

Friday 8th October 2021

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The Autumn term continues to fly by at tremendous speed; I can't believe the half-term break is getting so close. We have had a busy couple of weeks in school, with lots of fantastic learning happening in all classes. We held our Information Evening on Tuesday 28th September, and we were delighted that lots of parents were able to attend. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of our new film, kindly put together by Rob Barry, and everyone seemed to enjoy hearing the children talk about our School Development Plan. Reverend Jo Hurst then officially opened our new classroom block, and parents were invited to have a look round the school and to chat to their children's class teacher about the learning happening through the term. Can I say a huge thank you to Gemma Barry and the members of FOSHS who kindly supported the school by providing a range of delicious refreshments.

If there are any parents who were not able to attend the event and would like to watch the film, we will post this on all of the class Google Classroom streams by the beginning of next week.

Learning through the school

EYFS

Superhero Day:

We had a fantastic day on Thursday in EYFS, dressing up as superheroes. We completed tricky number missions and had to rescue our friends in hide and seek.

This week in EYFS we have also been learning about patterns. The Bunnies used waffles outside to make their patterns. Busy Bees were finding the mistake in peg and cube patterns.



Squirrel Class

This week we have had a really lovely discussion all about what and who helps us learn. We also thought about how we can help other people learn and had some time to reflect on what can sometimes make learning a little bit more difficult.



Badger Class

This week Badgers have been getting musical: we had our second guitar lesson and performed a song at the church during our harvest festival service. In maths we started exploring multiplication, and in English we began looking at writing character descriptions using similes.



Hedgehog Class

This week, we have been acting out some Greek myths to help us with our non-chronological reports on Medusa. We created short scenes that showed Perseus' quest to kill Medusa and then performed them to each other.



Owl Class

In Year 6 we have been hugely enjoying our study of Ancient Greece. Recent highlights include a class debate about whether it would have been better to live in Athens or Sparta; and bringing to life the story of Perseus and Medusa in preparation for writing about the famous snake-haired gorgon. In art, we have been creating designs of everyday life in orange and black, inspired by Ancient Greek pottery.



EPA U11 Football Tournament at Bartholomew School

On Monday 4th October, an U11 football tournament was held at Bartholomew school which all EPA primary schools had been invited to participate in. Mrs Atherstone kindly organised some training sessions in the weeks leading up to this event, and she soon had a team of 10 girls raring to go. Despite the Autumnal weather, the Stanton team put in a tremendous effort, and the matches were very closely fought. Stanton came 4th overall which they were delighted with, and they certainly enjoyed the overall experience. Well done to all involved!



Harvest Service/Food Bank Donations

The Harvest service took place this week, and the whole school walked down to the church to participate in the festival which was led by Rev Jo Hurst. All of the classes had prepared something to share with everyone. There were some fantastic Harvest-themed songs, prayers and bible readings, and Year 6 presented some interesting facts about food banks in the UK. It was lovely to all come together to celebrate Harvest, and it highlighted the many different talents we have at Stanton Primary.

We have had a brilliant response to our plea for donations to the Witney Food Bank so can I say a huge thank you to all of the families who kindly brought much-needed items into school.



Parents' Evenings Bookings

As you may already be aware from the diary dates, we will be holding two Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October. Booking for this will take place via ParentMail and will be accessible to parents at the beginning of next week. We will inform you of the exact time this 'goes live' as soon as the system is ready.

We are pleased to announce the children who have achieved the following awards:

MATHS AWARDS:	Week 5	Week 6
The Den –	Laila Harris-Evans	Harry Ind
Squirrel Class –	Isla Baker	Max Monro
Badger Class –	Abdullah Baig	Sophia Flower
Hedgehog Class –	Harry Thompson	Jacob Drinkwater
Owl Class –	Riley Walsh	Ella-Mae McCudden

WRITING AWARDS:	Week 5	Week 6
The Den –	John Trevor-Allen	George Hammonds
Squirrel Class -	Olga Jastrzebska	Fraser Clarke
Badger Class –	Amelie Thompson	Beau Kowalski
Hedgehog Class –	Martha Dilger	Arietta Martin
Owl Class –	Kai Godfrey	Griffin Schreiber

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS:	Week 5	Week 6
The Den –	Margot Harris	Alan Hnatow
Squirrel Class –	Fleur Maton	Elissa Hammonds
Badger Class –	Jacqui Day	Ben Howard
Hedgehog Class –	Lacey Vaughan	Freya Harris-Blucher
Owl Class –	Thomas Axford	Amelia Baran



Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th October:
Monday 18th October:
Bartholomew School.
Tuesday 19th October:
Tuesday 19th October:
Thursday 21st October:
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Thursday 21st October:
Friday 22nd October

EYFS visit to the Children's Play Village
Key Stage 2 Cross Country competition –

Years 5&6 Greek Day
Parents Evening: 3:30 – 6pm
Owl Class Cake Sale in aid of Uganda (after school)
Parents Evening: 4 – 7pm
EYFS Stay and Play: 8:40 - 9:30
Last day of half term.

Monday 1st November:

Thursday 4th November:
Monday 15th November:
Tuesday 23rd November:
Year 5 & 6 in school.
Wednesday 24th November:
Thursday 25th November:
Oxford Museum
Thursday 2nd December:
Tuesday 7th December:
Friday 10th December:

INSET Day 2

EYFS Open Morning
Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day
IMPS (Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools) for
Book Fair in school
Badger Class Anglo-Saxon/Viking Experience @
Whole School Trip to Pantomime in Chipping Norton
Parents' Stay & Learn session
iRock concert.

Please see the link below for the EPA Payroll Officer vacancy:

<https://www.epa-mat.org/vacancies/>