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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Our children have been working very hard this week on their end of half term assessments. Children's workbooks are looking fantastic and it was lovely to see so many parents attend Parents Evening this week. The children were excited to show off their hard work. Over the half term holidays, our nursery is being redecorated and we have new furniture due to arrive shortly afterwards. Coming up after half term, we have World Book Day - St Oswald's will be celebrating this on Friday, 2nd March. To mark this event, Alex Fellows, a drama teacher, will be working with each class and performing drama activities linked to favourite books.

This week, we have had some visitors visit our school. Last Friday, Judith Cummins MP had a tour around the school and talked to our children. She was extremely impressed with how polite our children were and also by the quality of work and handwriting being produced throughout school.

On Thursday, we had Councillor Joanne Dodds visit our school to participate in our Stay and Read session with year 3 and she enjoyed listening to our children read.

This week, our school had a SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The inspector spent the whole day in school, observing collective worship, dropping into RE lessons, looking in books and talking to children. He was particularly impressed with our School Council and our Worship Group. I was very impressed by the conduct of all our children and I felt very proud of all the work we have done in this area. The SIAMS report will be published shortly and we will notify you when this is ready for circulation.

Please enjoy your half term holiday. Our new half term starts on Monday, 19th February.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson
Head of School

Thought for the week



In Collective Worship this week we have continued to explore the core Christian value- Koinonia.

We used the story of Jesus healing the Leper, to explore how Jesus reached out to all in his community.

Try to use the questions below to explore this further at home

At the heart of every 'superhero' story is the age-old battle between good and evil.

Which superhero stories do you know?

What is the story about?

Who is the 'goody'? Who is the 'baddy'?

What about in real life?

If your child wants to write down any of their thoughts or ideas, we will display them in our reflection book.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

We have been reading The Gingerbread Man and baking gingerbread men biscuits. We have gone on a Gingerbread Men hunt around Nursery. We are also using stick puppets and props to retell the story and we have been learning to say: "Run run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man."

What we are learning in Reception

This week we have been reading the story of the Three Little Pigs. We have been retelling the story by ordering the pictures, writing captions and sentences. The children have been looking at suitable materials to build with and giving reasons for their choice. In maths we have been counting in twos, adding two single digit numbers, recognising numbers, finding 1 less and estimating.

What we are learning in Year 1

This week we have started to read a non-fiction book called "Penguins". We will be learning how non-fiction books are compiled and we will eventually make our own non-fiction report about penguins. We are learning facts about penguins and we are labelling the parts of a penguin. In maths we are continuing to learn how to subtract one number from another up to 20. We are using our knowledge of number bonds to help us with this learning.

What we are learning in Year 2

What we are learning in Year 3

In Maths this week, we have been looking at division and most of us are starting to understand remainders. In English, we have been focusing on paragraphs and how to build a good Year 3 standard paragraph. In science this week we have continued to investigate magnets and their forces. This has included moving objects just with the magnetic force and how these forces can act through up to 30 pieces of paper!

What we are learning in Year 4

This week we have been adding the finishing touches to our brochures in Literacy and we have completed our mid-term assessments. We have been consolidating our division skills and have completed a pre-learning task based around measurements and area which is what we will be looking at after the half term holidays.

What we are learning in Year 5

In Maths this week, we are learning to become fluent with adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. We will be applying this to reasoning problems.

In English this week, we have started learning about the features of a persuasive letter and how to use emotive language effectively.

In Science, we are following on from our investigation which was about finding the best way to clean water. The children will be creating their own filtration system using materials such as gravel, fine sand and filter paper. The children will be deciding on which variables to change and decide on how to keep it a fair test.

What we are learning in Year 6

In English this week, we have been starting a new unit writing adventure narratives. We are introducing the use of grammar starters every lesson to help improve our knowledge and understanding of a range of terminology to help us on the GPS paper for our SATs. In Maths, we are continuing with decimals and comparing how we work out the answers involving decimals across all four operations. We will continue to practice a range of SAT style questions to improve our confidence at identifying what operation we need to use for each question style. We have a strong geography focus at the moment within our topic sessions,, particularly looking at the different biomes (landscapes) across the world e.g. desert, rainforest, forests, grasslands.

Eden Suite

In English this week we have worked really hard on our phonics, spellings and handwriting. Our piece of writing about the Gruffalo is developing really well and will be finished by the end of the week.

In maths we have continued to learn our times tables along with counting and making and comparing numbers.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION: Eshan Ahmad (Ash) Romualdo Rafael (Oak)

YEAR 1: Almas Shafiq (1 Birch)

YEAR 2:

YEAR 3: Patrick-Erwin Schuff (3 Beech) Lina Kauser (3 Sycamore)

YEAR 4: Ashir Ejaz (4 Poplar) Mariam Berrish (4 Olive)

YEAR 5:

YEAR 6: Anisa Karim (6 Rowan)

EDEN: Jessika Sugarova



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 5th February

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY	Pork sausage (gluten free) Halal chicken kofta Veggie soya shepherd's pie	Pineapple upside down cake Fruit cheese cake
TUESDAY	Roast beef dinner Halal pasta bolognese Vegetable roll	Apple crumble Oat cookie
WEDNESDAY	Beef lasagne Halal chicken Tikka Masala Quorn burger	Orange drizzle cake Fruit jelly
THURSDAY	Cheese & Tomato pizza Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps	Desserts Chocolate and mandarin sponge Fresh fruit salad
Friday	Gluten free fish fillet Vegetable soya bolognese	Jam sponge Decorated bun