

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER

November 2022



Welcome to our November newsletter.

Acorn Class

Nursery have been celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The children made diya pots and Rangoli patterns with coloured rice. We also learnt about the story of Rama and Sita.



We have also finished our nursery rhyme challenge week. The children learnt some rhymes - The Big Ship Sails, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive, BINGO, 5 Little Speckled Frogs and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. The children also made boats, fish, frogs, dogs and stars to go with their rhymes. We then finished with a sing off, where our families came to hear us sing.

Willow Class

Every day we listen to our class book, which is currently 'Can You See Me?' and we have some super discussions regarding the content. We also get rather involved in our daily Guided Reading sessions. Despite only using excerpts from the books, we are often left wanting to read the whole book.

So, it was a wonderful surprise when Mrs Younger brought down an unknown gift to our class which turned out to be one of the books we really wanted to read. Thank you Mrs Younger, as we are now taking it in turns to borrow the book.

This week we also received a surprise package of Accelerated Reader books which we were so excited to obtain and are already being read.

It is wonderful to see the children with such a passion for reading.



Ash Class

During November we have been comparing what can be seen during the daytime and night time. This has led into our new topic question of 'Is there anybody out there?' To begin to answer this we have been counting aliens, making shape rockets, exploring reflective materials and listening to the story of Neil Armstrong. The children were able to ask lots of interesting questions and there was some amazing role play going on as a result of this.



During the month, we have also celebrated some special days including Guy Fawkes' night and Children in Need.



The children have really enjoyed their independent learning and finding their resources on their own within the classroom. They also help to reset the classroom ready for the next activity.

Redwood & Sycamore Classes



We're having an action-packed month so far in Year 5! We've been learning how to sew, creating vector drawings on the laptops, writing stories, and even had a visit from the police! Don't worry though, it was all part of our Crime and Punishment topic in History. Our favourite part was definitely getting to beep the horn and turn on the siren in the police car!



Fir Class

Year 3 have completed their 10 weeks of swimming this week. They have all made great progress and most children are showing they are able to swim both on their front and backs. They have all also learnt how to get out of the water without using the steps and how to jump into the pool safely. In our last lesson children had a fun session where they had to compete in various races, showing they could control a noodle and a ball at the same time!



Beech Class

We have been very busy in Year 1. In geography we have been learning about directions and exploring our school. We have looked at maps and used our knowledge of the school site to create our own. We never knew how big our school site actually is!



In Science we have also been learning about the senses. It was particularly interesting to investigate various tastes without seeing what we were tasting and smells without knowing what the products were.

Elm Class



In Year 2 we have been enjoying our class text 'The Night Gardener'. Hopefully the children have told you all about it! They thought about being the Night Gardener and what they would create in the trees to bring joy to the town. They all had some amazing ideas.

Oak Class

Oak class have been learning about the Romans and their learning was enhanced with a trip to the Roman town of Verulamium, better known as St. Albans. The children visited the hypocaust, completed an artefact workshop and spent time in the museum. It was a great day out and we all learnt something new.



Forest School



Year 4 have been busy making hanging poppies out of natural materials. First, they used a saw to make a wood cookie and then they used a palm drill to put a hole in the wood. Then the children painted their poppies and they look fabulous.

Remembrance

On the 11th November the children all did some work on remembrance and we observed the 2-minute silence. Several of our Year 6 children represented the school at community events and showed respect and reverence at this solemn occasion.



Anna and Joshua laid a wreath at Wing Airfield and also read the exhortation – 'We will remember them.'



Jake and Keira represented the school at the remembrance service held at the church in Wing.

Football Team



Well done to the boys football team who beat Bierton School 3 – 1.

PTA – Happy Circus

We would like to offer the PTA a big thank you from the school for organising the visit from Happy Circus. We raised £1900 for the school which is amazing. Thank you to everyone in the school community who was able to come and enjoy the experience with us.

What is coming up in December.....

- **10th December** – PTA Christmas Fete – Come and join us from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.
- **12th December** – Year 2 Nativity – 2.15pm – more information to follow for Year 2 parents.
- **12th December** – SEND meeting for parents and carers – 3.30pm – 4.30pm.
- **14th December** - Nursery Nativity – 9.00am – more information to follow for Nursery parents.
- **14th December** – Whole school Christmas lunch.
- **14th December** - Reception Nativity – 2.15pm – more information to follow for Reception parents.
- **15th December** - Year 1 Nativity – 2.15pm – more information to follow for Year 1 parents.
- **16th December** – Year 5 Carol Service at the church – 9.15am – more information to follow for Year 5 parents.
- **20th December** – Christmas jumper day and End of term.

Bucks Council have shared the following link with us and asked us to pass on this information to people in our community.

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

The link contains advice regarding help with bills, food, benefits etc. during the winter months. Please copy and paste it into your browser to read the information.

And finally

