



Classroom News

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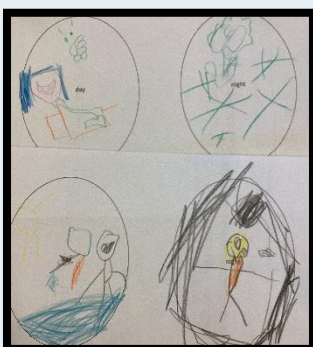
Reception 2024 Open Event
– 6th November

Darwin Class:

Welcome back to Nursery everyone, it was great to see the children and hear all about their week off school. We have been using our senses to explore Autumn, we explored our pumpkins, conkers and leaves. The children noticed that the leaves are starting to change from green to brown, orange, red and yellow. We have been using conkers to paint autumn colours. The children used gross motor skills to roll the conkers around the tray and we also opened our pumpkins to see what was inside. The children commented that there may be sweets, lights, or seeds inside the pumpkin, so we used spoons to explore what was hiding inside. In maths this week we have been learning about AB patterns. The children have been independently completing their own AB patterns. Have a great weekend!

Stars of the week : -

- *Shafiq for trying new foods at lunch time.*
- *Lilya for trying new fruits at snack time.*



Cartwright Class:

This week in Reception we have been talking about the differences between daytime and night time. We talked about what we can see in the sky, what things we use and do at different times of the day. We talked about how we use a toothbrush at both times as we use them in the morning and in the evening before bed. In PSHE we talked about being safe during Halloween and the students were very excited to share how much fun some of them had Trick or Treating. In Maths we have continued looking at ABB patterns and the students have enjoyed telling me about all the mistakes I made with my patterns! In English we read *Peace at Last* and talked about how we get ready for bed. We have also started practising our Christmas songs for December Carol Concert. Great job this week Cartwright Class!

Star of the week - *Alexandra, for listening and following routines well, always trying her best and being a kind friend.*

Star Writer – *Cayden, for trying very hard with his letter formation.*

Star Reader – *Amelia, for all her effort during phonics.*

Kandinsky Class:

Kandinsky Class have made an excellent start to the new term. In English, we have been looking at a range of vocabulary for describing a setting. The children have been using their phonics knowledge to support them with their independent writing. In mathematics, we began the week by looking at ordinal numbers. The children have been fantastic at applying this to real world situations such as lining up. As geographers we have been studying our local environment. After establishing where in country we live we went on a local walk to look at key features of our neighbourhood. Christmas has also crept into the classroom this week as we created the designs for our Christmas cards. We really enjoyed this and look forward to seeing the finished product.

Star of the Week – Alfie for showing resilience in all areas of the curriculum this week.

Star Writer – Sophia for showing determination in her independent writing.

Star Reader – Aaliyah for her enthusiasm and positive attitude in phonics sessions.



Seacole Class:

Year 2 have had a very exciting first week back! In Maths, we have been focusing on how we can show one more and one less. We have been using dienes to support us by making a 2-digit number and then taking one diene away and adding one on. We then applied our learning to a range of questions. In English, we have started our new unit looking at the book *Tell me a Dragon*. We have explored the book and started to write about the dragon's appearance using noun phrases. We also introduced our new topic of the Great Fire of London. For our first lesson, we explored what the Great Fire of London was and why it happened, as well exploring different sources to understand what life was like in 1666. We stuck these into our design books and annotated what we could see. We also started to compare what London was like in 1666 compared to modern day, using images to explore both physical and human features. This week we also had a very exciting visit from Science Oxford who did a performance all about the Great Fire of London. We had a fantastic time watching this and learnt a lot about how the fire started and why it spread!

Star of the Week – Oskar for coming in each morning with a positive attitude and showing determination for the day ahead.

Star Writer – Daisy for coming up with some excellent noun phrases to describe the dragon's appearance.

Star Reader - Igor for using his inference skills to predict what will happen next in our reading text.



Chawla Class:

Wow - what an exciting week back! We have been exploring the Stone Age in our lessons this week. In Writing, we have introduced our new text, *Stone Age Boy*, using adverbials of time and place to write about events in the story. In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of partitioning into hundreds, tens and ones to word problems in additive equations. In Wider Curriculum, we have been petrologists, exploring different properties of rocks, soil and fossils. We loved using the new digiscopes to investigate closely and use to guide our observational drawings!

