

# NEWSLETTER

#### Friday 24 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at school and we have been extremely lucky with the weather where we have taken advantage of our outside space where learners have been keeping up their activity with outside PE lessons, daily walks and going on the bikes.

In assembly today we have been learning about harvest time and next Friday we will be celebrating CAFOD day together.

We are only a few weeks into the new term and already our learners are settling well into their class groups.

If you haven't done so already, 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.

There have been no further government updates this week in regard to Covid.

Thank you for continuing to support with the LFD testing each week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sam

Samantha Steinke-Sanderson Head of School

## **Bramley Class**

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

This week we have been reading one of our favourite books, the iconic 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We did it as a sensory story with lots of props and sang the song from the theatre production.

We took the opportunity to think about what things we would buy at the shops and made a shopping list. We made some bread for Food Technology.

We have also been learning to socialise with each other this week through some group work in the OMI room, singing and PE. As a group we are getting to know each other better and make friends and learning our way around the school.

The weather had also been kind and we have been exploring the playground and being more adventurous on a range of the equipment

In RE we learnt about Sukkot, the Jewish harvest festival which also commemorates their exodus from Egypt.

Today we had Macmillan Day and had some special snacks for our break time.

Regards, Lyn Phillips

## **Stirling Class**

This week Stirling class continued reading 'The Falcon's Malteser' by Andy Horowitz and answered questions based on the text.

In Literacy we have been working on connectives to improve our sentences and creative writing.

In Maths the students have been working on numbers up to 1000 depending on their ability. They have completed exercises on writing numbers in words increasing from 4 digits to 6 digit numbers.

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 'Motte and Bailey' castles and started making models of the castles in teams.

The students also took part in a Design and Technology project to make a cardboard chair to see whose chair could take the most weight and whose chair looked the best.

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

Have a good weekend Mr D.

#### **Discovery Class**

We have had a busy week in Discovery. We have been reading lots of books and focusing on developing our social skills and problem solving. As the weather has been so lovely, we have been taking advantage of our lovely grounds and getting out for lots of walks, exploring how it is all changing as we are heading towards Autumn.

In food tech this week, we made potato salad and toasties. The learners were given the opportunity to make their own snacks. The learners were encouraged to help make the toast and then choose what topping they would like.

We have continued our story about Pablo going shopping. We have explored the sensory items to understand the story and this week tried to learn some of the characters in the story.

We have looked at the colour yellow in RE. We have thought about all the things that God made for us in our world, thinking particularly about yellow items such as flowers, bananas and sand. Some of us painted yellow flowers whilst other used handprints to make yellow petals.

In our PSHE lessons we thought about our peers. We played parachute games together and then practised recognising our peers using their pictures. We chose one of our friends and then made cards to give each other.

Letty and Gill On behalf of the Discovery Class Team.

# **Jubilee Class**

Dear Family and Friends

This week flew by! We are continuing to read our story about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We are working on the good characteristics of the characters we meet and we discussed if their behaviour was appropriate or not. The learners rightfully said that some of the manners of the characters are not appropriate to be able to gain tokens in our class reward system.

In Numeracy we have been working on number patterns and colour sequences and this week we focussed on shape and colour. Some learners have grasped the concept and enjoyed the session very much.

We will continue to work on the topic of safety and this week we looked at keeping safe in the kitchen. We made ham, egg and cheese cups with cheese on top and baked them in the oven. We experimented with baking eggs in their shells in the oven and the learners enjoyed the fact that they explode!

I am pleased to say that all the learners have been working extremely hard at gaining their tokens and getting their certificates! WELL DONE, JUBILEE!

Kind Regards, Mrs C

#### **Pippin Class**

Continuing the theme of emotions and friendship, the theme for this week was: **We walk together.** 

We worked on the importance of group work, the school as the first social environment for children.

They also learnt the importance of community, their social environment, and the values of fraternity and unity. The children were taught that each one has their role in society and by working together we can help each other and improve our environment.

During the week we had many activities with songs related to this subject. They also built a friendship circle and put their friends' photos around it and their photo in the middle.

Another activity was when we went to pick plums and the children were able to share the fruits with their friends enjoying the beautiful sunny day.

We had an exciting time when we placed some rope on the floor forming paths for children to explore and the children could then walk together creating many different ways.

In our cooking lesson we made chocolate rice crispy cakes, that we all really loved.

The children had the opportunity to observe each friend better and we could also finish our friendship tree.

Finally, we had an RE lesson talking about the moral values of fraternity that were studied throughout the week.

From Pippin Team

#### <u>Winston</u>

Happy Friday from Winston Class.

It's been a very good week and we are getting lots of work done.

The class have been reading every morning and some of the class are reading out loud to the class, which is great to hear.

They have been looking at hazards in familiar settings as part of City and Guilds, it is lovely to see them proving how knowledgeable they are on how to be safe.

We have had lots of fun and exercise every day, staff and students all joining in with dance. In PSHE the students are looking at Healthy Lifestyles, by the end of the year we are all hoping to be very fit and healthy!

In RE we are looking at World Poverty and today we have been baking scones, so using our maths and life skills.

Have a great weekend! Mel and The Winston Team