

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## Newsletter 4

The end of the first term is upon us, and what a busy term it has been. The children should all be congratulated on their fantastic attitude to learning. The teachers and support staff have been extremely impressed at how quickly everyone has adapted to new rules and routines and at the energy and enthusiasm they have demonstrated towards all aspects of school life. We feel immensely proud of each and every pupil.

Next term is looking equally busy and we will of course be gearing up for our countdown to Christmas. We wish everyone a safe and restful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming all of the children back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Learning through the school

#### EYFS

We had a fantastic time on our school trip to the Children's Play Village. We loved role playing different jobs and had so much fun with all the lovely toys in the village. Afterwards, we talked about which jobs we enjoyed doing and what we would like to do when we are older. Lots of us said we would like to work in the vets.





### **Squirrel Class**

This week we have been testing the suitability of materials. My fire-fighting bucket ended up with a hole in it and we needed to find out how to fix it! We tried plastic, metal and paper. Plastic and metal were both waterproof but we discovered you could make metal stronger by making it thicker which would be important if the water was heavy.



### **Badger Class**

We have been busy in Badgers! We have been learning gymnastic skills and have put together routines to the James Bond soundtrack. We had a (rather loud) debate in History between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. In Science we discovered how sound travels from a source to the brain. In R.E we had a very special Diwali celebration, where the children dressed-up, listened to music, made food from curry scented playdough *and* got to eat some real food! We ended our celebration by lighting our Diwa lamps and reflecting on the new school year so far.



## **Hedgehog & Owl Class**

### **Greek Day**

On Tuesday 19th October, Years 5 and 6 stepped back to September 480 BC and had a day enjoying all things Greek. The children came dressed in fabulous costumes and had great fun trailing bed sheets around. We used the Greek alphabet and tried Greek food (taramasalata had few fans!). We then learned about the Battle of Salamis, where the Greek naval fleet pulled off a remarkable victory against the Persian invaders. In the afternoon we had the chance to see some of the Greek artefacts from the Ashmolean Museum via Zoom, before making shadow puppets and painting pots. At the end of the day, the children shared what they had found most interesting, enjoyable and memorable.



## **EPA Cross-Country Event at Bartholomew School**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 22 children from Badger, Hedgehog and Owl class braved the rain on a windswept Bartholomew school rugby field to compete against four other EPA primary schools in a cross-country event where Badger class ran 1500m and Hedgehog and Owl classes ran 2000m. The children were amazing - their behaviour while waiting for their races was notably excellent and they competed with fantastic effort and determination. All the children did themselves proud in the difficult conditions and particular mention should go to Thomas A for coming second in the under-11 boys race. We look forward to taking part in more sporting events through the year.



### **Uganda Fundraising – Cake Sale**

As a school, we are aiming to raise £1,500 to buy a climbing frame and swing for Rwamahano School in Uganda. We will be holding a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, please see below for details of the cake sale, but if feel you are able to make a direct donation, please see the link below which will take you to our Just Giving page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stanton-harcourt-school?utm\\_term=EWq7dYB3m](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stanton-harcourt-school?utm_term=EWq7dYB3m)

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to our cake sale for Uganda. We raised the fabulous sum of £130 - nearly 10% of the way to our target of £1,500. We are sorry we did not have enough cakes and cookies for everyone who wanted one and will definitely hold another sale before too long. A huge thank you also to Mrs Grew for organising the whole event, including the cooking with the children in the afternoon.



### **After-School Provision**

A ParentMail message was sent out this week regarding after-school clubs for next term. Parents will need to sign their children up via this system and pay for the clubs in order to secure their child's place.

### **House Points – Well Done [Blue Team](#)**

Congratulations to all 4 house teams for working so hard to accumulate so many house points through the term. It was very close but well done to Blue Team who earned a team treat. We had a lovely trip to the park this afternoon.

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

<b>MATHS AWARDS:</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
The Den –	Stanley S	George H
Squirrel Class –	Star M	Herbie S
Badger Class –	Lyra B	Annabel T-A
Hedgehog Class –	Maisie L	Aiden C
Owl Class –	Iris Y	William P

<b>WRITING AWARDS:</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
The Den –	Emily H	Matthew F
Squirrel Class -	Billy G	Fie H
Badger Class –	Jacob B	Jasper C
Hedgehog Class –	Louie K	Harry T
Owl Class –	Teddy S	Ava T

<b>HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS:</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>
The Den –	Benjamin C	Charlie G
Squirrel Class –	Poppy R	Tenuki L
Badger Class –	George G	Phoebe W
Hedgehog Class –	Sophia T	Cameron M
Owl Class –	Fabienne M	Charlie B

## Reading Award

A big well done to Nathan W, Seri S, William P and Zhixian H who have all completed a branch of their reading tree.



## Dates for your diary

Friday 22nd October

Last day of half term.

**Monday 1st November:**

**INSET Day 2**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:

Squirrel Class visit to Natural History Museum Oxford.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November:

EYFS Open Morning (open to prospective parents).

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November:

Anti-Bullying week - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:

IMPS (Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools) for Year 5 & 6 in school.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November:

Book Fair in school

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November:

Badger Class Anglo-Saxon/Viking Experience @ Oxford Museum.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:

Whole School Trip to Pantomime in Chipping Norton (Nursery children to remain in school).

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

Parents' Stay & Learn session

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Lunch in school

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December:

EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance – 1pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December:

EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance – 6pm

iRock concert.