



Message from the Headteacher

This week we have celebrated the Harvest. This has included a Harvest assembly where classes produced poetry, prayers and artwork to reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves, as well as gratitude for what we have. It also included a collection for the Chipping Norton Food Bank, which the Chaplains donated on Wednesday. The Food Bank said a huge thank-you and they were very grateful. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in donations.

Last Friday, Year 5 were visited by a local MP, Sean Woodcock and had the opportunity to ask questions on how Parliamentary democracy works.

Yesterday's Year 4 and Year 6 Cross Country event was a great success! All the boys and girls ran their best on a tough course at Chipping Norton Secondary School. A special shoutout goes to Teddy in Year 4 who won his race! Teddy showed incredible speed and determination, cheered on by his teammates. Well done to everyone who took part. You represented the school brilliantly.

Year 6 are taking part in the PFMAC concert in Oxford tonight. They performed to the school in assembly and made us all extremely proud.

This week we chose our very first Handwriting Heroes and awarded them certificates in Assembly (special pencils and stickers to come!). One child from each class was chosen for making amazing progress with their letter formation and joining. Handwriting is such an important life skill, it not only improves fine motor skills but also increases writing speed and output and supports spelling and phonics.

On Wednesday we gathered together as a school to wish Mrs Goodall all the best as she begins her Maternity leave at the end of this week. Staff and members of her Year 5 class gave her lots of new mum and baby essentials. We wish both Mrs and Mr Goodall all our love and luck as they begin their new family adventure and cannot wait to welcome them back soon!

It has been such a busy term and everyone has leaned in to help build our school community. We have an enthusiastic PTA, families who have been able to join in events such as our new 'SEN drop in coffee afternoons' and our after school football tournament.

We have a team of dedicated governors. Our staff have worked hard over this half term to settle classes and build our excellent curriculum. The office and site staff have worked hard to ensure everything runs smoothly. It is such a pleasure to be part of the Holy Trinity family.

Autumn is fully upon us and hopefully will be beautiful over half term for walks in the leaves! Thank you for all of your support over this term.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you again on the 4th November.



The Prayer

Over half term, on 1st November,
is All Saint's Day.

God of life, we give thanks for all the
holy men and women who have lived
throughout the world.

Help us to live as you would like us
to by showing love to all, bringing peace
and always trying to do what is right.

Amen

Catholic Life

Mrs Leary will be continuing to run her prayer group after half term and children are welcome to join and bring their own Rosary Beads if they have them. As November is the month of All Saints and All Souls and Remembrance, we will be thinking especially of those we have loved and lost.

Values and Virtues

This half term we have been growing to be curious about everything; and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better.



Mr Whybrow, together with the Sports Leaders, have been working hard on finalising plans for different play activity areas to be set up over lunch time. These will launch after half term and we are still collecting the following items: children's books and magazines, colouring books, toy cars/wheeled vehicles and car mats, music CDs for our dance area.



We have been celebrating Black History Month in school this October. Each class has been doing a range of activities to celebrate this. In KS1, the children have been creating artwork inspired by Alma Thomas and learning about Watler Tull. In KS2, they have been learning about the Windrush Project, which has inspired Year 6's literacy. Year 5 have been creating PowerPoints on inspirational figures from black history. And, Year 3 and 4 have been reading stories from famous figures from black history and learning about Rosa Parks and her bus boycott. It has been wonderful seeing the children reflecting on their own understanding of history and understanding the importance of celebrating this month.



Baking Equipment

If anyone has any of the following items at home, which they no longer need and could donate for baking and cooking in school, we would be very grateful.

- Mixing bowls- different sized plastic ones.
- Small measuring jugs
- Wooden spoons (different sizes)
- Spatulas (different sizes)
- Measuring spoons
- Pastry brushes
- Small sieves

This Week in Photos

Cross Country



Handwriting Heros

Good Luck Mr & Mrs Goodall



BBC's 500 Words

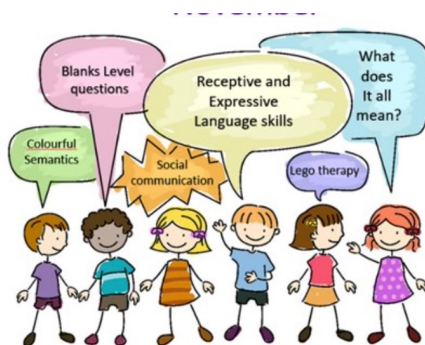
The UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is now open for entries! The theme can be anything you like. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and fantastic prizes available! All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less. Competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

Adults need to sign up here using the link below to be able to submit entries.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/submissions-fe/index.html#/profile>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas Term	
Half Term	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th November	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 3 Dance Workshop
Friday 15 th November	SEN Coffee Afternoon 2pm - Meet the Professionals
Tuesday 19 th November	Year 4 Lantern Making Workshop (NEW)
Wednesday 20 th November	U11 Netball Festival
Thursday 21 st November	Year 6 Street Dance Workshop (NEW)
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics
Thursday 28 th November	Christmas Lantern Parade (NEW)
Friday 29 th November	Year 5 St Andrew's Class Assembly
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 4 Ball Skills Tournament (NEW)
Thursday 5 th December	Reception Nativity Performance
Friday 6 th December	Parent Christmas Crafts Afternoon 2:00pm
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes at 12.05pm for Christmas



October is ADHD awareness month. This is a condition which is often misunderstood. Whilst it does create challenges for those living with it, it also brings lots of strengths as well. If you are interested in finding out more about ADHD there is a podcast entitled 'Changing the D's in ADHD' which you can access from the link below.

<https://www.thesendcast.com/changing-the-ds-in-adhd/>

THE ADHD ICEBERG

