

NEWSLETTER

This week we had our first governors' meeting for the year. It was good to reflect on last year but also to share our priorities for this year. I am sad to announce that Graham May has stepped down as a governor. Therefore, we will be looking for a new community governor and a new parent governor. We will send out further information about the parent governor role soon, if you are interested in this role. On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to say a huge thank-you to Graham for all his support and involvement over the last few years.

This year we are part of the 'United Against Bullying' national programme. I attended a webinar this week which gave the national perspective as well as strategies for dealing with bullying. I was shocked to hear that 41% of children in primary and secondary schools surveyed by UAB reported that they had been bullied. The children in Cherry and Oak have completed surveys and we will talk to the younger children about bullying to help us understand our current situation and things we could do to help. We have decided to join this programme, not because we feel we have an issue with bullying, but because we are aware that bullying happens in every school and we want to ensure we are doing all we can to prevent it and support children involved. As a school we feel it is important to support the target of any bullying but also support and work with the child bullying to prevent them repeating the behaviour. One of the things that I shared with the children this week is the power of words, which links in with our 'Culture of the Heart' work. We also explored the idea that once words are said they are hard to take back-ask them about the toothpaste assembly!

Today Evelyn and Ellie went to King Edward Mine, as members of the Crofty Trust Pupil Council. This was linked to the environmental work that the council are working on, as well as learning about local culture. As a school, we are environmentally aware and we are delighted that schools across the trust, like us, are trying to improve how we operate to reduce our negative impact on the environment.

A big thank-you to the firefighters who came in today to meet with Maple Class. They loved exploring the fire engine!

Cassie Pamplin

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE



Maple Class: Bessie - For trying hard in all of her learning.

Rowan Class: Jessamy - For always working hard.

Sycamore Class: Tyga - For showing focus and trying his very best.

Oak Class: Volodya - For having a fantastic attitude to learning.

Cherry Class: Genevieve - For having such a fabulous attitude and putting her all into everything.

SPORTS STAR



This week's Sports Stars is: Is

STAR WRITERS



Maple Class: Freddie

Rowan Class: Elsa

Sycamore Class: Harry

Oak Class: Reuben

Cherry Class: Evelyn

VALUE CHAMPIONS



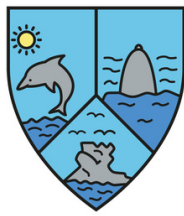
Maple Class: Tora

Rowan Class: Vinne

Sycamore Class: Mila

Oak Class: Ellis

Cherry Class: Henry



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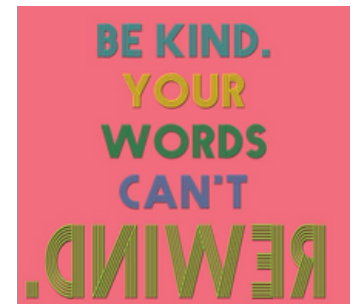
Safeguarding/Health and Safety

On the NSPCC website there are a range of leaflets to support parents leaflets include: 'Home or Out Alone' and 'Positive Parenting'.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



Maths Whizz Parent Information Session

On Tuesday morning we were delighted to welcome Andy Clay (Maths Whizz) consultant to run a parents information session on Maths Whizz. The session covered a number of topics including how the platform actually helps the children to learn, monitoring your child's homework, how to help your child and how to set up and use the very helpful and very simple parent account. The parents who attended the session reported that it was extremely useful.

We will be running another online session on Tuesday 10th October at 6:30pm. The session will last about half an hour. The link for the meeting is below and will also be put on Class Dojo the day before.

Miss Clarke

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Team Points- Mrs Forsdick has put a system into place so that we can total a team's dojos each week. We will announce the winning team in assembly and on the newsletter.

House Winner this Week is: Farthing Wood

Sports News

International walk to school month - October

Will be great to see lots of children walking (or cycling or scootering!)

The children are enjoying lots of fun games at lunchtime!





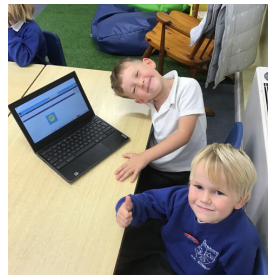
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Maple Class



As part of our topic 'People who Help Us' we had a visit from Tolvaddon fire engine and team. The fire fighters gave us a tour of the engine and explained what each part is used for. As the hose pipe ban has been lifted they also allowed us to water the adventure garden with their hose. The sirens were rather loud at the end! A great session.

Rowan Class



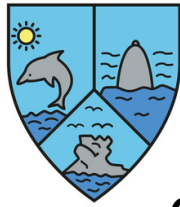
This week we have been looking at poetry in English. We have enjoyed working in pairs to create our own repetitive verse. In History we were lucky enough to have Elsa's grandma, Penny, come into class and answer questions, that the children had created, about what school was like when she was younger. We also tasted different fruits to begin the process of choosing which ones we would like to add to our own fruit salad.



