



A MESSAGE FROM MRS RAMSAY

I can't believe that this is the last newsletter before half term!

Autumn Term 1 has flown by! The children have all worked so hard.

Next, week each child will bring home a lollipop stick, which we would like them to make into a poppy, please be as creative as you can and we hope that you have fun making this with your child/children. Please bring these into school on Monday 2nd November, after half term, so we can make a display of all the different poppies in school. Thank you.

Thank you also, for all your donations of tins for Harvest Festival, we had a lovely service in church this week.

Next Friday 16th October we will be issuing the children with new certificates in assembly to mark their continued good work, these will be:-

Remarkable Reader, Wonderful Writer, Marvellous Mathematician, Super Scientist, Amazing Artist, Reflective RE.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term.

DATES

 Tuesday 13 October & Wednesday 14 October

 Friday 16 October

School Closes for Half Term- **NORMAL TIME**

We wish all our families a happy and restful break.

 Monday 2 November

Autumn Term 2 Begins

16-20 November:  Anti-Bullying Week 

 Christmas Reminder: School finishes early on Friday 18 December.

- Reception to Year 2: 1:00pm

- Years 3 to 6: 1:15pm

NURSERY

Our Nursery children have had a wonderful couple of weeks! They enjoyed their very first campfire during Forest School, where they learnt about staying safe around a fire and had the chance to bake and taste delicious apples. It was a fantastic experience and the children showed great listening skills, confidence and enthusiasm throughout.

We were also incredibly proud of how well the children did during their individual school photographs. They were calm, cooperative and smiled beautifully for the camera.

Healthy Packed Lunches

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles and positive learning habits, we kindly ask that chocolate bars are not included in packed lunches.

We encourage families to provide a balanced lunch that helps children stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the afternoon. Healthier options such as fruit, yoghurt, cheese, vegetables, crackers or other nutritious snacks are welcomed.

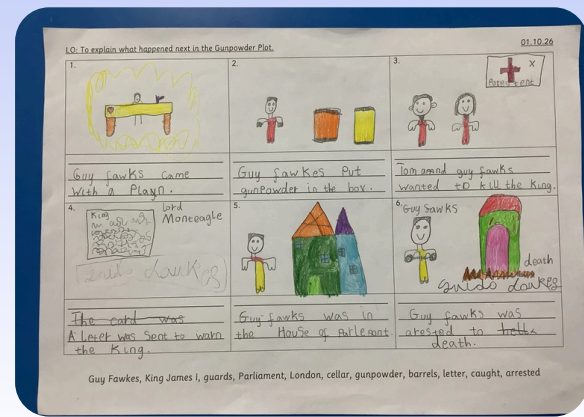
We understand that an occasional treat can be an important part of a balanced diet, but we ask that chocolate bars and confectionery are kept for after school rather than included in lunchboxes.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy choices and positive wellbeing for all our children.



YEAR 2

In Year 2 the children are enjoying learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. Children wrote a lovely comic strip to explain what happened in the plot and enjoyed talking to each other about it, asking questions and having lots of discussions around the topic. Children also created some lovely piece of art work recently and are looking forward to their next lesson where they will develop the skills learnt further.



YEAR 6

On Tuesday 6th October, Year 6 visited Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to learn about the Second World War. During the visit we experienced a walk through 1940s streets in the living museum. This involved visiting a boarding school set up and a variety of shops; including a sweet shop where children were able to use their ration book to choose 2oz of old fashioned sweets – learning that this was to last a whole week! We also explored a 1940s house and Anderson Shelter. Finally, the children had fun dressing up to experience jobs as ARPs; watching out for German planes and using bandages to help the wounded. This shared experience offered opportunities to deepen understanding through first-hand learning. Since returning, the children have written wonderful recounts about the visit, communicating their memories and learning through their writing.

Their work in reading has continued with whole class work focussing on 'The Lady of Shalott' by Lord, Alfred Tennyson. They have responded thoughtfully using retrieval skills (stated and implied) for the focused stanzas, as well as inferring what the whole poem actually means! The visit and their literary work have provided valuable opportunities to reflect, communicate ideas and engage closely with different forms of writing.

In maths, Owls have been working on addition and subtraction problems involving numbers up to 10,000, and beyond. They have begun to embed their skills in regrouping and exchanging using the column method. This practice is helping them to develop accuracy and confidence in written calculation.

A busy and fun time had by all in Year 6, (including the adults!).



YEAR 4

We're going from strength to strength in Year 4! We've all really been enjoying our Guided Reading sessions. We're reading 'The Ancient Egypt Sleepover' by Stephen Davies and we've used the book to help us with our retrieval skills, our vocabulary understanding, our inference skills and now our prediction skills. Last week we learnt how to fully justify our inferences by following the P.E.E model, point, evidence, explanation. It has been really interesting listening to everyone's different interpretations and understanding of the story and its characters. We'll soon see if any of our predictions were correct!

We've got the creative juices flowing in art these last couple of weeks. We have created some amazing recycled art animals. Thanks for all the materials that came in to help with this. We applied some of the joins we had been experimenting with, deciding upon which glue or tape would be the strongest. We have also spent time decorating our sculptures, using fabric or paint to cover the recycled materials. In Science we acted out how the particles move differently in solids, liquids and gases. Our gas particles were great at flying around the room. We have also looked into the water cycle by attaching a zip lock bag filled with a small amount of water to the window that catches the most sunlight. We spent the day observing how the liquid turned into water vapour and then came back down as condensed water droplets.

We're all really looking forward to our Egyptian day next week!



FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

We are delighted that all children now benefit from an additional Forest School session each week. This extra time outdoors supports wellbeing, resilience, teamwork and a love of learning, while making the most of our wonderful school grounds. 🌿

RECEPTION

Reception have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks! In Music, we have been exploring body percussion and learning how to use different parts of our bodies to make rhythms. We also got our instruments out, following simple tunes and enjoying making music together with our friends. Forest School has continued to be a highlight, with some lovely weather allowing us to make the most of the outdoors. We also loved welcoming parents to join us for a morning – thank you so much to everyone who came along! Outside, the water tray remains a firm favourite, and we had lots of fun experimenting with ice and racing it down a ramp.

