



NEWSLETTER

Friday 1 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to see all the fantastic activities that have been arranged for the students this week.

During the week all class groups were able to visit the Chapel where they met with Father Paul and Pauline Meaney our newly appointed Catholic Ethos Advocate for the Centre.

For CAFOD today all classes were able to participate in a walk around the school grounds. We were also able to watch during assembly an online assembly explaining how important our environment is and how we can look after it.

We hope the petrol crisis has not caused you too much inconvenience and we are pleased to report that all children were able to attend school without any difficulties.

Can I remind you that it isn't too late to return your feedback form from the end of year reports either by email to the school office or by post.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sam

Samantha Steinke-Sanderson
Head of School

Jubilee Class

Dear Family and Friends

This week we experienced the change in the weather as we went for our group walk. We found conkers and we learned that they prevent spiders from coming into the house.

We continued to read our Roald Dahl book about 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and we have met Willy Wonka and his chocolate factory. We are enjoying the story and the group knows three titles written by Roald Dahl.

We are still doing subtraction and number patterns and counting in two's, five's, ten's and hundreds. Some of our learners are doing subtraction to ten, twenty and one hundred.

Our topic is "Stay Safe!" and we will be continuing this topic for some time.

Today it was Cafod day and the topic was "Go Green for Cafod!" We made Vegetable masks and used tissue paper to give them texture. We made vegetable stir fry as a healthy meat free option and used lots of healthy crunchy vegetables for our healthy option topic.

Kind Regards, Mrs C

Winston

Happy Friday everyone,

Winston class have had another busy week, with students continuing to read The Titanic. We have enjoyed lots of dancing and the students really have enjoyed this, some are proving to have some great moves!

In RE we are looking at World Poverty, in Maths some students are working on number bonds, others have been looking at positive and negative numbers.

Today we are celebrating being more considerate of our planet, we are trying all green snacks including raw broccoli, making guacamole, olives, cucumber, celery, grapes and green energising smoothies.

Some of the students have enjoyed time on their bikes whilst others have been walking.

I am very impressed with the amount of work the students are doing for their City and Guilds, including Hazards and Communication.

Every morning we have positive thoughts where the students say something nice, today one answered: "Make the World Greener" which was very appropriate for today.

Have a great weekend! Mel and The Winston Team

Discovery Class

Discovery class has finished September on a high! Despite the rotten weather this week, we have had great fun and worked hard across all areas.

Yesterday we went to the Harlow Playhouse to see a Visual story called Frozen Light. This was an interactive theatre production involving music and other sensory experiences. It was very well managed from a COVID perspective and the learners had a great time.

On Friday we have highlighted the CAFOD Harvest Day campaign – Go Green. This is to focus on climate change and to explore how we can protect our world. We have taken the opportunity to Go cycling and also to Go plastic-free – thinking about how we can re-use and recycle plastic bottles into different items.

We have continued our PSHE work, focusing on recognising and working with our peers. We practised turn taking activities and sharing sensory experiences.

In food tech this week we made muffins and cupcakes and they were yummy.

Have a good weekend

Letty and Gill - On behalf of the Discovery Class Team.

Bramley Class

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have been reading a book called 'Alfie Gets in First' by Shirley Hughes. It is a story about a boy who closes the door and gets locked in the house. It looks at what happens when you have to deal with shopping and children. We did a lot of exploring of different types of keys and what they might be used for. Continuing our theme on shopping, we also did some work on what you might buy at the bakery.

For cognition we have been exploring shapes and numbers. We have also done a bit of tasting of different salads and fruits this week.

We have been continuing our class singing and music and movement sessions and have seen some lovely dancing.

In art and DT, we made some shakers out of plastic bottles to play along with the music and in RE we learnt about 'Going Green for Cafod Day' and learnt about the Global Summit on the environment. We wrote in a leaf our own pledge to look after the environment.

Regards, Lyn Phillips

Pippin Class

This week we had lessons to show the children that it is common to see different faces, colours, races, cultures and many other things that are a part of someone's origin and identity.

They learnt that we are all different, each one of us and what make us precious. We also thought about what are the characteristics that make us and what make other people? We discussed we are all different, but we are also one and we can live in harmony. The music chosen for this activity was: We're all amazing! It was beautiful to see how the children paid attention and showed a lot of interest during all activities related to this subject.

We also worked on multiculturalism, prejudice, diversity, respect, knowledge and appreciation. We gave the children the opportunity to get to know themselves and others to promote cultural appreciation, to show respect for differences, different people, different languages, different colours and different tastes, etc.

Throughout the week there were several activities related to this theme. In the cooking lesson we had Fajitas Mexicana's. The children had the opportunity to appreciate Mexican food, Mexican music and they had a moment to dance and have a lot of fun.

We also had a moment of health, where children learnt the importance of eating greens and vegetables. Everyone had the chance to taste the vegetables.

On Friday we were all lucky to take a trip out to the theatre. The week was busy, happy, interesting and multicultural.

From Pippin Team

Stirling Class

This week Stirling class finished reading 'The Falcon's Malteser' by Andy Horowitz and started reading "The Twits" as requested by a student. In Literacy we have been working on adjectives to improve our creative writing.

In Maths the students have been working on round up numbers to the nearest 10 or 100 depending on ability.

In Art we continued with our various characters for cardboard cut outs.

The students continued our mini project about the Normans where we learnt about the Domesday book. The students finished their Design and Technology project to make a cardboard chair to see whose chair could take the most weight and whose chair looked the best.

The students also started work on personal finance and looked at the advantages and disadvantages of borrowing money.

In P.E. the students worked on their fitness with circuit training.

Have a good weekend Mr D.