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Friday Newsletter

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Headteacher's Update

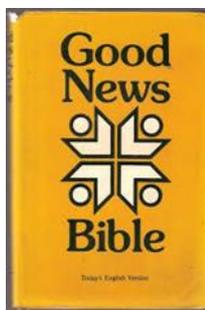
You can't make a child behave better by making them feel bad about themselves! This week I have been considering the success of our Therapeutic Thinking approach to behavior, now that it has been in place for two years. It takes myself and other members of staff a lot longer to deal with inappropriate behavior, as we discuss consequences and feelings in some depth. I am pleased to say that incidents of inappropriate behavior, which were already low, have decreased. If you would like to know more about the approach, please see our behaviour policy, which is available on our website. If you would like a parent information evening so that you have a greater understanding, please e mail the office with your request.



Mrs Fakes

Collective Worship

This week we looked at different logos. From experience, I know that M for MacDonald's is one of the first symbols that children recognise! We considered what would be Jesus' logo. Unsurprisingly, the children suggested a cross. The cross is linked to a place of punishment and a shameful death. Paul in Galatians said, "I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" Is the cross something to boast about? Can we boast that Jesus died for us?



We then looked at the Bible cross which can often be found on the front of Good News Bibles. It is a design of four heads behind open books, dovetailed together to make a cross. The Bible tops world book sales every year.

Mrs Fakes

School Photographer

The proofs of the school photos have been sent home in book bags last week.



The deadline for ordering a copy of their photograph is Monday 22nd November. Please ensure that your order and payment envelope is returned to the office by this date. Alternatively, photos can be purchased directly through the Tempest website. The cut-off date for ordering online is Sunday 21st November at 23:59.

Hedgehog class

We enjoyed wearing our odd socks and pretty tights on Monday for Odd Sock Day, and we thought about ways in which we are unique. We chose the word 'listen' as our One Kind Word, as we feel sad when nobody takes time to listen to us.



Our learning this week was inspired by the story of Kipper's Monster, and we explored making shadows on the Interactive Whiteboard Screen using a variety of resources - the star-shaped wicker baskets made very interesting shadows!

In maths we have been looking for circles and triangles in the environment, and we used positional language to describe where we had put Pudsey Bear - we think he enjoyed using our obstacle course.

Next week we will be exploring the numbers 4 and 5, and finding one more or one less than a number.

Mrs Burton

Badger class



Badger class have thoroughly enjoyed watching the short animation, "Adventures are the pits." We used it as a stimulus for their descriptive writing and have explored using exciting adjectives, writing similes and using a range of different time words to retell what happened to the boy in the ball pit. What great writers the class are becoming! As part of our DT we made party hats, thinking carefully about how to ensure they fitted, how to fasten them securely and how to decorate them following a theme. Once they are all finished, we will have a hat parade and take photos of each other. In science we have continued to explore materials and focussed on glass and plastic. We investigated how these materials can be transparent and made a pair of fun, party glasses to wear. In maths Y1 have been exploring addition and subtraction and Y2 have been looking at how addition and subtraction are inverse operations. The class are all working hard on learning their spelling or reading fish words. Please continue to support them with this and return the completed sheets in order to get the next set of words.

Mrs Lyn-Jones

Woodland School



This week we decided to go exploring around Basildon Park. First we spotted christmas lights decorating the paths and house. Next we followed a pathway that gave us a few nice surprises including balancing logs, numbered stepping stones and a measure your height activity. We were all surprised that we all measured between 123 and 127 centimetres! We saw a sign that said Keep Out! and we imagined who might live in a house in the woods down that track. We spotted a tall ladder with a chair at the top and wondered why it was there. We had a rest on some carved benches and then noticed thorny brambles and soft ferns. We finally found a racing track with some wooden tunnels that we raced around. After our walk we were grateful to get back to our base for hot chocolate- the time flew by today!

Mrs Hodsdon

Owl class



This week in Owl Class we have continued with our debating putting our thoughts into writing. I have been really impressed with everyone's high level of vocabulary and reasoning on keeping a dragon as a pet! In maths the spheres have been exploring multiplying by 10 and 100 and the Cubes have started column addition and subtraction. Completing a cross-curricular activity of maths and computing has allowed us to use google sheets to interpret the data from our biscuit tasting and creating graphs to represent this. In science we have been classifying living things into different groups using both Venn and Carrol diagrams. We will be having our virtual museum visit at the end of this week and this will launch us into the History of Huntley and Palmers.

