School Newsletter: Friday 25th Oct 2024

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

The children have had an exciting week looking into our seasonal celebrations. We have investigated a pumpkin looking at the colour, texture and smell! The children have created their own observational drawings of a pumpkin and designed their own using pumpkin seeds. We have enjoyed making our own magic potions, mixing different colours, bugs and glitters together!
We have also been learning about harvest and I was impressed with their performance at the Harvest Festival. Well done everyone!

Key Stage 1

This week, Reception enjoyed looking closely at the insides of the pumpkin as they prepared it to make some pumpkin soup. They followed the instructions and all tasted the soup once it had cooled.
KS1 enjoyed learning about how communication has progressed over time and were surprised by how big telephones were in the past.
The children were fantastic during our Harvest Festival!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday. Our P.E. session will take place on a Wednesday next half term.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

We have completed our story, 'Into the Forest' from our literacy lessons. The children showed an excellent understanding of the story by creating some wonderful story maps.
In our PSHE lesson, we have been reminding ourselves of our class charter, focusing on the rights children have and how they can be respected in school.
We had a wonderful time singing and reciting poetry at the church for our Harvest Festival! Thank you for all of the food donations.
Have a wonderful half term everybody!

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week the children have enjoyed consolidating their learning across our PE unit to compete in a basketball match.

In science, we collected information about astronauts and their achievements in space.

In jigsaw, we have discussed the benefits of living within a democracy.

It was great to see so many parents attend our Harvest festival and watch the children perform our class poem clearly.

Week commencing 4th November

Tuesday – Class 3 Trip
Tuesday – Reception – Maths Café for Parents
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – KS2 – French After School Club

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we looked at the impact music can have on our lives. In particular we focussed on the news story about the music exam accreditor Music Teachers' Board announcing it will now include Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on its syllabus. We linked this to Article 30: Minority culture, language and religion; the protected characteristic of religion or belief and the British Value of Democracy.

Our Jazz music journey concluded this week with a roundup of the Jazz pieces we have listened to this half term and the key features of Jazz and Big Band music.

Dates for your diary:

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

Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school