

The Weekly comet

Diary Dates!

Children In Need—Friday 16th November

The theme for this year's Children In Need is 'Do your Own thing'. Children & staff can therefore come to school dressed how they like—for example in pyjamas, fancy dress, anything but school uniform! Please remember that outfits need to be practical for the school day. Please send donations of a coin/s in a named envelope on the day.

Staffing Update

This half-term we have welcomed Mrs Houldershaw to Cavell Class and Mrs Crowson & Mrs Watson have joined our MDS Lunchtime team.

Coffee Morning

Mrs Gardner invites you to her Coffee Morning on Wednesday 21st November at 9.00am to learn how you can get involved in our exciting Xmas activities programme. Pre-school children are welcome!

Attendance

Our Attendance for this week is 95.18%. Classes achieving 95% and getting an attendance star are:-

Armstrong Class	99.66%
Hillary Class	99.33%
Inkpen Class	99.30%
Nightingale Class	98.00%
Attenborough Class	96.67%
Donaldson Class	95.52%

Well done to Armstrong Class who are the Attendance Cup winners for the 2nd week running!

Attenborough Class have now earned 5 stars and get a reward of an extra playtime!

Message from Mrs Marks

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped to make our Autumn term 'Passport Around the World' day a huge success. In the morning we all gathered in the hall to board the 'Dream, Believe, Shine' train. Each class then 'travelled' to a different country, taking part in a range of exciting and creative learning experiences throughout the day. Later that afternoon, we met back in the hall to share our findings and showcase our art and crafts, some of which will soon be on display. We enjoyed watching children who were learning about France perform the Can-Can dance and sing 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in French. We heard children counting in Mandarin and they showed us how to write numbers using Chinese symbols. Many classes sampled delicious foods from their studied countries including Welsh cakes, French cheeses, Chinese prawn crackers and Irish soda bread. What a fun-filled and interesting day it was! Watch this space for our next passport day in the Spring.

EYFS

This week EYFS have been learning where fruit and vegetables come from. We now know that they can either grow underground, just above ground or even on a tree and then they are taken to shops. In Maths, we have been learning all about the number 4 and have found lots of different ways of making 4. We have also started to think about healthy eating and what a balanced plate of food looks like.

Year 1

We have had a fun time this week in Year One planning Dazzle's birthday celebrations and making jam sandwiches to eat at his party. We have also learned about time order words, verbs and other instructional text features in preparation for writing our own set of instructions for making a sandwich. We have found out about 'Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot' in History and thought about how we remember this event through Bonfire Night. In Art, we have explored using pastels and glitter paints to create beautiful bonfire silhouette pictures.

Year 2

After travelling to three countries in one day Year 2 have finally arrived in their 'Passport Around the World' topic! We have been looking at some artefacts belonging to Phileas Fogg and thinking about what he would need as he travels. We have explored maps, atlases and globes and are beginning to remember the 7 continents and the 5 oceans that Phileas Fogg visited as well as discovering facts about different countries. In English, we have been identifying features of recounts and using this information to write about the Wright brothers and the very first aeroplane flight. We are even using conjunctions like 'because', 'when' and 'that' to add extra detail!