New KIRFS have been sent home, please do support your children in regularly practising these. You will have also noticed that our first project homework has come home this week too.

Mrs Pickering

Falcon class



What a buzz of excitement could be heard up here in Falcon class, as the children received replies from Alok Sharma! Each child received a personalised response to the aspect of climate change that they had written about. They were so excited to feel that they had been heard and we are grateful to Mr Sharma for taking the time to respond (considering he's been rather busy in Glasgow at COP26!). Our studies of 'Vetman' have continued and this week the children wrote a summary of the story so far. We have also used time in ERIC to read a biography of Noel Fitzpatrick and explored his 'Fitz for Kids' website. The class have thoroughly enjoyed finding out more about him and his work. They have already drawn parallels between his life and that of Vetman! We are excited to see where the story takes us next....

Over in 'Medical Marvels' we have explored the history of imaging, from magnifying lenses in Roman times, up to CT scanners today. The class were asked to consider which invention they felt had the most impact and then design what they thought was the next step. Mason designed a machine to read your mind, in case you can't speak and say what is wrong! Frankie suggested a colour ultrasound machine, Sam designed a Nanobot that can take a CT scan from INSIDE the body, whilst Chloe designed a very Star Trek like laser scanner!

There are barely a few days until Y6 depart for Wales and a lot of excitement that this is creating. Please double check all the kit lists etc. and make sure everything is labelled!

Y5 are looking forward to a lovely Jungle Book week, designed and taught by Mrs Pickering, aided by Miss Worlin, Miss Allsopp and Mrs Browning. I look forward to hearing all about it when we get back!

Mrs Hicks

FOPS news

THAMESIDE FIREWORKS UPDATE

We are still finalising the figures from the fireworks, but we can tell you that the event has raised over £6,000! An amazing amount that will all be used to benefit the children of our school. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered their time to help organise and run the event and to everyone who came along and made it such a success!

SECOND-HAND CHRISTMAS CLOTHES SALE

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the Second-hand Christmas Clothing Sale. These are much appreciated by the school Eco-Warriors who are hoping to promote re-use and sustainability. If you would still like to donate, please can you bring them to the school office by Monday morning. Donations can be any Christmas themed clothes, such as jumpers, tops, dresses, PJS etc.

The sale will take place on **Wednesday 24th November** at the school back gate between **3.15pm – 4pm**. Please do come along and grab a bargain, whilst helping to save the planet! All money raised will go directly to the school.



Need to have a big clear out?

A reminder that the Bag2School collection is scheduled for Friday 26th November. Why not use this as an opportunity for a pre-Christmas declutter?



Bag2School collects the following in good condition for reuse:

- Men's, women's and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

They don't accept:

- Duvets, blankets, pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

Your unwanted clothes = school PTA funding, so we would be very grateful for anything you can donate. Please bring your donations in *any* plastic bag to school at the start of the school day on **Friday 26th November**.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DISCO

Your child will have received a ticket form in their bookbag for the school disco, which is taking place on **Friday 10th December** at **Goosecroft Barn - 4.45pm – 6.15pm for KS1 kids and 6.30pm – 8.00pm for KS2**. Tickets are £4.50 per child and include the disco, a hot dog, juice, biscuit & a gift from Santa. If your child/children do want to attend, please return the completed form to the school office by **Monday 6th December**.

"ELFRIDGES" CHRISTMAS SHOP

The Christmas Shop will run **Monday 6th – Friday 10th December**. We will once again be offering the children the opportunity to purchase gifts for their own family members. There will be a selection of small, affordable gifts to choose. Please send any money in in a named purse and bring a named carrier/reusable shopping bag to transport their purchases home. The children will then bring the gifts home already wrapped and labelled. The money will not be needed until w/c 6th December.

Dates for the diary

- 21 - 27/11/21** – Year 6 Residential
- 22/11/21** – Deadline to return school photos
- 24/11/21** – Christmas Clothes Sale
- 26/11/21** – bag2school Collection
- 02/12/21** – School Flu Immunisations
- 06/12/21** – Deadline for school disco tickets
- 06-10/12/12** – Elfridges Christmas Shop

10/12/21 – School Disco

17/12/21 – End of Autumn Term 2 at 1:15pm

05/01/22 – Start of Spring Term 1

26/05/22 – **Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on

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Karen Fakes (Head teacher)

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