



ST. NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn Newsletter 11 – Friday 19th November 2021

We have been very pleased to welcome so many prospective families to school this week during our first planned open afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many of our children proud of their school and excited to share their learning.



In Acorn class this week the EYFS children have been looking at 3D shapes and the Year 1 children have been looking at counting in and exploring multiples of two. In English we have been doing some sentence work. The Year One children have writing descriptions of settings. All of the Acorn children have explored the PE apparatus, which was the first time for EYFS children. The Year One

children showed what good balancing they could do. We have all had fun on Friday in our fancy dress and made a split pin Pudsey.

Today we have been celebrating Children in Need day in Pine Class. The children have been drawing and designing new bandanas for Pudsey. We also joined Acorn to take part in Joe Wicks workout. Pine this week have been continuing with our work on problem resolution stories. Year 1 have been looking at writing descriptions of settings in books. Year two have been looking at adding similes to their descriptions. In Maths we have been looking at multiples of 2. Year 1 have been practicing using their tables to answer questions and Year 2 have been looking at odd and even numbers. We have continued to look at the History of toys, using a box of Victorian toys from Chelmsford Museum.



Chestnut Class have been working very hard with their narrative about a monster. We having been using noun phrases, speech marks and making sure we begin a new paragraph correctly. In Maths, we have been investigating division calculations. We learnt the meaning of the words inverse and commutative during our maths lessons. We

have also mummified an apple using the process that the Egyptians used when mummifying their bodies. We will have to wait a few weeks because checking the results. It has been another very busy week and you have worked very hard.

In Birch class this week the children have been writing a diary entry imagining they were a soldier in the Trojan horse story. We thought about how they might have felt during the battle and what they would have done. In maths, the children have been working on their multiplication and division skills.



On Friday the children enjoyed learning about Children In Need and participated in Joe Wicks live PE lesson.



The children have been very busy this week in Oak Class working on their English reading comprehension titled 'Tomb Raider'. They have also started exploring persuasive text through reading examples of persuasive letters. The class have been identifying key features of persuasive text, devices, and language. As part of their work they have been learning how to structure a formal letter and how to use Coordinating, Correlative, and Subordinating conjunctions. They have also started design and technology this week, they have a four week project based on creating something to improve the lives of animals in the rainforest who are affected by deforestation. Over the next few weeks, using creativity and imagination, pupils will explore, investigate, design and construct a not for profit product in order to help solve real and relevant problems designed with the user in mind. They will draw on disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art. We have also started music this week, exploring Bon Jovi's song 'Livin' on a Prayer'. The class have been looking at how a song is structured, what instrumentation is used and how. The class then had a go at singing the song with and without track vocals. The children really enjoyed the lesson. In maths they have been working on long multiplication, Prime numbers, long and short, formal division of 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers, bus stop method. On Friday as part of 'Children in Need' Oak class have worked on themed English, maths and art.

With all the donations so far, we have raised a fantastic £108.10 for Children In Need. Thank you to all the parents who have donated. If you still wish to donate your £1, please send it into school on Monday and we will add it to our total.

The school are looking for donations of any old or unwanted instruments in a good condition to try and build up our stock of school instruments with the intention of using them to further enhance the teaching of music across the school curriculum. These could be old glockenspiels, wood blocks, tambourines, guitars, keyboards, microphones, drums and percussion. Even any old or unwanted music stereo systems/speakers in good condition would be greatly received.

We are also looking for donations of any unwanted tablets, computers and/or laptops in good condition to build up our computer science/IT infrastructure.

Our school kitchen is always very busy preparing meals for the children. During the rest of this term we will also be having some special menus too. During the week beginning 6th of December we will be having Jingle Week that includes a special lunch on Thursday 9th of November and then on the 14th December we will be having our Christmas dinner and we will be welcoming parents too. Below you will find some pictures of the school meals served during this week including our vegetarian options and the menu for next week.



Reminder: If you wish to contact the school via e-mail, please use the following e-mail address: office.stnicholas@dcvst.org.

Please note, if you receive an e-mail from StNicholasCofEPrimary@pupilasset.co.uk, please do not try to reply to this e-mail address. Although your e-mail seems to send, it does not actually come through to the school. Please reply using the office.stnicholas@dcvst.org

Awards

Golden Children

Acorn -	Attitude to Learning: Stanley S, Core Value: Max Maths: Amber, English: Esme
Pine –	Attitude to Learning: Marco, Core Value: Sophie Maths: Finnley, English: Phoebe
Chestnut -	Attitude to Learning: Evie, Core Value: Ruby E Maths: Lewis, English: Henry J
Birch -	Attitude to Learning: Stanley S, Core Value: Max Maths: Amber, English: Esme
Oak -	Attitude to Learning: Jessie, Core Value: Evie Maths: Louisa, English: Leyla

Behaviour

As a school we have been focusing very hard on improving behaviour in the school. This is a two-fold approach, improving behaviour for learning and improving behaviour towards each other and the school environment and resources.

Behaviour for learning: we want the children to be positive about their learning, to be focused and ready for each lesson. In order to achieve this, we have designed a school day that is structured and the lessons are planned to be engaging and purposeful. We set high expectations for the children and the children understand this. The children are rewarded weekly for their good attitudes to learning in general, in their maths work and their writing. They are also rewarded during the day with house points for good learning attitudes or stickers.

Behaviour towards each other: Our new behaviour policy is designed to encourage children to behave in a positive and caring way at all times, 'it's good to be good'. The children are rewarded for demonstrating core values in our weekly celebration assembly and, along side our behaviour for learning champions, they join me for a milkshake on Fridays.

PTA

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Market 6pm- 10pm. £3 a ticket (available now) Please see a member of the PTA for tickets or alternatively tickets can be purchased on the door on the night. We have 20+ stalls with all local businesses, live music from the Allycats, food and drink available and the ticket price includes entry to our prize draw!

Thursday 10th Dec - Christmas Fayre, all children and parents welcome. Father Christmas will be visiting, baking with Mother Christmas, fun games in the hall

Sunday 12th Dec - Santa and his elves are visiting Tillingham in his sleigh from 4pm raising funds for the swimming pool refurbishment.

The PTA are looking for raffle donations to use to create some Christmas hampers linked to different colours of the rainbow. This could be donations of alcohol or unwanted gifts. Donations can be given in to the office.

Key Dates	Attendance
Reception 2022 Intake Open Afternoon - 23 rd November 2021	Acorn – 87.5% Pine – 97.28%
Christmas Technology Day - 26 th November 2021	Chestnut – 97.5% Birch – 95.16%
INSET Days for 2021 / 2022 24 th June 2021 27 th June 2021	Oak – 88.75% Whole School – 93.33%

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