Right Start-Bright Future

Newsletter

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"The standard you walk past - is the standard you accept"

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit!"

Dear Families

Our Year 6 family have enjoyed an incredible week on their residential visit to Arête, full of adventure and new experiences. We are so proud of the courage, perseverance and independence they have shown as they stepped outside their comfort zones and took on lots of new challenges. From scaling new heights to exploring the great outdoors, they have made wonderful memories together. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Russell, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Baines, Mr Eborall and Miss Williams for giving their time, including evenings away from their own families, to make this special experience possible. We are truly grateful for the care, encouragement and enthusiasm they have shown to our Year 6 family.

In school this week, our other year group families have embraced both indoor and outdoor learning with enthusiasm, whatever the weather! As the days become colder and definitely wetter, please make sure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day so they can stay comfortable and enjoy their time outdoors, especially at lunchtime.

School Attendance Matters-We aim for 100%, our target is 98%.

Little Oaks Family = 89.7%, F2 Family = 87.9%, Year 1 Family = 96.3%, Year 2 Family = 98.3 %, Year 3 Family = 96.1 %, Year 4 Family = 99%, Year 5 Family = 98.1 % , Year 6 Family = 100%.

Overall school attendance = 97.8%. Well done to Years 2, 4, 5 and Year 6!!

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'Magic Moments'

Little Oaks Family- We have embraced the magic of Autumn in Little Oaks this week! We have been on a welly walk to splash in puddles, explored pumpkins inside and out and collected lots of Autumn treasures. We learned a new rhyme about pumpkins and read the book 'Pumpkin Soup' which showed us how important teamwork and empathy are. We have been painting and printing with leaves, making spider webs with glitter and watching the rain through the windows. We finished the week off with a book and a blanket, a lovely cosy end to the half term.

F2 Family- This week, we have been reading the book 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert and have used it to create our own Leaf Men using natural autumnal objects. The children worked in pairs to create excellent sculptures using

leaves, conkers, acorns, helicopters and pine cones. It really captured the imagination of the children's minds as they thought about shape, size, and common features to body parts.

Year 1 Family- Year 1 have used *Paddington's Trick or Treat book* as inspiration in Curious Quests, designing their own Paddington character and using their phonics skills to write some excellent sentences. They have also really embraced Helicopter Stories this half term and are becoming fantastic storytellers and actors!

Year 2 Family - This week, Year 2 had a fantastic time designing and building our very own Tudor houses using cereal boxes, using white card for the wattle and daub and adding black card to style the traditional timber frames. We also spent time writing Samuel Pepys-inspired diary entries as if we were right there on the night the fire broke out. After exploring the features of a diary, we used drama and freeze-frames to immerse ourselves in the moment and imagine all the sights, sounds, and feelings of the Great Fire. Well done, Year 2, for such amazing creativity and hard work!

Year 3 Family – This week, year three have had an exciting time with their magnet investigation. They have also completed their independent creative writing for the end of half term. Have a great half term week year 3!

Year 4 Family – This week, the Year 4 family took great pride in publishing their Setting Narratives based on our focus book, 'The Whale'. We are so happy to see the finished pieces up on display in our classroom! Also this week, we learnt the similarities and differences between two Ancient Greek cities (Athens and Sparta) and were surprised with some of the rules. On Thursday, we enjoyed our Dojo Prize which was watching 'Gangsta Granny' having adored the book in our daily reading for pleasure sessions. Finally, on Friday, we got cosy with a book and a blanket to continue marking the Year of Reading. Have a fantastic half term break everybody!

Year 5 Family- Our Year 5 family have been developing their vocabulary by writing heartfelt gratitude speeches inspired by the incredible life of Wilma Rudolph. In maths, they have been tackling tricky multi-step problems, showing great resilience and determination. Today's Dojo prize was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy den building and spend precious time with our Little Oaks children, creating special memories together! 💛

Year 6 Family - Our week has been full of many tasks and challenges that have encouraged our teamwork and resilience both in school and at Arête. At Arête, the children have pushed themselves to traverse many challenging environments while also enjoying the beauty of the Welsh countryside. It has been amazing seeing the children take on so many adventurous activities! At Brookhurst, children in Year 6 have kindly helped our Brookhurst community by engaging in stewardship while helping to update and uplevel some of our communal areas. They have balanced this with some consolidation tasks within the classroom.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term week and we will see you all back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Kind regards

Mrs Parsonage

AND FINALLY……. Thank you for supporting our recent book fair. We have raised an amazing **£339.21** in rewards for books for our school library!

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