



Headteacher's Update

The school has been mentioned in the Swindon Adver twice this week:

Robert Buckland MP has nominated the school for a "Levelling Up Award": Levelling up Goals In the category of Strong Foundations in Early Years.

As well as an article about the opening of the Nursery Class in September 2021.



Parents Evenings

The KS1 and KS2 Parent's Evening appointments have now taken place. However, if you have a concern or worry, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher as soon as possible, so we can discuss it with you. Our shared goal is to work together to continue to improve your child's time at school and to work together positively.

Covid Tests and Update

Now all back in school, please keep us informed through the office if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID or is taking a test due to having symptoms.

Hopefully as the 'Roadmap' continues to go well we can begin to relax restrictions around the site and invite you into school once more. We thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our children safe.

Year 6 SATS

The Year 6 SATS will not be taking place this year. We will be providing Year 6 parents (and secondary schools) with detailed assessment information about their child's achievements and end of year reports will be provided for all children as usual in July.

Attendance

Attendance this week was 96.9%.....A huge well done!



We did have 31 Children with late marks this week though. Please can we all make more of an effort to be on time. This has such a disruptive impact on, not just the class, but also the Children joining lessons which have already started. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Ash Class Joshua for joining in during whole class activities

Maple Class

Edith for making an excellent effort to improve her handwriting.

Elm Class Peter for trying hard with his reading.

Rowan Class

Fariz for super problem solving when finding fractions of amounts.

Cherry Class

Ava for being a super star this week.

Pine Class

Mikaila for an outstanding week in every single subject and helping other children in the classroom.

Willow Class

Lucas F. - For sharing his lovely sense of humour and being really smily in class!

Oak Class

Phoebe for having a brilliant attitude to learning.

Sycamore Class

Charlie for a real improvement in his attitude to learning - we are so proud of how hard you are working!

Hazel Class

Ashley for working so hard the past couple of weeks, especially in English and Maths.

Beech Class

Maya for making good progress with her Maths knowledge, especially with time problems.

Class News

Ash Class

This week in Ash class, we read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' We had fun making marks in the flour. We built barns for the farm animals to live in and have had lots of fun with our Dough Disco activities; building bridges, making hens and making bird feeders.



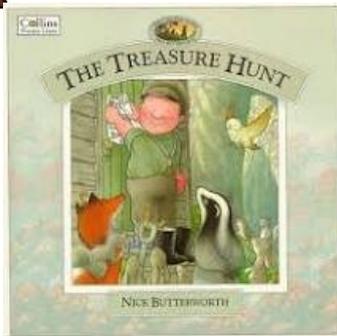
Elm Class

Elm class read and performed The Little Red Hen story. **We won the Smartie Tube competition!!** 😊



Cherry Class

We have had a lovely week in year 1. We have been thinking about plants and using magnifying glasses to study them. In English we have been listening to a story called 'Percy The Park Keeper Treasure Hunt'. We have planned our own class treasure hunt and had lot's of fun! We also created our teddy bears for our blankets that we made!



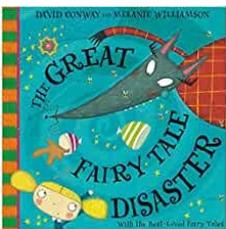
Sycamore Class

Suddenly, the super Sycamore Samaras have become superb at using interesting sentence openers! We've been planning our story maps and thinking how to start our sentences. In Maths, we've gone bananas! Groups of 5 bananas to be precise! We have been grouping in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us divide. For metacognition we looked at how we solve problems, which we applied in our lesson on solving division problems. In PE we are continuing to work on our racket skills and in Computing we are finishing our project on Dog Island... I wonder if any of the children persuaded their parents to investigate Dog Island and told them the most interesting fact about it?



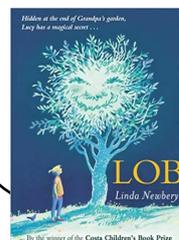
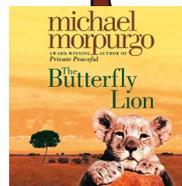
Willow Class

This week we have been getting our fairy tales a little muddled when reading The Great Fairy Tale Disaster! We tried to sequence the events from the story and even created our own story maps of the events from it. In maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10, 20 and even 100! We were using known facts to help us solve number bond puzzles too! For art we have been creating observational drawings or natural objects and in PE we have been been tennis players trying to hit targets with the balls!



Maple Class

Maple class have been very busy this week - we've finished reading 'The Butterfly Lion' and have started reading a book called 'Lob' which we will be comparing to The Butterfly Lion. We have written a letter as if we were Bertie (our character from the The Butterfly Lion) to Lucy (our character in Lob) to give her some advice. We have also written our own science investigation to see what will happen to plants if we deprive them of leaves, water, roots, light and nutrients. We will set up the investigation next week and watch what happens.



IN OTHER NEWS....



THANK YOU
to everyone that
contributed to the
Smarties fundrais-
er for the WPSS.



Overall, a massive total of
£547.55 was raised!

The winning
class, who
raised a
whopping £107

was **Mrs Ponsonby's**. They've had some
goodies today as a thank you to them.



In very close 2nd place, raising a
huge £103 was **Mr Bagley's**.

They've had a trophy for their amazing efforts too.



THANK YOU to the Westlea Primary Support Squad for making such a
great effort with this fundraiser. The Children were so excited today!

