

Headteacher Message

It's been wonderful to see so much fun and creativity on our playgrounds this week! The children have absolutely loved the stacking cups and have been building some tall and inventive structures with them. Do check out our Instagram page for updates and to see some of the exciting activities taking place throughout the week.

This week, our teachers have been meeting with colleagues from other schools in the area after school to share the children's learning and discuss what we've been doing in school. It's been a great opportunity to link with others and share our successes and developments.

Thank you to our parent representatives for coming in on Wednesday. It was a really good opportunity to feedback, listen and share ideas. As always, please do come in if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Today, our Year 5 pupils are out in London visiting the Science Museum and travelling on the train – we can't wait to hear all about it when they return to school on Monday!

Have a great weekend everyone – just one more week to go!

Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that we have two new members of staff joining us after half term. Miss Smith and Mr Cunningham will be joining us for the next 15 months as apprentice TAs and learning the ropes from our experienced staff here. I am sure we will all welcome them well.

Mr Cunningham will predominantly be working across year 3 and 4 and Miss Smith within KS1 and EYFS. I'd like to thank Mrs Kobelentz for all the additional time and support she has given us while we have made these appointments. It is gladly not a goodbye as she is still running her art club here and has offered further cover and support when needed.

Sports News

Year 3 and 4 attended the Sevenoaks Rugby Festival hosted by Sevenoaks Rugby Club and had an amazing afternoon in the Autumn sunshine. They drew one game and won the other two, lifting the small schools trophy. Mr Howse's player of the tournament was Ruan for his weaving runs and ferocious tagging. Well done to all of the squad!



Oaks Science Experiments

Year 6 have been diligently cultivating mould as part of their Science topic this term. They chose variables such as temperature and moisture, with some choosing to saturate the bread in varying liquids such as water, milk and coffee. They then observed the change over time and even got to look



under a microscope (whilst holding their breath!!) to see the mould more closely. They discovered many things, such as coffee accelerating the process, sourdough not moulding quickly and keeping bread in a boiler cupboard turns it to toast over time!

Pupil Success

For all of his hard work outside of class, Jack has been working towards a reward which he got to do with his classmates. He is a keen angler and brought his rod in to teach his classmates how to cast. Jack was an excellent teacher and showed patience when some of (most!) his classmates tangled his line! Well done, Jack - keep up the hard work. As his next reward, he will be teaching Oaks how to make some rigs; they can't wait!





World Mental Health Day

Today, our children took part in an assembly to mark World Mental Health Day. They learned about the importance of looking after their mental health, recognising their feelings, and supporting one another with kindness and understanding.

We encourage parents to continue these conversations at home. Let's keep working together to make mental wellbeing a daily priority for everyone in our school community.



Dogs

A gentle reminder that we do not allow dogs on the school premises. Thank you.



CRAZY HAIR

AND SILLY SOCK DAY!

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

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SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER
11.30AM - 2.30PM



There are a few stalls available for the Winter Craft Market and potentially an opportunity for a free stall if required for a charity.