

Autumn Term Newsletter No. 5

Another week of fabulous learning opportunities! On Wednesday it was No Pens Day which is a day where children are encouraged to learn and communicate their learning in different ways. There were children all round the school who were working collaboratively, using technology, being creative and talking and listening to each other.

Year 3/4 painted, stirred, mixed, typed and sang on Wednesday - there wasn't a pen in sight! The children had great fun completing a carousel of activities, linked to their Ancient Egypt topic, around the school including cooking, art, music and ICT. If you would like to try the Egyptian dessert recipe (Cleopatra's favourite!) you can find the recipe here <http://horridhistory.weebly.com/cleopatras-dulcis-coccora.html>

On Thursday it was Outdoor Learning Day and KS1 had a fantastic day using the fire pits to cook the dough they had made; they learned how to whittle sticks; they made clay creatures for our orchard; learned how to play hockey; created art in the style of Goldsworthy; recreated stories using the Playpod materials (Going on a Bear hunt was very popular!)

Don't forget to check the photographs on our Twitter page!

This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Grace Featherstone-Andrews
Pine — Mylee Cree
Apple— Carl James baker
Oak— Billy Philbin
Birch— Jude Prentice
Rowan — Anusha Hossain
Cherry— Layton Stockton
Maple — Kelcy Walsh
Holly— Byron Prill
Willow — Mia Nicholson
Hawthorn — Natasha Aston
Hazel — Kayleigh Benn

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 10th —Holly Class swimming
Monday 10th—Harvest Festival (food donations please)
Wednesday 12th—last day for Christmas card orders
Weds- Fri 3:05pm Book a Parent Meeting (Y1-Y6) by the main office
Week beginning 17th October—Parents' Meetings.

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Apple Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.7% attendance overall which is just below our target of 96%

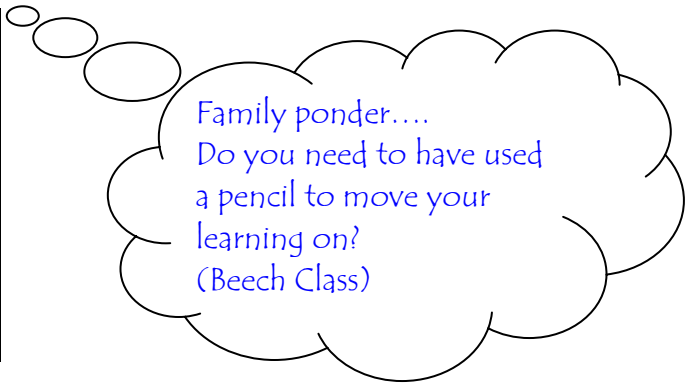


Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Thank You!

Yesterday 93% of the children eligible for a Free School Meal had a school meal which will really help the school's budget! There were only 8 packed lunches sent in from home. We really appreciate your support for the school!



Family ponder...
Do you need to have used
a pencil to move your
learning on?
(Beech Class)

Harvest Festival

On Monday we will hold our annual harvest celebrations in school. This year, Nigel from Anode is coming in to talk to the children about the work that they do as a charity. Please send in any food donations in the morning with your child. The food is going to people in our local community who you feel would benefit from a food parcel and all the left over food is going to Anode to support families in times of need. Please check the food is in date before sending it in as we cannot use out of date food.

Panto Tickets

On Monday and Tuesday next week from 3:05pm the PTA will be selling Panto tickets for Cinderella at the Princess Theatre for the 2pm matinee on Friday 23rd December. These will be sold at £12 per ticket which is a great saving for your family.

KS1 Nativity

Save the date! Thursday 1st December has been confirmed by the Princess Theatre as the afternoon for our Christmas Nativity for Years 1 and 2. We were lucky enough to secure a place there last year too and it was a superb and very special experience for the children to perform on the stage. It also means we do not have to limit ticket numbers as we have to in the school hall so please let your extended family know!

Parents' Meetings for Y1 to Y6

These will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 17th October. This is a really important meeting to attend as it will be the first time your child's class teacher will really have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you. The meetings will take place in the hall each night after school. The sheets to sign up for a meeting will be in the main corridor of the school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week straight after school. Please remember to allow a ten minute gap between appointments if you have more than one child in the school.

Due to Parents Meetings there will be no clubs running this week other than Girls Football on Monday.

Rotary ShoeBox Appeal

As a school who discuss the UN Rights of the Child with our children we try and think about other children who may not be as fortunate as us in this country. Sianai (Y6) suggested we took part in the Shoebox appeal so that children receive a gift at Christmas. This might be the only gift a child receives in a war-torn country. The idea is that you purchase a shoebox for £2 (this covers the manufacturing costs and transportation costs) and decide the age and gender of the child you would like to surprise and then you fill the box with goodies! The Rotary Club collect the filled boxes from us and send them off a round the world. The boxes will be arriving in school next week and we will begin selling them towards the end of the week and through the following week. Please watch this space for where and when the boxes will be available to buy. There will be an assembly on Monday 17th to explain all of this to the children.

A Note from the Office

Did you know there are two white metal post boxes just inside the front doors where you can put any correspondence? This would save you queuing up at the office to hand over an absence request or a change of address etc.

We are looking for another Meal Time Assistant! Would you like to join our team? £7.52 per hour for one hour a day (12:00—1:00pm) Monday to Friday in term time. Please call the office for more information.