



## Weekly News

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents,

### **Harvest Festival**



A huge thank you to all the families who came to support us this week for our Harvest Festival. The children wowed us all with their incredible singing, dancing, and poetry recitals. It was lovely to see the church filled with our families, grandparents, and friends as we celebrated harvest together as a community.

An especially big thank you to the parents who joined us on the Thursday and Friday to ensure that we were able to walk all the children safely down to the church. Thank you, also, for your incredibly generous donations for the Epsom Pantry and the door donations today at the Church where we raised an incredible £477.40.

### **Parent Survey**

A huge thank you to all the parents who contributed to our “mini” survey about how we can improve Parent Information Evenings. It was great to hear that parents feel that the evenings are useful, informative and such a positive experience.

### **Year One News**

Year 1 have been enjoying the book called Naughty Bus. The children worked together to make a class book about buses where they were able to explore and share a lot of information. By using their imaginations, the children went on group bus rides visiting a variety of places including Jungle Land and Cake Land! In Maths this week, the children have been looking at greater than  $>$ , less than  $<$  and equals to  $=$ . In Science Year 1 are continuing to look at materials and sorted toys into what materials they were made of. In their topic lesson this week, the children continued exploring some more London landmarks.

### **Year Two News**

This week the children have been embedding how to use speech marks and synonyms for “said”. They have come up with fantastic ideas for a sequel to Roald Dahl’s Minpin story. In Maths, things have become particularly exciting with the introduction of column addition. On occasion, the children even had to carry a ten! They then had a little look at subtraction in this format too. Year 2 have also worked really hard to remember their cues, who needed the microphone and being in the correct order when rehearsing for our Harvest Festival. I think we can all agree that Year 2 did an amazing job leading us in our Harvest Festival today.

### **Odd Socks Day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we invite all children to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique for Anti-Bullying week. This week we will be particularly focusing on the importance of being kind to one another. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy new socks. All the children have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school.

## Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents attend parents evening this week and meet class teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Estrella W for your thoughtfulness in helping the catering team by picking up items that had fallen on the floor. Well done Estrella!

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **1229** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

### Merit Awards:

Edward F, Sebastian C, Harry P, Caitlyn M, Michaela S, Ophelia WP, Daisy GD, Oliver P, Amelia H, Beatrix S, Mateo B and Luigi M

## Work of the Week

Year 2 worked on building suspense within a story using carefully chosen adjectives and powerful verbs. Here is Micah's start to a very spooky tale.



On a crisp wintery evening, Micah was rushing back from school. He was freezing. He saw a shortcut. When he came out of the shortcut, there was a ancient and shabby creepy house. Micah decided to go in! He opened the big rusty creaky doors. He stepped in. Suddenly he heard a crack! He tiptoed in a little bit more then he saw a broken wooden table with broken burnt candles. Then he saw cobwebbed pictures. Then he saw spotted, a burnt kitchen. He thought he saw a black and red bright <sup>micah figure</sup> ~~light~~. He also saw a broken hand ~~bag~~. Very scary, Micah!

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What another fantastic, fun filled week we have had in Nursery. This week we have been thinking carefully about harvest and why we celebrate harvest festival. Our focus this week has been on learning our songs for the harvest festival. The children have been fabulous with learning both the lyrics and the actions. In Yellow room we continued our theme of scarecrows, by making scarecrow puppets. To coincide with harvest, other activities in nursery have been focused on the season autumn. In Green room we have been making autumn wreaths! And in Blue room we have been practising our fine motor skills using scissors to cut around a hedgehog and use leaves that have fallen from the trees for its spikes! Outside the children had the chance to spot signs of autumn in the garden, increasing their vocabulary regarding seasonal objects!

In the kitchen this week we have enjoyed celebrating all those children who had birthdays in September and October, by having a birthday cake bake! We got to enjoy a slice of cake after which everyone found delicious. Finally, a huge well done to all the Pre-Reception children, who did an amazing job walking so sensibly to the Church for harvest festival. They sat and listened beautifully during the festival too.



## Reception News

The last few weeks have flown by, and we can hardly believe that we are already at the end of our first half term in Reception! We marked this milestone in style, and we couldn't be prouder of how the children performed their song and poem in our harvest festival. We hope you enjoyed this annual celebration with us. In addition to the harvest festival, we continued to celebrate Black History Month with an African drumming workshop. We also had the pleasure of exploring the fascinating character of Anansi, often represented by a spider, who is associated with stories of wisdom, knowledge, and trickery in Akan folklore. The children used Anansi as inspiration for their spider fact writing!

As part of our harvest festival celebrations, we delved into different types of vegetables and where they come from. We even had the opportunity to dig up some vegetables in our school garden! It was great fun identifying the disguised vegetables, like the corn on the cob hiding in its green jacket. We set up our own green grocer's shop where the children used both bucket and digital scales to compare the weight and sizes of various vegetables. They also practiced their phonics skills by labelling the vegetables and writing price tags to simulate real shopping experiences.

Another highlight was our autumn walk, where we went on a hunt for conkers, acorns, and leaves. The children had a wonderful time using these natural resources to both explore and create patterns in the environment.



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary

Please remember children should return after half term in Winter uniform



**30th of October - 3rd November** Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal collection  
Please send donations in with your child to receive a poppy



Have a lovely half term



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Meili L, Zhibo X, Kian Y, Jamie B-R and Amelia H for your Bronze certificate.

Congratulations to Farzan M-H for your Silver certificate.



**Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:**

**Zhibo X** completed White Belt Purple Stripe for London TKD

**Ivan C** Star of the Day at Headstart & Star of the Week at swimming

**Lucy S** Gymnastics Certificate Bronze 2

**Faith H** Gymnastics Certificate Silver 1

**Amelia H** completed the Summer Reading Challenge & Bronze certificate of attendance at 3 Little Seedlings events

**Sebastian C** Player of the Week at Soccer School

**Luke B** Student of the Week at Stagecoach

**Leila K** ran the Westminster mile

**Rebecca G** Star of the Term at gymnastics

