

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



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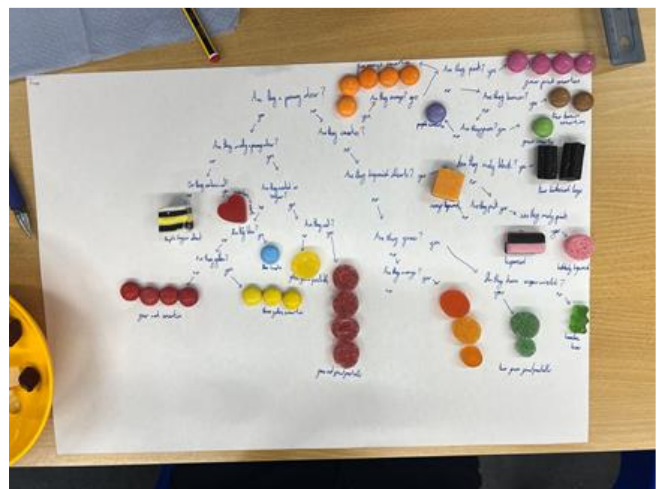
Welcome to our October newsletter. There has been a lot going on during this part of the half term and the children have been very busy.

Oak Class

This month, Year 4 celebrated harvest with a special harvest festival at the church. It was great learning about the blessings of God that we have and to take a moment to be thankful. The children's singing was amazing and we really enjoyed the harvest message Lily shared on behalf of Rev. Howard. We also managed to bring in lots of donations for the local food bank so thank you to all who donated!



Willow Class



In Science we have been studying 'Living Things and their Habitats' focusing on how to classify them using a dichotomous chart and expanding our knowledge within this to a Linnaeus Classification system. Getting a number of animals in the class would have been difficult so we used sweets instead.

Acorn Class

Nursery have enjoyed carving a pumpkin and learning how they grow and seeing what is inside. "They grow in pumpkin patches" "They have seeds inside" The children are really enjoying forest school, learning the rules. They have made leaf kebabs and have been on an Autumn leaf hunt. The children have also really liked their PE sessions, learning about spacial awareness and running into an area where no one else is. They are being extra careful to notice where other people are too so we avoid any bumps.

Ash Class



As our first half term comes to an end, we have been thinking more about Autumn and the changes it brings. Amongst the many things we have been doing is threading leaves, creating leaf people, learning about hedgehogs and making hedgehog bread rolls.

We have also been looking at, and finding, matching pairs, sorting and grouping in maths and are working well through our sounds in phonics. It has been a busy October in Ash class

Sycamore Class



This term in History we have been learning about Crime and Punishment throughout the ages. India enjoyed learning about witchcraft in the medieval period. She researched how women were burnt at the stake, as this became the most common method of putting to death those accused of witchcraft or heresy.



Max and Aubrey enjoyed reading about all crimes and punishments during the Tudor times (1327–1377). They researched why criminals were hung, drawn and quartered.

Redwood Class



In Science, we've been testing lots of different materials ready to run our imaginary food van at a music festival. Here you can see us testing the absorbency and durability of various fabrics to see what would be best to clean up messes with!

It has been great working together and we have been able to use the skills of collaboration and team work. We have also used our school value of listening to hear the great ideas that people in our team have had.



Fir Class



In Year 3 we visited the Natural History Museum in Tring to have a closer look at animal skeletons and their functions. We saw lots of mammals and fish and learnt a lot. It was a great day out.



We also kept some per snails in the classroom for a week to investigate what their favourite food was. It turned out to be lettuce leaves.

Beech Class

In October Beech class have been working very hard. The children have enjoyed learning about rap in music and singing the song 'Hey you'. They are beginning to understand what pulse is and how to find the pulse of a song. They have loved learning about Picasso in Art and have tried to draw their own version of 'Woman in a hat'.



Beech class have also been working hard on learning their phonic sounds and have been practising hard in school and at home. Well done everyone.

Elm Class

Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying our Art topic, learning about land art. We have focused on the work of Andy Goldsworthy, discussed aspects of his work and used natural resources to create our own work in his style. This work illustrates some of our responses to his work using circles and curves.



House Captains



As the oldest children in the school, Year 6 have the privilege of being appointed the house captains and take responsibilities such as organising events during the year and supporting the children in the younger year groups. Mrs Eales, Mrs Dye and Mrs Clarke were invited to listen to the speeches the children had prepared for these roles. It was wonderful to see all the school values in action during these speeches and it was a tough vote for everyone to make. In the end the following children were elected: Emilia-Rose for Rothschild house, Kiera-Rose for Ascott house, Jacob for Waddesdon house and Josh for Mentmore house. Congratulations to our house captains, they are going to do a wonderful job this year.

Forest School

Reception have been learning the forest school rules. They went on a treasure hunt to find Autumn treasure from the forest floor. They have also done lots of cooking in the mud kitchen, digging for bugs and climbing trees. What a great way to learn!



What is coming up in November.....

- **31st October** – School re-opens. The 31st October is also the deadline for any Year 6 applications to secondary school.
- **2nd November** – Parent’s evening – 3.30 – 5.30
- **3rd November** – Parent’s evening – 3.30 – 7.30
- **14th November** – Reception phonics meeting – 2.00pm and 7.00pm – More information will be sent to the Reception families.
- **16th November** – Year 1 phonics meeting – 2.00pm and 7.00pm – More information will be sent to the Year 1 families.
- **18th November – Children in Need** – The children can come to school in anything spotty and make a donation.
- **21st November** – Year 2 phonics meeting – 2.00pm and 7.00pm – More information will be sent to the Year 2 families.
- **23rd November** – Level 1 Bikability for Year 4 – More information will be sent to the Year 4 families.
- **25th November** – Wear it Green Day – Wear something green to school and make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Trust

When we come back to school after half term please remember the children need to be dressed in winter uniform.

Nursery

Winter uniform – October half term until Easter

Navy polo shirt
Navy jumper/cardigan
Navy jogging bottoms
Comfortable shoes
Waterproofs
Wellingtons for outdoors

Reception – Year 6

Winter uniform – October half term until Easter

Black shoes (not trainers)
Grey or white socks (either long or short but no trainer socks)
Grey tights
Grey trousers - traditional tailored school style, no jersey or legging material, no cargo pockets
Grey skirts/Pinafores
Navy polo shirt – Reception – Year 5
White shirt and tie - Year 6 only – tie available to buy from the school office priced at £5.00 for a knotted tie or £6.00 for a clip-on tie
Navy blue V-neck jumper or cardigan with logo

And finally

Have a wonderful Half Term