

NEWSLETTER

10 November 2017

This week at Fair Furlong



On Tuesday 7th November we were very fortunate to be visited by Rosamunde Birch from the House of Parliament Education Service. Rosamunde ran two workshops with groups of our Year 5/6 children including our school councillors. This presented us with another great opportunity to learn more about how our **democracy** works. Rosamunde, in fact, explained that democracy actually means "power to the people".



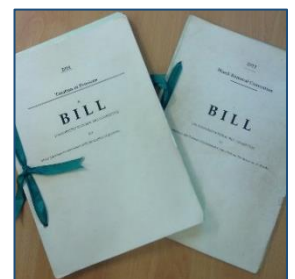
Debating Workshop - The first workshop Rosamunde ran with us was a **debating workshop**. The room was set up as if we were actually in the House of Commons. The government and the opposition (shadow cabinet) sat on opposite sides of a table. **Heaven-Leah Young** was elected as speaker of the House of Commons by

her classmates. We learnt that the speaker needs to remain impartial. They can't take sides. It was Heaven-Leah's job to maintain order and ensure everyone was having their say during our debates. We learnt that if you want to speak in the House of Commons you need to stand up and wait for the speaker to give you permission. It is customary to say "thank you madam speaker" when she has given you permission to speak. We practiced saying this. When someone is speaking in the House of Commons the rules are that you listen and you don't interrupt.



The first subject we debated was **should school assemblies be delivered as a rap or a song twice a week?** We voted against this idea. The second debate was **should young people be allowed to choose their favourite subjects to learn at school?**

We were then presented with an imaginary Bill to debate. The Bill said "There should be no homework for children in primary schools". We were given time to come up with our opposing arguments. We were reminded that we were making a decision for all the children in the UK, not just a decision for ourselves. People had some passionate views and there were a few points when Madame Speaker had to call for order! In the end we voted overwhelmingly against abolishing homework. Twenty three children walked down the 'no' corridor to cast their vote and just seven walked down the 'aye' corridor.





Feedback from the children following the workshop was very positive. Faith Jackson in Year 5 commented "The workshop was inspiring. I learnt a lot." Campaign for Change Workshop - In this workshop we learnt about some famous campaigners from history; Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandella, Rosa Parks and Gandhi.

We learnt about different methods of **campaigning**: lobbying your MP, petitioning, using social media, taking direct action, protesting, education and boycotting. In groups we were asked to discuss what method we think is most effective. Every group had different opinions. We learnt that campaigning can bring about positive change. An example of this was the **Suffragette** movement. It's hard to believe now that women were only given equal voting rights to men in 1928.

Feedback from the children was also very positive. Riley Corfe in Year 5 commented "It was really interesting to learn about campaigners from the past. I enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks. She changed the world for the better because of what she did."



Rosamunde Birch then joined the whole school for assembly where the children had the opportunity to ask her lots of questions. We all learnt a lot from Rosamunde's visit and feel very grateful we have had this opportunity.



As the nights are drawing in and it is getting darker a lot earlier please remind your children about 'Stranger Danger'. Children should always be aware of the importance of letting their parents/carers know where they are at all times.

Y6 to Caldicot - On Wednesday Year 6 visited Caldicot Castle. The journey to the castle took approximately one hour. When we arrived we were met by a Knight who showed us all the different types of armour and weapons used. He then went on to talk about all the different jobs a Knight is responsible for. After lunch, we walked around the castle and explored the castle grounds. We travelled up steep staircases and imagined defending the castle from tall towers. We really enjoyed our day!





BASIL CLASS

ASSEMBLY - Basil class did a fantastic job in their class assembly today. They told us all about how basil is part of the mint

family and can be found all over the world in places such as Thailand, China and Taiwan. From this, we discovered some of the dishes that basil can be used in, these included Margarita pizzas, Chinese stir fries and even ice cream! As well as being used as an ingredient in food we found out that it has many other uses too. Basil can be used to create a wide range of scents such as lemon, clove and liquorice. Finally it is used in aiding medicines as it includes properties that can help with headaches, fevers and scaring away mosquitos. Well done Basil Class!

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-bullying Days - 16th and 17th November

Odd Socks Day - Andy Day launched his brand 'Andy and the Odd Socks' earlier in the year. He is an individual and entertaining character whose message to children is simple: be proud of who you are and be accepting of one another. Andy Day is a patron of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, helping to raise awareness.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness.

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on Friday 17th November 2017. We look forward to seeing how unique you can be, and hope you enjoy sharing your individuality.



Being different is ok, Wear odd socks today.

Homework folders - We hope that you're finding the new homework folders useful. The children have been brilliant in completing their homework. We'd like to thank you for your support and if you do have any queries regarding homework please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.



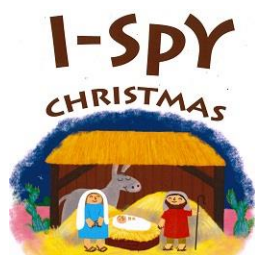


Joe Wicks Lunchtime Wellbeing Workout - Is every Thursday and every child is welcome. The children have a great time exercising together, and burn off lots of energy!

Reception Parents - Mrs Undy will be holding a reading meeting in Urfa class on Wednesday 15th November at 9.00am, please stay if you can after dropping your children off.



Solar Panel update: To date they have produced 46,676kw of electricity, this is enough to run 7 school computers for 9,335 hours, or 389 days!!



