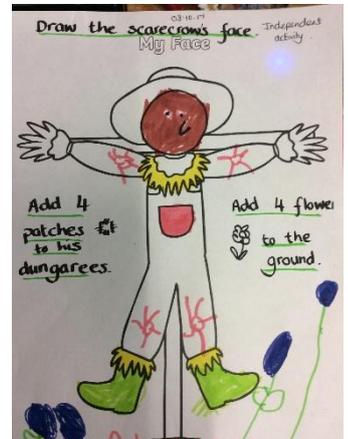
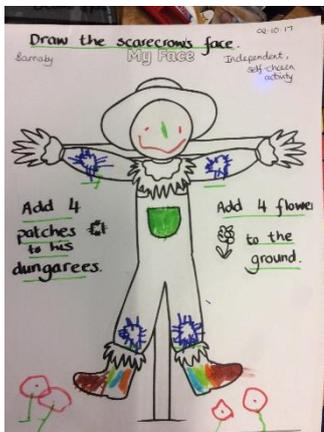


WILLOW CLASS

This week in Reception, we have been exploring what Harvest is and what it means. We have looked at different ways we can see signs that it is Harvest time around Brigstock and explored the things that are harvested at this time.

We have also been practising hard for our first assembly. We hope you all enjoyed our performance. We really enjoyed performing for you.

In maths, we have been looking at the number 4 and repeating patterns. We found lots of things around the classroom and outside to make rep



MAPLE CLASS

We have had another busy week in Maple Class. The highlight has to be our performance of our song for the Harvest Festival: Harvest Samba. The children did brilliantly and we are very proud of them as we are sure you are if you were able to be at the Harvest Festival.

In Literacy the children have been writing a recount of building a clay bog baby in the bug garden last week and we are very impressed with the quality of their writing.

In Maths we have been learning about position and directions and had fun doing this in a practical way in the playground. We were making sure we understood left, right, forwards, backwards, whole turn, half turn, a quarter turn and a three quarter turn.

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.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

Another busy week has passed and the children have been working super hard, as always. In Maths, we have started looking at fractions. Year 3 are finding fractions of a set amount of objects. Year 4 are finding equivalent fractions. The children have been trying really hard to remember the words 'denominator' and 'numerator'... ask them to see how we remember which one is which!

In Literacy, we have moved on to writing Limericks. This has been so much fun and the children have enjoyed creating their own. We are making our own 'Book of Limericks' which you will be able to enjoy at Parents Evening.



In topic, we made comparisons between the Ancient Greece Olympics and our Modern Olympics. The children were surprised to see how many sports we still do now although many were disappointed to discover we no longer do chariot racing.

OAK CLASS

This week the children have been working on their reports about flying frogs! They have continued to use a variety of open and closed questions and used their knowledge of direct and reported speech within this. They had to imagine they were police officers and write a report about the unusual events, their language and imagination was wonderful to read. The children have completed their write up of the Banquo ghost scene. They have worked in pairs to create a series of words and phrases about the battle between Macbeth and Macduff and have used these notes to complete a warm write. This has allowed them to show their ability to engage the reader using a range of writing techniques.

In Maths the children were set a cube challenge, they had to create a cube using 27 little cubes. They have 9 colours, 3 of each colour and had to ensure that when they were constructing it they only had one colour on each face. They raced against the clock and did an amazing job. It was interesting to watch the various systematic approaches that were taking place. Calculations has been another focus this week and we have completed addition, subtraction and multiplication questions. It has been lovely to the children develop their reasoning and problems solving skills.

In science we have begun to look at microorganisms, this excited the class due to the disgusting nature! We looked closely at bacteria, fungi and viruses and the differences between them. As a class, we set up a science experiment to watch bacteria grow on bread. A slice was passed around the class, I can't go into detail about what is on it now, but it isn't pleasant!

Their core strength and co-ordination skills were put to the test this week in PE. The children had a number of different activities they had to do which focussed on various muscles in the body.