School Newsletter: Friday 18th Oct 2024

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have introduced shapes. We have been matching shapes to help with shape recognition and also drawing shapes, discussing what makes each shape different. We explored shapes outside on a shape hunt, looking for things around us that match the shapes we have learnt.
We have also been using natural materials such as sticks, leaves, conkers and acorns to make pictures. The children enjoyed exploring mark making using these as our art tools!

Key Stage 1

This week, Class 1 were mesmerised during our toy workshop. They loved playing with toys from the past and creating one which they could keep.
The cross-country event was also great fun. The children were impressed by how fast and far some of our friends could run.
In art, the children created shape pictures utilising the shading skills they have been learning about.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

In our history lesson this week, we have been learning all about who succeeded the throne after Henry VIII. The children had an excellent understanding of Catholicism vs Protestantism.
We enjoyed taking part in a Cross-Country race on Tuesday and surprised ourselves with how hard running four laps of the course would be!
We have also learnt about Black History Month this week, understanding why and how it is celebrated across the country.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have looked at events that led to the end of World War 2.
In art, we used paints to recreate the work of Monet and in our learning next week we will be thinking about techniques we can use or adapt to improve our use of water colours.
In maths year 6 children have been learning about prime numbers and year 5 have been finding factors of a number.
We have begun to learn our class poem for the upcoming Harvest Festival assembly. **If children have been given lines to take home, please can you help them to practise these over the weekend.**

Reminder

We are celebrating Harvest at St Paul's Church on Thursday 24th October, parents and carers are welcome to join us. Can we request that each child brings 1 tin of food on the day to donate to the church - Thank you!

Week commencing 21st October

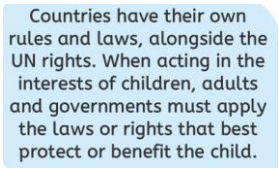
Wednesday – KS2 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – Whole School – Harvest at St Paul's

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we have looked at why people give gifts. We talked about different types of gifts and celebrations around the world - we would also like to **thank you** all for your generous donations for Harvest.

We also looked at Article 41: Best law for children and the British Value of Rule of Law.



In our Music appreciation we listened to a jazz piece, 'Take the A Train' by Duke Ellington. We also looked at the structure of this piece.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 24th October – Harvest @ St Paul's Church 1:30pm (Parents and Carers welcome to join us)
Friday 25th October 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 4th November 2024 – Return to school
Tuesday 5th November 2024 – Maths Café (Reception Class) 9am – 11am
Tuesday 12th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y1 + Y2) 9am – 11am
Tuesday 19th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y3 + Y4) 9am – 11am
Tuesday 26th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y5 + Y6) 9am – 11am
Friday 20th December 2024 – Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Return to school
Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term