



A MESSAGE FROM MRS RAMSAY

What a great week four has been! That is a massive win worth celebrating! The fourth week is typically when the initial back-to-school novelty wears off and the true routines start to cement, so hearing that the children have worked hard and respecting our school values has been great is fantastic news.

Congratulations to the newly elected Junior Leadership Chairs! It sounds like the entire Year 6 cohort and the 8 finalists did an incredible job embodying the school's values throughout the selection process.

The following day the whole school voted and I am delighted that Peggy and Jude were chosen as our new Junior Leadership Chairs. A huge well done to all eight finalists; the voting was incredibly close, and you should all be immensely proud of all your speeches.

Today we welcomed our Governors into school to visit classrooms and observe teaching and learning. All our visitors were very impressed by the calm learning environments.

Thank you for your continued support

 Tuesday 6 October

Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church

We look forward to coming together to celebrate and give thanks for the gifts of the harvest.

Donations welcome from Monday.

 Tuesday 13 October & Wednesday 14 October
Parents' Evenings

Booking will be available via Arbor on Monday 28th at 3pm

 Friday 16 October

School Closes for Half Term

We wish all our families a happy and restful break.

 Monday 2 November
Autumn Term 2 Begins

NURSERY

The nursery have started forest school and they have had so much fun exploring the forest...swinging on the tree swing, making soup and cakes with coffee and flowers in the mud kitchen, and splashing in muddy puddles. We had so much fun showing our parents and carers around the forest too at our stay and play sessions!

The children have also started their weekly PE sessions, as well as cooking on Wednesdays and a weekly visit to the school library.

Online Safety: Are the Apps Your Child Uses Age Appropriate?

Many popular games and apps have age restrictions that are higher than the age of primary school children. These ratings are designed to help protect children from unsuitable content, contact from strangers and online risks.

 **PEGI 7 - Minecraft**

 **PEGI 12 - Fortnite**

 **13+ - YouTube**

 **13+ - WhatsApp**

 **13+ - TikTok**

 **13+ - Instagram**

 **13+ - Snapchat**

 **13+ - Roblox**

Before allowing your child to download a game or app, please take a moment to check its age rating and parental controls. Just because an app is popular does not always mean it is suitable for primary-aged children.

For more advice on keeping children safe online, visit Internet Matters or National Online Safety.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have had an exciting start to the year and have now settled into the 'big school.'

We have been nature explorers and spent a lot of time outdoors. In maths we found as many natural items as we could to compare their lengths and weights. We have also been using the tens frames to help us to think about all of the different ways we can make 10 and looking at how numbers to 10 can be represented. We have also used the compare bears and numicon to help us with this.

We have begun to look at the changes in seasons noticing how autumn has begun to be visible in our environment. We have looked at the plants we have growing on site and thought about how they grow and structure of each plant. We have considered if the plants are wild or have been put there by humans.

Our artistic skills have developed by practicing mark making and the different textures of material that we can use to make our art work even better. We are looking forward to creating a piece of work by Paul Klee using the same techniques that he used.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! We have settled brilliantly into our new routines and have been working hard in all of our lessons.

In history, we have begun exploring the Stone Age and have been learning about how people lived thousands of years ago. We have been fascinated by discovering what Stone Age homes looked like, how people hunted for food, and how life has changed over time.

In reading, we have started enjoying the classic story Stig of the Dump by Clive King. We have loved meeting Barney and Stig and have enjoyed discussing the characters, making predictions, and exploring new vocabulary from the text.

We have also been making a splash in our swimming lessons. The children have shown great enthusiasm and confidence in the water, and it has been wonderful to see them developing their swimming skills each week. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and all the learning adventures still to come!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the year and have settled brilliantly into life in Otters Class. The children have enjoyed exploring our Earth and Space topic, learning about the solar system and the phases of the Moon, while also developing their geography knowledge through a study of the Grand Canyon.

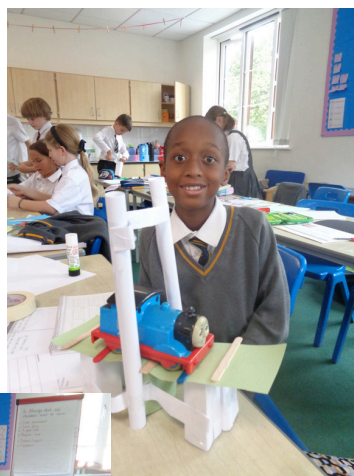
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New Mud Kitchen! 🧑‍🍳🌿

A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who built and installed our fantastic new mud kitchen in the Forest School area. We are also incredibly grateful to the PTFA for funding the project. The children can't wait to get muddy, creative and imaginative in their new outdoor play space! 💙



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