



## Weekly News

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents,

### **PTA Events**

I met with our wonderful PTA this week to discuss the year ahead and also to talk about how we will be celebrating our 85th year. Their first event of the year, the Silent Cinema, will be held tomorrow evening at Freeman's School in Ashted, which I am sure will be a wonderful event for our families. We are holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 8.30 – please do come along and join us!

### **Year One News**

Year 1 have been working hard and have had another busy week! In Literacy they have looked at speech bubbles and their purpose. The children were then all given a character from 'Cave Baby' and wrote their own speech bubbles with particular emphasis on finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. They also started to learn our Harvest poems paying attention to the rhythm and rhyme. In Maths, they have been representing numbers using one to one correspondence and ten frames. In addition they have been matching numerals to number words. The children were excited to start learning facts about London. Several children were also able to discuss London landmarks in detail from their visits to the capital!

### **Year Two News**



Year 2 have had a very exciting week this week as they made delicious pizza at Pizza Express and visited Denbies. The children have told me that they really enjoyed making their pizza from scratch, from stretching the dough, to adding the sauce and then putting on some delicious toppings. They all look very professional in their hats and



their pizza dough throwing was very impressive. The children also enjoyed taking a train ride around Denbies vineyard and learning how grapes grow.



### **Year 2 Honours**

Our Year 2 children are waiting patiently to hear the exciting news about their Year 2 Honours which will now be announced on Monday. Not long to wait now!

This weeks lunch time superstar is Daniel P for thinking of others and helping to pick up dropped cutlery. Well done !

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

## Work of the Week

In Year 1 we have been studying the book 'Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson. We looked at the different animals which appeared in the story and then wrote a fact file. Ivan C in Jupiter Class has written some excellent sentences about Woolly Mammoths. Well done Ivan.

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LO: I can describe a mammoth

Woolly wool e mammoth



They have long tusks.  
They <sup>existed</sup> existed 4000 <sup>years</sup> years ago.  
They have long fur.

☺ Some super facts about woolly Mammoths

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery. The children have settled fabulously into the new routines of Nursery and have been busy making new friends. Our topic this term is 'I wonder what will happen'; we have been thinking carefully about how it feels to start school and how we can share these feelings with our friends and teachers. Our focus story this week has been 'The Colour Monster'; we have shared the story during group time and talked about when we might feel a range of emotions such as happy, sad and angry. All the monsters in the story have a special colour, do you know what they are? To help with our story about feelings, we have been learning about colours, our focus colours for this week have been red, blue, and yellow. I wonder if you will be able to spot any of these colours over the weekend.

In the kitchen this week we have been making scones! Using red dried cranberries to add a different flavour. The children have loved mixing, rolling and kneading the dough in order to make them. In Yellow room the children have made some lovely self portraits using loose parts, they have been extremely creative! We have been practicing our counting skills in Green room, by learning the nursery rhyme '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive'. The children made some lovely fishing rods and had to catch five fish! Well done all for another fantastic week in Nursery.

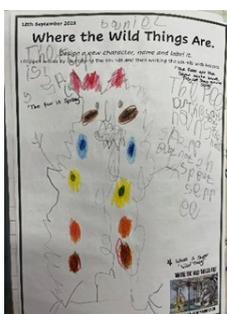


## Reception News

The Reception team has been busy creating exciting and imaginative projects inspired by the wonderful story 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak.

In literacy, we delved into the magical world of Max and the Wild Things. The children showed off their creativity designing their own Wild Things and carefully labelling each detail such as 'horns' 'fuzzy fur' and 'sharp teeth'. They then took their creativity a step further by crafting clay models of their magnificent creatures. It was a joy to witness their imaginative minds at work and exploring a new medium to bring their creation to life.

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Degg, our specialist art teacher, for our first Reception art lesson. Our focus this term is Chiaroscuro, an Italian term that means 'light-dark'. We explored the concept of contrasting tones which helps to create depth and shape. Some renowned artists who mastered the technique are Leonardo da Vinci and Caravaggio. But who says the children of Reception can't have a go themselves? They loved experimenting with different pencils and, as they gained confidence, even ventured into using charcoal! Maths has been an adventure as well, with our focus on sequencing and positional language. The children have been having fun learning all about the different positions - under, over, beside, and many more. These concepts are important for their spatial understanding and problem-solving skills – essential skills for any budding mathematician!



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 25th September - Pre-Reception Information Evening 7pm**

*In the School Hall*

**Wednesday 27th September - Year 1 Trip to Gatton Park**

*Children to please wear their PE kit and trainers with a waterproof coat and sun hat*

**Wednesday 27th September - PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.30-4.30pm**

*In Jupiter Classroom (upstairs) Please enter via the front door*

**Thursday 28th September - Individual School photographs**

*Children can wear either smart summer or winter uniform*

**Friday 29th September - PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning**

*8.30 to 9.15 in the School Hall*

