



Dear parents/carers,

The school has been full of witches, wizards and scary monsters today instead of our usual children! They have had a fun-filled day making potions in EYFS, spiders in year 1, eating biscuits made by the kitchen and doing various other spooky activities throughout the school. This afternoon, all classes had a chance to show their best dance moves either in the hall. In EYFS, some of the children tried to teach me spiderman moves, whilst web shooting lunges were fine, the one-armed press-ups were a bit too much for a Friday! A grant had by all, despite the rain, this also raised some much-needed funds for the PTA, we will let you know the final amount raised after the half term break.

Next half term the PTA will be running Fun Food Fridays once a month at the end of the school day on the playground, this will start with a tuck shop at 3.15 on Friday 4th November.

This week, Miss Brokenshire has assessed all of the children on the RWInc programme, and our school phonics data is looking really strong, thank you to the teachers and parents. As for the aspect of early reading so effectively and thank you all for supporting your children's learning by reading home reading books, practising spellings and watching the virtual classroom with your children at home. Please can you also make sure you access the online books through Oxford Owl, the link for this is sent to you every week.

All KS2 children have completed their star tests to set their AR reading targets for next half term, well done to the 25 children who achieved their Autumn 1 target. Please continue to encourage your child/ren to read daily, let's see if we can get even more of them to achieve their Autumn 2 target!

Over the past two weeks, Mrs Hill has been into everyone's PSHE lessons, she was very impressed with how well the children listened to each other, shared their thoughts and discussed a variety of topics with consideration for each other's feelings. We are proud to have such respectful children here. Mornings: we have noticed that some children are off very early for school, please be aware that you are responsible for their safety until 8.45am. The earliest a child should be waiting is 8.30am, if we see a child any earlier than this we will take them into breakfast club where they will be supervised, and we will charge you the £3.50 fee. The school gate is opened at 8.40am to allow you to take your children to the playground line up for 8.45am; during this time they are your responsibility. Please can I reiterate that any aggressive behaviour either towards children or other adults will not be tolerated. We have had a fantastic half term break; we hope to see you happy and well-rested on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Best wishes,

R. Baptiste

What 's been happening in our school this week.....

Foundation: this week we have been talking about the characters in the story of the little red hen. We talked about if the hen was nice or not nice and we thought about all the things that she found difficult. On Friday we innovated the story and made a new ending so that the other animals could change their minds and help her. In Maths we have been looking at things that we can count and tried out sentence stems starting with I can see... or I noticed that... Happy half term Foundation!

Year 1: As part of our science, we have begun learning about the four seasons. Each season, we will be going on a walk around our school grounds to look for signs of that season. This week, we put our coats and wellies on and looked for any signs of autumn. We saw mushrooms, lots of brown and orange leaves, seeds (helicopters!) and pinecones. Some of us were able to share other signs of autumn that we have seen outside of school, such as conkers, conker husks, blackberries and hedgehogs.

Year 2:

Year 3/4: In science this week we have learned about food chains and webs. We understand that the sun provides the energy at the start of every food chain and that green plants (producers) are always the first living thing in a food chain. A food chain shows the transfer of energy from the sun to a green plant and then to a primary consumer, secondary consumer and so on. We have learned that herbivores eat plants, carnivores eat meat and omnivores eat both. Food chains are a vital part of every ecosystem on our planet.

A big well done to our learners of the week:

- Foundation: K.Doyle
- Year 1: O.Oliver
- Year 2: L.Thomas
- Year 3: L.Rudd
- Year 4: X.Ninnim
- Year 5: A.Moloney
- Year 6: E.Parry

The Attendance award goes to

Year 2

Fantastic effort everyone, good job!!!

Year 5: During our Maths lessons we have continued to add and subtract numbers with up to 5-digits. We have been rounding and estimating to ensure our answers are realistic and using the inverse to check that our answers are correct. We have continued to explore and build ideas in English, looking in detail at prepositional phrases, adverbials and dialogue used within our book: The Tear Thief.

Year 6: We have been writing our own adventures for Chitty, Chitty Bang, Bang and the Tooting family. They have either travelled in to the past or ventured into the future. All of the children have enjoyed this task and the end product is AMAZING! I'm really proud of our budding authors!

Dates to remember.....

- Monday 31/10/2022 is a Non pupil day, children to return to School Tuesday 01/11/2022.
- Monday 31/10/2022 is the last day for applications regarding year 6 secondary school places.
- From 01/11/2011 school packed lunches will no longer be available. Hot dinners only.

Notice board:

- There will be no tolerance for vulgar language on school grounds. This is private property. Should the need arise, we reserve the right to ban parents.
- New afterschool sports clubs - a Microsoft booking form will be sent out on Friday 21/10/2022 at 6pm, you will receive a text message during half term week, clubs to start Tuesday 01/11/2022 (except Dance club). Please make sure all debts are cleared before making a new booking.
- Cheerleading club last session will take place on Tuesday 01/11/2022.
- We have observed children arriving from 8am. As the mornings become darker and colder, we are concerned about their safety and welfare as they aren't supervised by the school until 8:45am. It is important that your child does not arrive at school before 8:30am. Breakfast club is available from 7:45. Please call to reserve a spot.