



ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn Newsletter 6 – Friday 8th October 2021



This week in Acorn class we have been looking at what is needed and how to make a jam sandwich and then making our own. The children thoroughly enjoyed this on Wednesday afternoon. They have looked at taking away in Maths and even looked at

the primary colours in Art. Acorn class and Pine class enjoyed their very first 'Foraging Friday' during which they loved looking for worms and different types and colours of leaves. They have been very lucky this week to also learn about an anaphylactic reaction and how an adult would use an EpiPen.

Pine class have ended this week with a Teddy Bears picnic. We have been learning about instructions in English and focusing on how to make a jam sandwich. The children made their own sandwiches to enjoy with their bears. This Friday also saw the start of Foraging Friday. We joined Acorn to look for leaves and signs of Autumn. The children collected leaves to use for Art. They also found lots of worms! In Maths year 1 have been practicing adding on 10 using Numicon and number lines. Year 2 have been adding on 10 to two-digit numbers. Pine also achieved 100% attendance last week. Good job everyone.



Chestnut class have had another very busy week. They have been researching the features of instructional writing and learning how to mummify a body. Their favourite part was finding out about removing the brain using a hook through the nose! In maths they have

been subtracting ones, tens and hundreds. In P.E. we played a hockey tournament which everyone enjoyed. Yesterday, we attended a workshop all about using an EpiPen and resuscitation using C.P.R. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this. Finally, we have collected 50 beads in our jar for fantastic behaviour. Chestnut class have voted to spend 30 minutes on the I-Pads and 30 minutes playing outside. Well done Chestnut Class, you have worked very hard this week!

It's been a busy week in Birch class this week, the children have been learning to subtract using the column method. They have been story mapping and writing their own Greek myth and looking at sources of evidence from the past linked to The Trojan Horse. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the first aid training they did and watching the bike race too.



In Oak Class this week the children have been busy working on their English Free Verse poetry which included watching and listening to some modern poetry by Michael Rosen and Benjamin Zephaniah. The class really enjoyed seeing how these poets used drama in their performance. We also listened to some classic poetry to make a comparison between both genres. They have

been learning how to identify what free verse poetry is and what poetic devices might be used. The children were given a stimulus which was a photo of the deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest and had to write a poem based on what they see. They have also learnt, through using drama, how to perform their poems using voice, facial expression and body language. We were really impressed by their amazing poetry, creativity, attention to detail and the way that they confidently performed their poems in front of the class! In Maths, they have been working on column method and decimal place subtraction with and without exchange, also using written methods. In Art they have been using still life drawing to draw different fruits as part of next week's Harvest Festival. Also, a very big well done on all your homework! There were some fantastic Rainforest stories created by the class which have been a pleasure to read! Keep up the good work Oak Class!

Women's Cycle Tour

On Thursday, we were able to witness an incredible spectacle, the Women's Cycle Tour. It was amazing to see the speed the women rode through the village with the children clapping and cheering them on as they passed by.



Fire Safety Talk

We were pleased to welcome the Fire Safety Officer to school to talk to the children about how to keep themselves and others safe on Bonfire Night.



Harvest Festival

We are delighted to announce that the school Harvest Festival will go ahead on the 14th October at 2pm at St Nicholas Church. Parents are invited however space is restricted. In the first instance we will need to limit it to one adult per child. This may be changed nearer the time depending on national or local guidance.

We will also be collecting non-perishable contributions which will be donated to the local food bank. We have decided that this time we would like to add a little twist to the collection and gather the non-perishable foods in the colours of the rainbow, or as many as we can. We associate the rainbow as a symbol of hope and of better times to come; the rainbow also illustrates for us God's gracious and grand purpose of redemption to give humanity a chance to start again.

We have allocated each class a colour:

Acorn: green

Pine: yellow

Chestnut: blue

Birch: red

Oak: purple

If you can't find any non-perishable food of a particular colour be creative and wrap it in tissue paper!

Please send your food donation in with your child to give to their class teacher. Thank you to all those who have already sent their donations into school. They will continue to be collected until the Church Service next week.

Awards

Golden Children

Acorn -	Max. Writer: Maddison, Maths: Thea
Pine –	Harry. Writer: Freya, Maths: Jaxon
Chestnut -	Ami. Writer: Violet, Maths: Isabelle M
Birch -	Mia Lo. Writer: Monet, Maths: Rocco
Oak -	Megan, Keegan. Writer: Mia Le, Maths: Oliver C

PTA

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Market – 2nd December from 3:30pm

Santa and His Sleigh Visit Tillingham – 12th December 2021

Thank you so much to the PTA for funding the anaphylactic training that the children received this week. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged with such an important topic.



Key Dates

Individual Class Photos - 13th October 2021
 Anaphylaxis Awareness Workshop - 6th October 2021
 Firework Safety Assembly - 7th October 2021
 Harvest Festival Church Service - 14th October 2021
Half-Term - 25th - 29th October 2021
 Reception 2022 Intake Open Afternoon -
 16th November and 23rd November 2021
 Christmas Technology Day - 26th November 2021

INSET Days for 2021 / 2022
 1st and 2nd September 2021
 1st November 2021
 24th June 2021
 27th June 2021

Attendance

Acorn – 96.55%
 Pine – 100%
 Chestnut – 97.5%
 Birch – 98.71%
 Oak – 89.6%
 Whole School – 96.66%

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