Star of the week – Mahad for being always being an excellent role model in class.

Star Writer – Anto for his determination and independence with his writing.

Star Reader – Mohamed H for his impressive, expressive reading aloud.



Ramanujan Class:

This week Year 4 have returned full of excitement for our new term. We have started some Writing lessons based on *Hansel and Gretel*. The children had a very successful week and found the characters a fantastic stimulus for writing. As a result every child produced a detailed plan for their version of the story told from Gretel's point of view. We shall be finishing these next week. We have also had our first lesson on the Romans. We have looked at how the Roman Empire expanded across Europe and talked about who the Romans were. As mentioned in the meeting yesterday we will be needing some clean pieces of junk modelling, e.g. cardboard tubes, packets and anything else suitable for building a structure.

Star of the Week – Ridit for an excellent attitude to all his work this week and for extra effort with handwriting.

Star Writer – Milena for incredible language choices within her plan for our rewrite of *Hansel and Gretel*.

Star Reader – Ramiya - for extra effort this week to answer questions in sentences during whole class reading lessons.

Davinci Class:

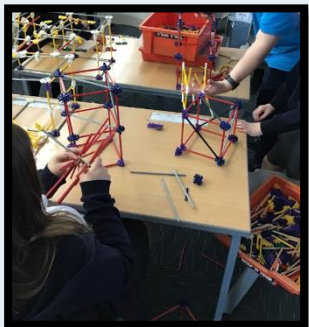


We've had a great first week back in Year 5 this week. In Maths, we have been exploring negative numbers. We have looked at the position of positive and negative numbers in comparison to zero and we have represented this in a variety of ways. In Writing, we have been creating setting descriptions based on *'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore'*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the short film and have written some brilliant sentences based on each scene. In Project, the children have begun exploring Ancient Egypt. We undertook an investigation where we explored different methods of transporting water. We also were very lucky and had a visit from Science Oxford. They ran a K'Nex workshop with the children where they created bridges using different mechanisms. Well done!

Star of the Week – Oliver for consistently showing the value of grit when creating his bridge during the K'Nex workshop.

Star Writer – Natalia for writing some wonderful setting descriptions for the tornado scene in her narrative.

Star Reader – Idris for developing his confidence in his retrieval and inference skills.



Shakespeare Class:

Year 6 have had an amazing time away at PGL this week. It has been packed full of adventure, fun and learning new things about ourselves. We hope you enjoyed our pictures, and we can't wait to share everything we experienced!

The Year 6's who remained in school also had a full week, they have been designing their own theme park, including the marketing and architecture. They can't wait for their peers to return to share in their efforts.

Star of the Week – Leo - For his engagement and 'management' of his team's Theme Park project.

Star Writer - Eliza - For her skills as a script writer in writing her team's TV advert

Star Reader - Charlie - For always being willing to pick up a book and read this week.



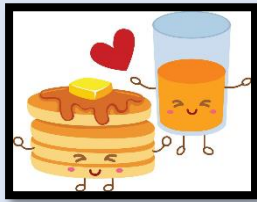
Information for parents

Breakfast Club

There are still spaces for Breakfast Club each week. Running from 7.50am till the start of school.

£4 per day per child

Bookable on ParentPay – please contact the school if you are unable to book.



Free School Meals

Just a note to say, if you think you may be eligible for FSM vouchers and do not currently receive holiday vouchers, please let the school office know. We are getting ready to organise the vouchers for the Christmas break and would hate for anyone to miss out on a valuable resource.

Free School Meal vouchers are for any child (Nursery to Year 6) that meet the government criteria. Holiday vouchers are £15 per week – so for the Christmas break that is £30 per child.

Please see the criteria below:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Up Coming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th Nov <i>Reception 2024 Open Event – 3.30pm</i>	7th Nov	8th Nov	9th Nov	10th Nov <i>SEND Café – Parent Feedback @2.30pm</i>
13th Nov <i>Christmas Lunch Bookings Open - ParentPay</i>	14th Nov <i>Flu Vaccinations</i>	15th Nov	16th Nov	17th Nov <i>Children in Need - Danceathon</i>
20th Nov	21st Nov <i>Year 3 Trip</i>	22nd Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov <i>Christmas Lunch Bookings End</i>