



Newsletter

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



The Lord gives wisdom. PROVERBS 2:6

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Issue 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and happy half term, and we have been so proud of the achievements of our children. We want to say thank you to everyone who has supported us this term, and we feel that we have had so much to celebrate already. There is a lot to look forward to after the holiday, and we know that our Year 5 and 6 children will be very excited about their residential visit which takes place in the first week back. They will need to be at school at **10.45am**, and will need a **packed lunch** for the journey. Can we please remind all other parents that Monday 30th October is a training day, so other year groups will return to school on **Tuesday, October 31st**.

DAY 10

Our Day 10 unit has been so valuable in raising the profile of our school values. Our children have really enjoyed working in their mixed-age groups and have once again impressed us with their creativity and enthusiasm. We have created our creatures for the school hall and we have also reinforced the importance of team-work, kindness and commitment within our school day.



DIWALI

All of the children enjoyed our Diwali celebrations this week. We have learnt the story of Rama and Sita, and groups of children shared what they have learnt in a special assembly this week. Thank you to the Robertson family who once again provided us with some lovely resources to use in our classes.



AMAZING ARTWORK

We have had so much amazing artwork completed this term. Well done to Art Club for their commitment this term. We are all very excited about their Advent Window creation which is underway already... please put 6th December in your diaries!

We have also had some beautiful pictures created in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 which are being displayed in the corridors and classrooms. Look out for the wonderful work linked to the artist 'Mackenzie Thorpe'; we have been painting our families in his style. Instead of painting accurate portraits we have used animals to represent our brothers and sisters and we think they look amazing.



SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you to everyone who supported the school disco this week. The PFA organised such a fun event for our children, and we are so grateful to them. We raised £201.20, and the children had a great evening. As always we want to give a special thank you to Rosy Briggs who supports every event in our school, and always runs such a fabulous raffle- thank you so much, Mrs Briggs!



Thank you to everyone for working so hard this week,

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

30th October- Year 5 and 6 leave for Norfolk Lakes

30th October- Training day; school closed.

31st October- School re-opens

8th November- PFA meeting at 7.30pm, in the Green Dragon



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 97.7%. Well done to **Willow** class who had 99.3%



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

Reception – Willow Long for great listening and recall of the Diwali story, being really kind and sharing nicely and using her phonics during different activities around the classroom

Year 1 – Charles Nall for putting in great effort to his writing.

Year 2 – Cass Fraser for always being ready to learn.

Year 3 – Jamie Keyworth for giving new things a go and being a resourceful learner.

Year 4 – Emma Hales-Macdonald for being a confident learner and not being afraid to have a go!

Year 5 – Tallulah Marsden-Findlay for her confidence and success in division work this week.

Year 6 – Charlotte Davies for her engaging descriptive work which incorporated the necessary features.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

DOUBLE WELL DONE to Eliza Fincher for her cross country award AND for winning the Kingswood Planet Bounce competition.

Well done to Maple Class for the best class participation for the NSPCC.



WILLOW CLASS

This week we have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu and Sikh festival of lights. The children have been inspired by the story of Rama and Sita and created beautiful tea light holders, lanterns, Rangoli patterns and Mendhi patterns.



We also dressed up in some traditional clothes and made some traditional foods. "We put mango, yogurt and milk in the mixer," said Barnaby and Katie. "I liked tasting the Mango Lassi. It was smooth and yummy," said Alyssa. "The coconut sweet was yum," said Jayden. "I loved the rice. It was nice and warm," said Barnaby. All the children loved smelling the spices and grinding them up.



MAPLE CLASS

This week the children have been learning about Diwali and making some Rangoli patterns which were shown during our Diwali assembly on Thursday. They really thought carefully about making the patterns beautifully colourful.

In Literacy we have been continuing our work on The Tiger Who Came to Tea and the children have done lots of writing based around planning an imaginary party for their own character to come to. They have been writing invitations, thank you letters and RSVP letters. They were very creative about what funny things might have happened at the party with their own characters.

In Maths we have continued with looking at addition and subtraction and the relationship between the two.

In Science we have finished 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. The children have been able to tell us all about how we keep healthy and look after ourselves.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

We have had a great last week of term. Our main focus this week has been Diwali. The children have learnt about why Hindu's celebrate Diwali and all the different things that happen during the 5 day festival of light. They have also had the opportunity to have a go at some of the activities. We wrote our own Diwali acrostic poem, created our own lanterns, made our own Diya lamps and coloured in Rangoli patterns. We were very grateful to Jack's dad who was able to bring in some candles and other things all the way from India – thank you!



In Literacy, we have been looking at information texts. We started by thinking about facts and opinions then moved on to using a glossary. This involved using a dictionary which was a challenge! We have also identified the features of an information text.

In Maths, Year 4 have been using column addition to help them when adding 3 and 4 digit number. Year 3 have been adding 2 digit numbers mentally and using resources to support their learning.



OAK CLASS

This week the children finished writing their newspaper reports, they have worked really hard on this topic and they were a pleasure to read. They have developed a personal style and incorporated many relevant features. Their ideas and characters were very imaginative and through their writing developed a personality.

Finishing 2d and 3d shape the children investigated constructing and drawing them. They were applying their knowledge of the properties and creating shapes which matched the criteria. The 3d drawing proved tricky but all the children were resilient and persevered.

In science we wrote up the bread investigation, the children were both intrigued and disgusted by the mould that had grown and have vowed to wash their hands! We also looked at fungi, bacteria and virus and the diseases they are attributed to, again some of the children couldn't help but look while others were too disgusted.