



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic week in school. Everyone is beginning to settle into the new term. Attendance in school has been excellent and we have also begun going out into the wider community and accessing offsite visits such as swimming. We hope to resume many of our normal offsite trips and work related learning activities after the half term break.

This week, all classes have been engaging in enrichment activities based on Roald Dahl. This morning, the sun shone as everyone paraded around the school in their costumes. It was absolutely wonderful to come together outdoors and admire everyone's costumes. Golden ticket prizes were given to all classes for the effort and achievements that have taken place this week.

At the end of last term, we successfully recruited a teacher for Pippin class. However, due to unforeseen personal circumstances they will now not be joining us. I wish to assure you that the chair of governors and I have been extremely proactive in looking to recruit an outstanding and experienced teacher going forward and over the next couple of weeks I will be in a position to update you with positive news. In the meantime, Lynn Dumayne our Senior HLTA, who is extremely experienced, and has worked in Pippin for a number of years is doing an outstanding job of leading Pippin class with the support of Stuart Bruce our Assistant Head.

Could I please remind you that if you haven't already returned the feedback form on your child's school report and Evidence for Learning, that we would really appreciate your feedback and that it is not too late to respond.

A number of our learners received their Covid vaccinations today and everyone was extremely brave and keen to show me where they had had their injections!

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sam

Samantha Steinke-Sanderson
Head of School



Jubilee Class

Dear Family and Friends

This week we looked at the stories of the author Roald Dahl. We discussed many different characters and we completed many different activities in class. This included designing our own "SPECIAL" sweets for Willy Wonka.

Our numeracy topic is number and patterns and many of our learners found the patterns challenging to do. We are learning about eggs this term and we are working towards using an electric egg boiler safely. We will be inventing our own omelette as a way to explore healthy low calorie dishes as part of healthy living.

We are starting to introduce the City and Guilds curriculum where our learners are able to work towards gaining a registered qualification at our school.

It was FANTASTIC to see staff and learners dressed up as characters from the Roald Dahl books! YOU ALL LOOKED AMAZING!!!

Enjoy the last of the sunny weekends.

Kind Regards, Mrs C

Bramley Class

Dear Parents and Carers

Our cross curricula topic this term is shopping and we will be thinking about stories where the characters go to the shop or market and what might happen there.

This week we read 'Fatou fetch the water', where a young girl travels through a village market and collects all kinds of food from the people in the market. We have been learning some basic signs for different items of food and thinking about what we like to eat. We made some pastry whirls with different flavours such as lemon curd, raspberry jam and marmite and had a taste test. Impressively, the marmite went down best with the class. We also did some sensory play with salt dough and on another day, we did some water and sand play.

We have been learning some new songs and how to say hello in African languages as our story takes place in Africa. We also managed to do a bit of percussion to African rhythms as well. For cognition we thought about what things we could buy in a butcher's shop.

Some of our learners had the opportunity to go swimming this week, our first outing for the year. We have also been out and about in the playground and visiting the chickens since the weather has improved.

In RE we thought about Harvest Festival and today we celebrated Roald Dahl Day and we made some masks and did some dressing up. Our chosen book was 'Dirty Beasts' which has some very funny poems.

Regards, Lyn Phillips

Pippin Class

This week in Pippin we have been continuing with our topic on relationships and feelings.

Everyone has been engaged in interactions with each other. Everyone has been learning to interact with a partner and play together in pairs.

We have been encouraging friendships and have developed a class friendship tree for our class and school community. We have been looking at each person in the class and have shared our strengths and interests.

We have been learning about Roald Dahl's Matilda. We have also watched parts of the film. All of the children and staff dressed up in costumes today and enjoyed the parade walk around the grounds.

This week we have also been looking at expressing feelings through art and music. We will be continuing to develop this throughout the term.

From Pippin Team

Winston

Happy Friday from Winston.

This week we have been finding out about Roald Dahl and we all made masks and tails to wear in our parade today.

There were some very impressive costumes!

We have been working hard on numeracy and literacy – some of this has been interactive and all the students found this really enjoyable.

We have learnt a new dance, which all of the students have participated in and we have had great fun doing it.

We are all getting used to the school routine and students read every morning on arrival.

The students are keeping very busy and we have lots planned for next week, including more work on The Titanic and our City and Guilds qualifications.

Have a great weekend

Regards Mel
Winston Team

Stirling Class

This week Stirling class continued reading 'The Falcon's Malteser' by Andy Horowitz and completed a summary worksheet based on the text.

In Maths the students have been working on numbers up to 1000 depending on their ability. They have completed exercises on number lines and writing numbers in words.

In Art we drew various characters for cardboard cut outs.

The students also took part in a mini project about the Normans where they watched a presentation and completed a series of questions about what we learnt.

The students also took part in a Roald Dahl project where we read extracts from the book, watched extracts from some of his films and studied characters from his books.

In R.E. we learnt about special people who helped the poor including a priest who helped victims of radiation immediately after the Hiroshima bomb.

In P.E. the students played badminton and took part in indoor curling.

Have a good weekend Mr D.

Discovery Class

Discovery Class have had another lovely week.

On Monday, some of the learners enjoyed a trip to the park, via the Scarecrow Festival in High Wych and had a walk in the sunshine and a picnic in the play park.

As our topic for this term is 'Shopping' on Tuesday we looked at different coins and exchanged items.

We peeled and chopped apples to make seasonal Apple and Plum Crumble in food tech. We all enjoyed this for afternoon snack with custard.

Today, we participated in Roald Dahl Day, dressing up as our favourite characters from the famous author and reading the 'The Enormous Crocodile.' We made masks and listened to the story and joined in with the parade with the rest of the school.

As usual, we ended the week with our singing practice on zoom.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Letty and Gill

On behalf of the Discovery Class Team.