



Dear Parents/Carers...

As part of our PSHE curriculum, over the past two weeks the children in KS2 participated in a 'Healthy me' workshop as part of the Wiltshire Healthy Schools programme designed to support children to make healthy choices. This session covered healthy eating habits, physical activity, sleep and building self-confidence. The children in KS1 enjoyed a similar workshop earlier in the school year.

One of our key priorities this year has been to develop the teaching of phonics with the introduction of the Sounds-Write programme. Today Miss Stephens, Miss Beaven and I have been to visit a flagship school to see how they have successfully implemented this programme. On Tuesday, colleagues from Wiltshire Behaviour Support Service led a staff training session.

KS1 rehearsals are well underway for their performances of *Wiz Wham Alakazam*. You will certainly be in for a real treat in a few weeks' time!

Low Rhodes

Headteacher

Our Learning this week..

Owls

This week in Owls Class, we have been exploring the text 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and looking at all things 'Space' related. In literacy, children have had their introduction to the idea of story maps and using these to recite the story 'Whatever Next'. We have also learned and created actions to it! In Maths, we have been ordering numbers 1-5 and children have been learning to give their own rationale for their ideas. Our home corner has become a space station and the children have enjoyed dressing up as Baby Bear complete with colanders for space helmets. The cold weather has not stopped us from using our outdoor area and this week children have been 'fishing' from the new equipment!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

In Year 1/2 this week, we have been busy practising for our play. You may have heard the children singing the songs at home! The children are managing really well and we are already extremely proud of them so please continue to practise any lines they may have at home, as we only have a few weeks left. In Science, we have been learning about everyday materials, differentiating between an object, and what material it is made from. We wonder if the children can identify different materials at home. In Art, we have been exploring paper sculpture, creating tubes and attaching these to a base. It has been wonderful to see how creative the children have been. Finally, in Geography, we have been exploring seas and oceans and have been locating the five oceans on a map.

Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

This week we have continued our poetry writing in English. The children have really impressed us with their use of figurative language and superb level of creativity. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of the different methods they can use when completing multiplication and division questions. On Wednesday, we had an R.E day and considered the question 'Why do believers often consider life a journey?' The children participated in rich discussions and we were impressed with the high levels of respect shown throughout the day. Our History learning about the Romans has continued this week; we looked specifically at Roman society and the influence of this on the modern world. Another packed week, full of some great learning. Well done Year 3/4.

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This week the students have been continuing to discover the Mayan civilisation. We delved in to when and where they lived and what they believed in. In Maths this week, we have been exploring ratio and using scale factors. We have been continuing our poetry this week in English with the children planning and writing their own poems. There were to be spooky and suspense filled poems. Some of the children experimented with rhyming within their poems. In PE, we are continuing to practice our table tennis skills. Some of the students have been really pushing themselves and building resilience to keep trying to hit the ball back to their partners. This week we had a visit from 'healthy me' where the children explored the eat-well plate and how we measure portion sizes using our hands.

We had our first R.E. day of 2024 this week where we investigated Christianity and how Christians try to follow Jesus' teachings. We reflected on the most significant events of Jesus' life and Ministry and created a timeline of His life. We discussed the concept of miracles and created a stained glass window to commemorate a miracle. We also considered famous Christians such as Mother Theresa.

Wiz Wham Alakazam Performance...



With only a few weeks to go until the Y1/2 performance of Wiz Wham Alakazam, please make sure you order your tickets to avoid missing out!

Tickets will be given out by class teachers when payment has been received in the school office.

Extra tickets from the waiting list will be issued from week commencing 29th January.







Paxcroft 'Top Table' to celebrate respect and positive behaviour at lunchtime...



Congratulations to Ethan V, Jack E, Sophie B and Sofia H who have all been recognised this week for being polite and respectful at lunchtime. Well done for demonstrating our Paxcroft Citizen Values.



Celebrations

	Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values	
	Owls	Teddy C - Respect & Kindness	Ethan V - Positivity	
	Woodpecker	Hope C - Positivity George D - Independence		
	Kingfisher	Tenayah J - All values	Evan J - independence	
	Nightingale	Jude E - Independence Eadie KT - Independence		
	Skylark		Jeevan M - Positivity Terrell S - Independence	
	Housemartin		Joe B - Positivity & Resilience Iga T - Positivity and Resilience	

<i>Swift</i>		Ollie L - Positivity & Resilience Jake C - Positivity
<i>Osprey</i>	Finley C - Respect	Layla J - Positivity & Resilience
<i>Falcon</i>	Jacob B H - All Values	Mia A - Positivity
<i>Kestrel</i>	Serine M - Respect	Alfie O - Positivity



Diary dates for Spring Terms 2024

Wednesday 31st January	Youth Parliament meeting
Wednesday 31st January	Full Governing Body meeting
Friday 2nd February	Y3/4 Trip to The Roman Baths
Monday 5th February	Y1/2 Performance - whole school dress rehearsal
Monday 5th February	School Uniform Sale
Tuesday 6th February	Y1/2 Performance to parents - 1.45pm
Thursday 8th February	Y1/2 Performance to parents - 6pm
Friday 9th February	Y6 Heights & Weights
Friday 9th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 19th February	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20th February	Parents' Evening - more details to follow
Thursday 22nd February	Parents' Evening - more details to follow
Thursday 22nd February	Book Fair – more information to follow
Friday 23rd February	Book Fair

Tuesday 27th February	Book Fair
Wednesday 28th February	Reception - Fire Safety Workshop
Monday 1st March	Reception Heights & Weights
Thursday 7th March	Reception - Library trip
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 14th March	Red Nose Day Disco
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th March	Youth Parliament Meeting
Tuesday 26th March	Y1/2 Outdoor learning day
Tuesday 26th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents (PM) - more details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	Y3/4 Performance to parents (Eve) - more details to follow
Wednesday 27th March	Y5/6 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Y3/4 Outdoor learning day
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 4

Letters & Communications issued this week

Item	To	For
February Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information & Action
Safeguarding Concern	Whole School	Information & Action
Mobile Phones	Whole School	Information
Pupil safety: safeguarding	Whole School	Information
After School Club update	Whole School	Information



