

INKPEN WEEKLY NEWS

Message from Miss Buck

Monday was "Odd Sock Day" which is always an excellent way to remind ourselves of how different we all are and how important it is to celebrate these differences. How lucky we are to be part of a wonderful community in which we have a range of children with a diverse range of abilities and interests; singers, dancers, footballers, sea cadets, scouts, guides and brownies. Life would be incredibly dull if we were all the same! Of course, Odd Sock Day kick started Anti Bullying Week which we explored at length in assemblies and lessons. The theme this year was "Make a Noise". Children were reminded to "Make a Noise" if they, or someone they know, is being bullied. Click on this link to watch the video together.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/odd-socks-day/andy-and-odd-socks>

Key dates coming up

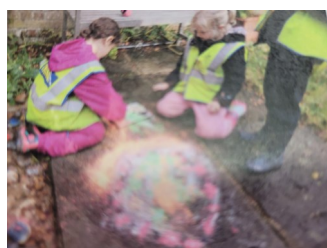
- 23.11.23 SEND Coffee and Cake morning
- 23.11.23 School photographer
- 28.11.23 Pheasant Class trip to Newbury Museum
- 01.12.23 Year 6 Height and Weight check
- 01.12.23 PSA Wreath Making Event
- 06.12.23 Infant Nativity 09:30
- 07.12.23 Infant Nativity 2:00
- 12.12.23 Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper Day
- 15.12.23 KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2:30



The children all looked fabulous today with their crazy hair and spots! Thank you for your effort and generosity in supporting this worthy cause.



In Forest School this week, the children shared the story of Rama and Sita and learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children used powder paints to create their own Rangoli patterns.





Stars of the Week 17.11.23

Red Kite: Ted

Pheasant: Evie

Crocus/Silver Birch: Olivia


Congratulations to our reading champions from this week:

Red Kite: Coby

Pheasant: Jack

Crocus: Logan



News from the classes

Red Kite:

The children in Red Kites have been learning about "Rivers" in Geography this week and learnt about the different stages of a river: upper course, middle course and lower course. Their Harry Potter unit continues and the children have been writing descriptions about the different settings within the book. Red Kites also enjoyed a tennis session this week in PE. They impressed the coach with their tennis skills and their teamwork.

Pheasant:

In Computing this week, the children in Pheasant have been exploring "Branching Databases". This has linked well with their science learning about classification in which they have continued to group different animals according to their characteristics. In maths they have started their multiplication and division unit and are impressing us with their times tables knowledge.

Crocus/Silver Birch:

Exciting times are ahead in Crocus class. We have begun to practice our Nativity! The children have started to learn some of the songs and have been excited to discover their parts. In science this week, the children were material detectives and walked around the school grounds looking to see what materials have been used to make different things. We were particularly impressed with their observation skills.



This week saw another new addition to our Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to **Lola, Edmund and Lara** who were awarded the "Marvellous Manners" certificate. These certificates were awarded by our lunchtime supervisors Miss Calvert, Miss Delaney, Miss Trewin and Mrs Greenough who are always on the lookout for good manners at lunchtimes. Not only were these children awarded a certificate but they will also eat at our "Top Table" next week, each bringing a friend of their choice to join them. I wonder whose manners will be spotted next week!

Board Games/Chess club was a great success this week. We had a whopping 19 children join us and everyone showed excellent sportsmanship; both winners and losers were incredibly gracious. A wide range of games were enjoyed such as Jenga, Connect 4 and of course Chess. Some children even had a go at designing (and playing) their own games! A huge thank you to Mr Higgins for organising and hosting this club.

