

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



September 2024

Welcome to our September newsletter. The children have started the term well and are now fully into the swing of the routines and expectations of their new classes. A special hello to all our new families coming into Pre-School, Reception and across the other year groups. We hope you have been made welcome and you soon feel part of the school community.

What we have been up to in September.....

Beech Class



In Year 1, we have had such a busy and fun time, learning about weather and observing seasonal change in Science. The children enjoyed moving around the school site looking at nature that will change over the seasons.

We have enjoyed immersing in our new book, Old Bear, in English, as well as sharing precious memories in History. It has been lovely seeing the children working together as they experience new areas of learning.



Acorn Class

It was lovely to see everyone back at Pre-School and we welcome all our new children and families.

This term our topic is "All about me". We will be looking at ourselves, our features and bodies, looking at similarities/differences between us. We will discuss our families, who our family members are etc. We will look at our 5 senses and how we use which body part for each sense.

We will also look at the seasonal changes that are happening around us, discussing the leaf colour changes and collect some conkers

The children have enjoyed getting to know one another and the Pre-School routine, lots of stories and fun in the sand pit.



Yew Class

In Art we have been experimenting using a selection of different materials to create expressive marks. We first looked at some early human markings and how art was used to communicate. The children then designed and chose their own tools from a wide range of materials and went on to create a piece of work using all the different tools they had gathered.



Oak Class



Year 4 have had a great start to the term. We have been studying 'Computer systems and networks' in our Computing lessons and the children have been familiarizing themselves with Google accounts. They have been shown different aspects of their Google drive including 'Docs' and 'Slides' and they spent some time exploring. It's a lot to learn but they have made an amazing start.

Fir Class

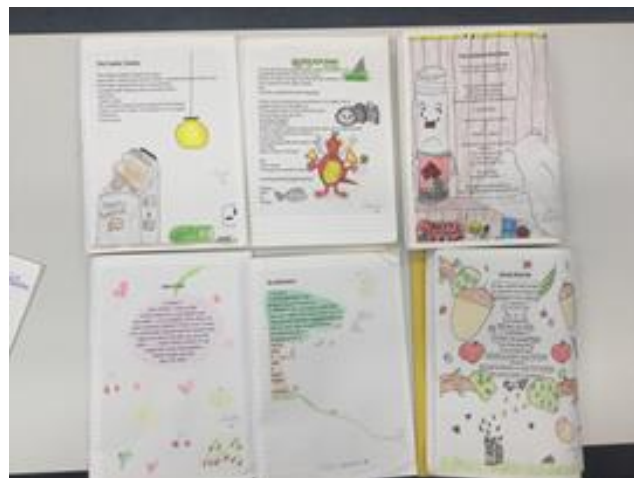
Year 3 have been working hard in DT this term. They have investigated how to join 2D card shapes to make a 3D structure. The children then explored folding and rolling the cardboard to give it structure and used the slot technique to join shapes together without glue or tape. The aim of the task was to create a 3D model that supports itself and it was great to see the children succeeding with this.



Redwood Class

In Year 5, we've wasted no time in growing our creative writing skills! After learning about poetic techniques, and how to use them, we all created our own poems. We drafted them, edited them, typed them up, and then had so much fun designing a picture to go with them.

Here's a small selection of what we ended up with!



Elm Class



Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the year! They have worked so hard in English, enjoying our class story “The River”. The children have been writing great alliteration poems and have enjoyed coming up with ideas for their own stories through role play and lots of class discussion. They have also been true Mathematicians every day, showing great enthusiasm for their learning which has been a joy to see! Music has been wonderful – Deciding on different rhythms and dynamics to portray different animals and learning to follow a leader during call and response sessions. They have also been great Scientists and Historians, discovering facts about schools in the past, and learning all about the six different life processes. What a great start to the term!



Ash Class

Reception has been a very busy place this month, with all the children eagerly exploring all the resources kept in each of the areas which make up their classroom. There has been dressing up and roleplaying, music on the drums, threading patterns, mixing of colours, amazing constructions being built and many stories shared. The children have also been becoming familiar with routines within the classroom and having lunch in the hall, where they have all managed brilliantly.

We are all very proud of them.



PTA

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Colour Run and fete last weekend. In spite of the re-arranged date the event was well attended and it was super to see everyone enjoying themselves. Even the weather was kind to us on the day! Thanks to everyone who donated items for the raffle and the tombola and to those who were able to help on the day. We will let you know how much was raised soon.



Forest School

It has been lovely to welcome you all back to forest school. We have been enjoying the last of the blackberries as well as making blueberry paint and tie dye. Some of the children have been creating leaf people and faces along with cooking pita pocket pizzas and going on an Autumn treasure hunt. There is always lots of cooking in the mud kitchen and den building as well. It's been a great way to start the year.



Harvest Festival



On Monday 23rd September, Year 3 went to Church to present their Harvest Festival to their parents. The children worked hard to practice their lines and song – they were amazing. They stood up to talk about what Harvest meant in the Bible and then explained how the Wing Church Food Bank works for our community.

The children explained that Harvest festival was a celebration of the success of the Autumn harvest and a chance to give thanks for the food grown on our land. Food banks are charitable non-profit organisations where people can access food and hygiene supplies when they are needed. They are a fantastic way for us to give back to our communities and take care of each other in times of need.



What is coming up in October.....

- **30th September** – Y6 trip to Bletchley Park
- **7th October** – Year 4 trip to The Living Rainforest
- **8th October** – Year 2 trip to College Lake
- **9th October** – Pre-School & Reception – Ark Farm visit
- **10th October** – Year 5 trip to Hampton Court Palace
- **18th October** – PTA disco
- **23rd October** – Parent's evening
- **24th October** – Parent's evening
- **25th October** – INSET day – school closed for the children
- **4th November** – School starts for all children

And finally....



We are really pleased to share the news that Miss Loveridge, who works in our Pre-School has had her baby. Sophia was born at the end of August and both her and her mum are doing well. Welcome to the world, Sophia.