

Headteacher Newsletter November 18

Growing stronger

As a school we have been growing stronger in the last month. As we work together to ensure all children get the best education.

We started with tests to understand the issue across the school with test technique and analysed the gaps to ensure our planning consolidates and extends children's understanding in all core subjects.

By moving our collective worship to the morning this has allowed our teachers to take small intervention groups based on learning in the lesson to increase progress.

Also we have looked at our marking and decided that we need to make our feedback more personalised and concise.

We have realised there is an issue with our banded reading books and part of this is about improving our library which we have plans to do in the next few weeks.

We are very excited to see the impact of our improvements as we get to the end of this term.

Pupil leadership team

We were pleased to announce our pupil leadership team. They will be a key part of our growth as a school. We had many applications and they were all written well and had very thoughtful answers. It was a tough choice.

These pupils will embody the school values and work with the SLT to understand and improve our school.

Parent forums

After Christmas we are planning to hold parent forums. For this we will be inviting parents to take on the role of Class parent representative.

This will mean that all the thoughts and questions can be collated and an efficient, effective meeting can happen that addresses all feedback.

Interactive screens

Over half term we had new interactive screens fitted in every class room. This has improved the quality of visuals shown in the lessons.

Technology is so important for the future generations and we are working hard to ensure our children are prepared in this fast-moving age.

Thank you

Our attendance has stayed at 97% which is good whole school attendance.

So thank you for all your support with this. We are higher than we were this time last year and glad that we are all working together towards ensuring the children get the most out of their education.

Extra - Curricula

Year 6 have been going out for Bikeability this month. Children are learning, not only how to ride their bike, but also how to maintain it safely.

They have battled on through the terrible weather and will be road safe by the end of their course.



Fireworks

A huge thank you to our PTA and premises manager who put on an amazing fireworks evening whilst also making sure safety was paramount.

It was nice to see so many of you in attendance and supporting our school. Year 5 won the guy competition with their great representation of Issac Newton. Well done!



Educational visits

We are very excited to announce that we have secured tickets for the whole school to attend the pantomime of Aladdin at The Hazlitt Theatre.

Coming up...

6/7th November – Parents evening
Come and talk about your child's achievements.

11th November – Remembrance service at the war memorial

16th November – Children in need (wear your spots and make a donation!)

22nd November – 6RT class assembly

30th November – Open day for Year 2

Final thought

"True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own".

- Nikos Kazantzakis