



Newsletter

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



Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. PSALM 37:4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed a hard-working week at school, with so much good work going on in the classrooms. In our assemblies, we have had a strong focus on behaving in the right way. We began by confirming all the things that we should say 'no' to, and followed this up by thinking about all the positive behaviour that we should value and encourage. Our school council did an assembly for the whole school, and they have planned a Learning Log homework to ask everyone to consider how we can encourage everyone to behave in the right way within the school. This will be sent home over half term, and we look forward to seeing some creative outcomes which will be displayed around the school.

Jay is a committed member of the school council, and he was keen to share a few more details...

"Our school council did an assembly about friendship that we planned together and with Mrs Griggs. We talked about kindness and we will be looking for kindness on the playground. We also talked about having a worry box and if anyone has a worry you can put your name into the box and someone on the school council will come and talk to you. Isla shared a prayer at the end and it reminded everyone to be kind to each other."



SPORT UP-DATE

Sports Crew have been busy doing lots of activities on the playground to improve playtimes. Mrs Ransom has been working with our Sports Crew each week and she has been very pleased with their positive approach. We have also been very impressed with how well the children have been organising games. Emma, Raphi, Tallulah and Connie tell us more...

"At Sports Crew we have been organising lots of activities including relay races, and obstacle courses. We have been choosing a superstar of the week who has stood out for showing all our sporting values. Last week we picked Ethan, who showed excellent determination. This week we picked Elsa because she showed such honesty in the way she played the games."



A FEW REMINDERS...

Can we please remind everyone that our school gate opens at 8.45am, with all children supervised by adults until the bell goes at 9am. Mrs Boyers aims to shut the gate at 9.05am, and anyone arriving after this time needs to report to the school office.

All absences and requests for absence must first go through the school office. Mrs Schofield will then pass this information onto class teachers.

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 97%. Well done to **Maple** class who had the highest attendance at 98.%.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Ren MacPhee for achieving his Level 1 Swimming Award



Upcoming Events

24th February – Brigstock PFA Curry Night



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Anna Whorrell for being a wonderfully hard working member of our class and for amazing labelling in Science
- Year 1 – Romilly Sharp for putting in fantastic effort in her writing recently and for responding so well to feedback
- Year 2 – Leon Turner for contributing so well to class discussion and being such a reflective learner
- Year 3 – Olivia Eyre for her positive attitude towards all of her work
- Year 4 – Charlie Bridgehouse for making an effort to remember his full stops and capital letters
- Year 5 – Teddy Westwood for his wonderful determination in written work this week. Well done for remembering so many elements
- Year 6 – Tana Bourne for working so hard to bring together descriptive phrases to engage the reader



WILLOW CLASS

In Willow class this week, the children enjoyed measuring things around the classroom with different objects. We have measured with our feet, with cubes, with pencils and with rulers; large and small. We have been comparing which things are the biggest, smallest or the same size and we are getting really good at counting how many long an item is. Despite the horrible weather this week, the children have also been measuring outside. We found out that the trees are definitely the tallest things outside and a stone was the shortest thing. But, Willow class have a question to ask all their mummies and daddies. They would like to know how tall you are because they would like to know who has the tallest mummy and the tallest daddy.



The climbing frame was bigger than us all!



Jayden is taller than the fence and the stick.



Willow is taller than the stick.

We have also been busy practising using our Phonics to write in different places around the classroom. Lots of signs, tickets and instructions have been written in the class museum and the children have been enthusiastically writing their own version of a book we have in the class all about dinosaurs. All will be revealed soon.

The children have been looking at ways to combine different materials to create different effects. Barnaby and Cubby have made some many different models this week with doors, flaps and extra details. Dinosaurs that move have invaded our classroom as the children worked out a way to make the limbs on their dinosaurs move.

“First I cut it out and then I put pins in it so they pieces are held together and they move,” said Jude.

In music, the children have continued practising how to follow a beat. We have great fun dancing and clapping to the beat of different songs. Katie said, “The music made me feel super duper wow!”



MAPLE CLASS

This week in Literacy it has been our final week using the Great Kapok Tree story. The children have been very busy writing their own book based on the story and are going to finish the week off by writing their own ending to the story. We are very proud of their writing and their books are something they can be proud of.

In Maths we have been focussed on Money and have been having lots of fun learning about the coins and the notes and what they are worth. We have moved onto adding different amounts and have been thinking about which coins we could use to make the amount.

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

In Geography we have learnt about physical and human features of the rainforest and the children have impressed us with their understanding of this.

In PE we have focussed on team games and dance and the children have all been thinking about teamwork and the way we move.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

I have been so proud of the children's effort this week. We completed our 'Warm Write' in Literacy for instructions. We started off by creating our own success criteria so the children knew what they needed to include and I am really proud of how much they have remembered and applied in their writing. We are now moving on to writing mystery stories which will give the children the opportunity to really use their imaginations.

In Maths, we have all be using fractions. Year 3 have been looking at finding fractions of shapes and counting tenths. They moved on to start thinking about how we use division to help find tenths. Year 4 have been using fractions and decimals and looking at the place value of decimals. A very tricky week, but the children persevered.

In RE, we explored the story of Jesus in the desert with the temptations to help us begin thinking about Easter and Lent. The children used drama to re-enact each temptation which helped them to understand how hard it must have been for Jesus.



We have been using Andy Warhol to create our own Pop Art this week, we thought about the different colours he uses and how effective it looks. Then the children had a go at sketching Mickey Mouse 4 times – they realised how difficult it can be to get them all looking the same!

OAK CLASS

Firstly a huge well done to the children for their wonderful learning log homework this week. We will be sharing all this research and creativity in class.

The children have continued to work with statistics in our maths lessons. In geography we looked at different biomes and the children joined together, in small groups, to plan their biome study which they are completing for their learning log.

Our writing was focussed on descriptive genres. The children initially worked in pairs to identify elements and after watching the trailer for 'Brave' they thought about descriptive phrases to describe the settings and the characters. The children then identified their own success criteria for their work and completed their warm write.



In art we looked at techniques of Chinese brush painting to paint bamboo and had a go in our sketch books.

In science we attempted to make a circuit using a potato as a cell. The children were all very engaged and it created much discussion. However; the circuits did not work (they should have!) leading to much confusion but also an important lesson on why scientists check their experiments many times. Guess what we are doing next week!

We used art as a medium for RE looking at how time has changed the interpretation of many biblical stories. The children were very mature in their approach and answered some quite deep theological questions.