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15th November 2019

Newsletter 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We seem to be speeding towards Christmas and preparations for our productions are well under way. As always, our curriculum has been full of fun and exciting activities to enhance learning.



Y1 Trip to Reaseheath College

On Tuesday 22nd October, our Year 1 children visited Reaseheath College to find out more about different animal groups. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable day and even got to meet some real owls. The Reaseheath rangers were really impressed by both the children's knowledge about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and also the interesting questions that they asked. The children also enjoyed a woodland walk, observing seasonal changes and classifying leaves and fruits from different trees.

"When the owl's eyes are orangey that means they hunt at dusk and dawn... if they're black they hunt at night." - Harriet

"I liked the turtle with the long neck" -Teal

"My favourite was the kookaburra... it kept laughing!" -Charlie



Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum

On Thursday 14th November, our Year 3 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to Liverpool World Museum. During the day, they became archaeologists, investigating Ancient Egyptian artefacts and making interpretations about the past. They explored the museum, finding out about Ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses and gaining an understanding of their beliefs about the afterlife. Well done to Year 3 for you exceptional behaviour throughout the day.



Infant Bonfire

On 5th November, our KS1 children had a really wonderful time enjoying the infant bonfire. The weather cheered up just enough for them to celebrate this annual event. The children watched as Mr Pickin lit the fire and, as the flames danced, everyone enjoyed their chocolate apples. Later, the children all warmed up with delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Y6 Heart Dissection

On Thursday 14th November, Year 6 furthered their understanding of the circulatory system by undertaking a dissection of an animal heart. Well done to Year 6 for their enthusiasm and attitude throughout the dissection and many thanks to Mrs. Jackson Moss and Congleton High School for leading the session and the loan of equipment. Also, thanks to all our adult volunteers who gave up their time.



Year 5/6 Basketball

On Thursday 7th November, our squad of Year 6 basketball players competed in the annual Alsager Community Trust basketball tournament. This year, the standard was the highest yet, with all teams putting in a highly competitive performance. In the end, we fell a point short of joint first place, coming a well-respected third place. Next stop: the Sandbach School Partnership tournament at the end of November.



Y6 Litter Picking Assembly

A few weeks ago, three Year 6 children, Joe, Rossi and Finn, noticed that there was an increasing amount of litter on the playground. As a result, they decided to develop a litter picking initiative to encourage other children in school to take responsibility for keeping our school environment tidy. During an introductory assembly, they explained the importance of disposing of waste correctly, including the damage which plastic does to our seas and oceans. They encouraged children from all year groups to sign up to be part of the Litter Picking Foundation and take collective responsibility for reducing litter on our playground. The group did a wonderful job at inspiring the other children to take action with a large number of individuals signing up on the very same day. Many thanks to everybody who has signed up and particular thanks to Joe, Rossi and Finn and for

being such responsible members of our school community.

Year 6 Safeguarding Assembly

Following a safeguarding conference at Pikemere earlier in the year, our head boy, head girl and sports ambassadors planned and led assemblies about how to keep safe. During the assemblies, they covered topics including E-Safety, stranger danger, game ratings and awareness of dangers when around roads and canals. They then followed up the assemblies with further information delivered to classes. Well done to Faith, Felicity, Eloise, Archie, Adam and Joe.



Friends of Excalibur Disco

It was fabulous to see so many children enjoy our FOE school disco. There were certainly some spectacular dance moves on display.

Treetops Update

There have been lots of exciting activities happening at our 'out of hours' provision, Treetops, with the children enjoying; making slime, pumpkin carving and creating a very tasty rocky road during the half term break. Next week, the children will be decorating oreo biscuits, making thanksgiving wreaths and creating artwork using corn on the cob. In preparation for Christmas, the children will be making cards and decorations. Just a reminder that Treetops will be open on the INSET day, 12th December. Booking forms are available on our website.

And Finally...

If you drive to school, please can we remind everyone to park safely, avoiding the yellow lines and also with respect for our neighbours – particularly by not blocking driveways.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to speak to a member of the team.

Mrs Houldsworth
Head Teacher

Mrs Jones
Deputy Head Teacher

A list of dates currently in the school diary. New dates are in **bold**.

25-11-19 Governors meeting 5.30pm
28-11-19 French Day
03-12-19 Y2 Wesley Place visit
05-12-19 Non Uniform Day – Xmas Fair (letter To follow)
06-12-19 FOE Xmas fair
09-12-19 KS2 Xmas Performance rehearsal at 2pm
09-12-19 KS1 Xmas Performance at 2pm
10-12-19 FLUENZ (rearranged from 20/11)
10-12-19 KS1 Xmas Performance at 2pm
11-12-19 Christmas dinner
12-12-19 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLLING
13-12-19 KS2 Xmas Concert at 2pm
18-12-19 KS1 Xmas party
19-12-19 Y3 and Y4 Xmas party
20-12-19 Y5 and Y6 Xmas party
20-12-19 School closes
06-01-19 School opens
29-01-19 Smokebusters Y5
14-02-19 School closes
24-02-19 School opens
26-02-19 Annie matinee 1pm
26-02-19 Annie evening performance 6pm
5-6-3-19 Standon Bowers
14-02-19 School closes

Diary Dates