School Newsletter: Friday 8th Nov 2024

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

What a great first week back!
Nursery have all settled in well enjoying their festive activities! This week we have explored Bonfire Night and Diwali.
The children have made their own Diya lamps in celebration of Diwali using glitter and paint to decorate them. We have also used paint, chalk and glitter to make some fabulous firework pictures.

Key Stage 1

Reception have enjoyed learning about Diwali and Bonfire night this week. The children enjoyed creating their own Diya lamps. After creating some fantastic play dough fireworks, we discussed how to stay safe on Bonfire night. In KS1, the children have enjoyed exploring mechanisms and learning how mechanisms help objects to move easily in D.T. Year 2 are enjoying learning about photography, whilst Year 1 are learning about digital art. On Monday, the Year 1 and 2 children will be going on a walk around the local area. Please make sure your child/ren have a coat and sensible shoes. Thank you.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

In our literacy lessons this week, we have been reading an African tale, Fly, Eagle, Fly! We have enjoyed learning about what a savanna is and writing a description about these.
In P.E, we have been taking part in dance activities and understanding what improvisation is.
In our PSHE lesson, we have learnt about stereotypes and how we sometimes make judgments about people based on what they look like.

Key stage 2 – Upper

We have had a busy week in year 5 and 6 this week! We had a brilliant time at Life in Newcastle on Tuesday and enjoyed exploring all of the different learning zones. The children showed brilliant enthusiasm and listening skills throughout the day.
In geography, we enjoyed learning about the structure of the Earth and finding out where the tectonic plates meet. The children were able to colour the Ring of Fire on a world map.
In DT, the children enjoyed collecting information about bird houses in preparation for designing our own bird houses next week.

Children in Need

We are holding a non-uniform day for a small donation on Friday 15th Nov, we are also having a raffle and tickets can be purchased from Mon-Fri next week for 50p a strip. Raffle will be drawn on Friday.

Week commencing 11th November

Monday – KS2 – Basketball Taster*
Tuesday – Y1 + Y2 – Maths Café for Parents
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – KS2 – French After School Club
Friday – KS1 – Basketball Taster*
Friday – Whole School – Non-Uniform Day

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we have looked at the USA election, democracy and what qualities make you a good leader. This linked to Article 42: everyone must know children's rights and the British Value of Democracy.

After talking to the children, we are going to continue our music appreciation with **Soul, RnB & Funk this half term.** Soul music is a popular music genre that originated in the United States in the 1950s and early 1960s. It combined elements of African-American gospel music, rhythm and blues, and often jazz. Soul music became popular for dancing and listening in the United States. Funk is a music genre that originated in the mid to late 1960s when African-American musicians created a rhythmic, danceable new form of music through a mixture of soul music, jazz, and R&B.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 12th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y1 + Y2) 9am – 11am
Friday 15th November 2024 – Children in Need (Non-uniform + Raffle)
Tuesday 19th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y3 + Y4) 9am – 11am
Tuesday 26th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y5 + Y6) 9am – 11am
Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Nursery Theatre Trip (AM)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Festive Fun Run (Whole school)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Nativity (Whole school) – 1:30pm
Monday 16th December 2024 – Nursery Xmas Party (AM)
Monday 16th December 2024 – KS2 Xmas Party (PM)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Panto Trip (R to Y6)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Reception/KS1 Xmas Party (PM)
Thursday 19th December 2024 – Carols at Methodist Church 1:30pm
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