This years' YR/I performance is called I-Spy Christmas - The children tell the Christmas Story entirely through songs, using the unique approach of a game of I-spy. With exceptionally appealing songs and all the children involved 100% of the time, this is putting on a Nativity show at its simplest - and, most importantly, it's fun! The performances are on Tuesday 5th December at 9am and Wednesday 6th December at 5pm. Tickets are available from the school office from Monday 13th November.

Menu for the week beginning 13th November 2017 - Week 3:

Monday: BBQ chicken pizza & wedges : Cheese & tomato pizza : Salad bar

Tuesday: Gammon & roast potatoes : Cheese & tomato pinwheel

Wednesday: Meatballs in tomato sauce : Jacket potato, cheese & beans : Salad bar

Thursday: Chicken & roast potatoes : Red pepper frittata

Friday: Fish fingers & chips : Cheese & tomato pizza



Christmas Card Competition - Don't forget all entries to be in the school office by Friday 21st November! The winner will have their card made and printed and also receive a prize, there will also be a small runner up prize. Everyone who enters will receive a small reward.



Merit awards awarded for outstanding achievement throughout this term:

Enthusiasm: Callum Collins; Crystal Coggins; Lola Saint; JJ Billings

Challenge: Mitchell Phipps; Georgia Hastler; Oumie Barrow; Danil Garashchenko; Kyle Moore; Tyler Barratt; Layla Stewart

Learning Together: Darja Garashchenko; Cinnamon Class; Cooper Wiltshire



Attendance - Last week's best attendance went to Nutmeg class who won ice pops for the class on the Classopoly board and Juniper who have won a session of Forest Fun.

KS1 Position	Class	% Attendance	KS2 Position		Class	% Attendance
1 st	Nigella	97.3%	1 st		Basil	98.6%
2 nd	Juniper	96%	2 nd		Cinnamon	98.5%
3 rd	Sage	94%	3 rd		Nutmeg	96.7%
4 th	Fennel	87.3%	4 th		Hibiscus	95.6%
5 th	Parsley	86.2%	5 th		Black Pepper	95.3%
6 th	Urfa	85.5%	6 th		Star Anise	95.3%
			7 th		Thyme	94.7%
			8 th		Sorrel	92.9%

Attendance	Comment
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98%	Excellent
95% - 96%	Great (School attendance target is 95%)
93% - 94%	Satisfactory
Less than 93%	Must do better



AWARDS: Spelling Badges: Alice Brace; Ellie May Thompson; Amelia-Rose Mansie; Oscar Penny; Oliver Hamblin; Charlie Delaney; Oliver Goldyn; Deagon Barton; Aaliyah Viner; Layla Stewart; Kaleb Barnes; Chloe Daszkiewicz-Saunders; Reisha-Lei Davis; Lily-Rose Slane; Joseph Marks; Lucy Baldwin; Rosie Harcom; Sandie Amollo; Lacie Perryman; Samantha Sherwell; Deontae Temple; Aditi Nair; Maya Brown; Paige Keedwell; Joshua Penny; Harrison Weber; Grayson Wooten; Kaylee Beard; Lily Beacham; Jacob Cole. **Maths Badges:** Leisha Thatcher; Sapphire Billings; Chloe Daszkiewicz-Saunders; Faith Timbrell; Ford Griffin; Madalina Gheghel; Georgia Hastler; Emmy White; Jake Chapman; Alexis Pearce; Zachary Crowley-Coombs; Beau Lilley; Sierra Volerro; Charlie Sherwood; Molly Powell; Sam Campho-Smith; Ethan Bale; Cassie Hollis; Kezia McGill; Lucy Collier; Mariam Barrow; Jayden Heathcote; Shannon Storr; Marshall Mundy **Lunchtime Legends** Star Anise **Golden Good Manners Table** Conagh Tomlin; Neyasha Henry; Jake Tucker; Fallon Blackmore; Isobelle Phillips **Outside Achievements:** Crystal Coggins for gymnastics; Woody Jewell, Player of the Match, rugby



Letters Home: Y1 Tyntesfield Trip; Y3 Barton Camp

Dates for your Diary: Term 2

Monday 13 Nov	Nigella class to Tyntesfield
Wednesday 15 Nov	Reading Meeting for Reception parents - Urfa class
16 & 17 Nov	Anti-bullying days
Friday 24 Nov	Hibiscus class assembly - POSTPONED
Wednesday 29 Nov	Fennell class to Tyntesfield
Friday 1 Dec	Nutmeg class assembly
Tuesday 5 Dec	YR/Y1 Performance - 9.00am
Wednesday 6 Dec	YR/Y1 Performance - 5.00pm <u>NO CLUBS</u>
Friday 8 Dec	Thyme class assembly
Monday 11 Dec	Carol singing at B&M
Tuesday 12 Dec	Carol singing at Murford Residential Home
Tuesday 12 Dec	KS2 Christmas Carols 2.00pm Parents Welcome
Wednesday 13 Dec	Christmas Lunch - wear your Christmas Jumper! YN Christmas Parties
Thursday 14 Dec	Walk to school with Santa - 8.00am
Friday 15 Dec	Class Parties - 50p donation End of Term 2 <u>NO CLUBS</u>

Inset days for school year 17/18 - Tuesday 2 January, Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 July Friday 20 July last day of term

There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Wednesday 6th December or Friday 15th December

IMPORTANT!!!! Applications for Reception 2018 are now open - deadline is 15th January 2018

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