Sycamore Class



This week we have had fun experimenting with magnets and exploring which objects are magnetic and why as part of our Science learning. We have also moved along in our history topic and have started to learn about 'The Iron Age'. This afternoon, as part of our Culture of the Heart learning, we created a "word exchange" and thought about the impact our words can have on others.

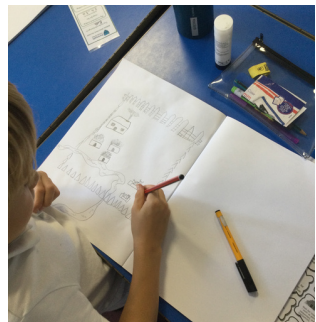


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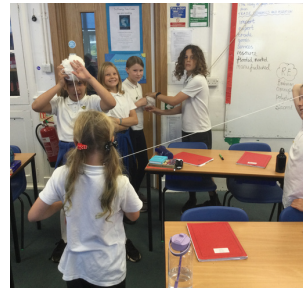
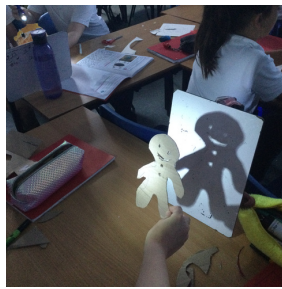
Oak Class



In Oak, this week, we have been getting stuck into our writing of a non-chronological report. We have become experts in 'Anglo-Saxon settlements' and have been writing fantastic paragraphs on what they are made from, who lives in each house and what a village/town has in it. In science, we've been learning about what electrical energy is and how it makes items move, heat up, light up etc. We even created our own human circuit!



Cherry Class



This week we really had fun investigating shadows and how to change them in science. We also finished our class novel "A Story Like The Wind" which has given us a real insight into the lives of some refugees and the circumstances which may lead up to this. On Thursday we had a great outdoor learning session with Miss Rundle where we played conkers, made an obstacle course and created lots of delightful treats in the mud kitchen.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB MUST NOW BE BOOKED & PAID IN ADVANCE ON PARENT PAY.

Breakfast by 9pm night before and After School Club by midday on the day.

Maths Whizz Club (free) Tuesday's and Wednesday's until 4:20pm

Monday	Sports Games - KS1 - Miss Cafe Sports Games - KS2 - Mrs Barnes
Tuesday	Craft Club - Miss Cafe Book/Homework club -Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm) - Mrs Kerlake
Wednesday	Newspaper club - Mrs Barnes Maths Whizz (free until 4:20pm) Mrs Rosser
Thursday	Quiz / Games club - Mrs Barnes & Mrs Rosser
Friday	Wraparound - Mrs Barnes



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REMINDERS

SCHOOL CLOSED ON
FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER
DUE TO AN INSET DAY

THANKS

Attendance

This week's attendance is as follows:

Maple Class - 73.8%

Rowan Class - 95.9%

Sycamore Class - 93.3%

Oak Class - 98.4%

Cherry Class - 98.8%

Whole school attendance
for the year is currently is : 94.6%

PE DAYS

Monday - Rowan

Tuesday - Sycamore

Thursday - Cherry

Thursday - Maple

Friday - Oak

Outdoor Learning on

Fridays for Rowan

DATES

10th Oct - Nasal Flu Vaccination
11th Oct - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
16th Oct - Sycamore Class to Chysauster
w/c 16th Oct - Parent Consultations
18th Oct - Skipping Workshop
4th Dec - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
11th Dec - HfC trip 'Peter Pan' Performance
25th Jan - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
w/c 5th Feb - Parent consultations
26th Mar - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
17th May - Open class 3:10-3:30pm
10th June - Sports Day
13th June - back up Sports Day
17th July - Open class 3:10-3:30pm

INSET DAYS

6th October 2023
18th December 2023
19th December 2023
19th February 2024
24th July 2024

TERM DATES

Half Term - w/c 23rd October 2023
Last Day Autumn Term - 15th December
First Day Spring Term - 4th January 2024
Half Term - w/c 12th February
Last Day of Spring Term - 28th March
First Day Summer Term - 15th April
Bank Holiday - 6th May
Half Term - w/c 27th May
Last Day Summer Term - 23rd July

Wanted: digital piano

Do you have an old digital piano/keyboard to donate for music lessons? Is there a dusty one at home that's never played any more, with weighted/touch-sensitive keys? It could have a good home in the school to support our piano lessons. Drop me an email at ssender@cmst.co.uk.

Thank you!

Community News

