

Friday 22nd September 2023

INKPEN WEEKLY NEWS



The children in Crocus and Silver Birch had a great time in Forest School this week. They collected a range of natural objects to create a picture.

Key dates coming up

27.09.23 NWN Photographs for FS2 children

28.09.23 European Day of Languages assembly

02.10.23 Phonics and Early Reading workshop

04.10.23 Crocus and Silver Birch Harvest trip to Newbury Showground

04.10.23 Maths workshop

05.10.23 Inkpen Poetry Challenge

06.10.23 Flu immunisations

Message from Miss Buck

It was World Gratitude Day on the 21st September so this week we have been thinking about what we are grateful for. Our Inkpen "jar of gratitude" has been added to all week. Here are some of the things we are grateful for:

"I am grateful to be alive and healthy!" "I am grateful for school dinners." "I am grateful for my teachers."

"I am grateful to be in a school with amazing adults and children."

It is always good to sit back and remind ourselves how lucky we are for the little things in life that sometimes we take for granted. How lovely it is to hear that the children appreciate these things every day! Hearing the children say these things reminds me how grateful I am to be the headteacher of such an amazing school.

It has been wonderful this week to see everyone coming in to school in the correct school uniform. Thank you for remembering to remove jewellery before coming in and for taking earrings out on PE days. Now that the weather is becoming more autumnal, please ensure your child has a coat in school for those unexpected showers.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that breaktime snacks should be healthy (e.g fruit, crackers, vegetables etc) and water bottles should only contain water. Please remember that no nuts are permitted in snacks or lunch boxes as we are a nut free school due to allergies. Thank you!

**Congratulations to Pottery who
earnt the most team points this
week and to Red Kite who
won the attendance award.**

**Congratulations to our reading champions from
last week:**

Red Kite: Ethan

Pheasant: Edmund

Crocus: Arthur



News from the classes

Red Kite:

This week in Red Kites, we have been studying newspaper reports. Each of the children has written a newspaper article, focussing on the trial of an Anglo-Saxon criminal. Catchy headlines were produced, summarising lead paragraphs written and members of the werigild quoted. Next week we begin our writes for "The Demon Headmaster". What disastrous event has occurred that warrants its own article? In maths we have had a superb start to our "Four Operations" topic. The children have grown in confidence with their basic addition and subtraction arithmetic and we will be building toward the concept of multiplication and division as repeated addition and subtraction next week.

Pheasant:

The children in Pheasant class have begun their "animation" topic in Computing this week and used 2Animate to turn still pictures into a moving story. We learnt how to change the speed of our animation and how to create the illusion of a pause in the animation. In English, our learning has been linked to our History topic of "Ancient Egypt" and we have begun writing our own stories set in Ancient Egypt. In science, we have developed our understanding of a healthy, balanced diet and are preparing to create our own meal which includes the perfect balance of the different food groups.

Crocus/Silver Birch:

This week, the children in Crocus class have continued reading "Stone Soup" and have explored different vocabulary such as time adverbials, verbs and nouns and have practised writing sentences to match the events of the story. They have worked hard to ensure they use their phonics to spell words and remember the correct punctuation. Next week we will become authors and will rewrite this story in our own words! In Silver Birch, the children have shared the Story of "The Three Little Pigs" and have used puppets to retell this story. They remembered the repetitive language very well!



The climbing wall was a huge success again this year and we were so impressed that everyone attempted to scale the wall. Congratulations to everyone who reached the top or overcame their fears to achieve a personal best!



A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the PSA quiz night in July. This events raised a huge £942 which will go towards our library and wellbeing room renovations. Watch this space for more PSA events coming soon.

