



Pixies news

Different Individuals Valuing Each other Regardless of Skin Intellect Talents or Years

Value of the month

We would have liked to have spent more assembly time thinking about **Inclusion and Tolerance** this month as there is so much depth to the multi-faceted value. However, we did tie this value in with Black History Month as the children looked at famous characters who have made a big contribution to the world. The children imagined what life would be like without them and how the world might be different. We were also able to think about what racism is, why it can be so harmful and what we can do about it. Our summary motto this month has been, *'We are the same but different'* and hopefully all children will remember what this means!

Our value of the month for November is **Gratitude** which is a new Value for the school that we have not focused on before.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

Forest School



I'm sure Reception parents are now familiar with the Forest School's agenda but we are also very excited to be sharing this news with all parents.

Forest Schools gives our children a chance to visit the Boxmoor Trust on a regular basis to do some outdoor learning. The initiative is heavily subscribed to by many schools and we have had to wait patiently for many years for our children to access this. This week, our Reception children explored an outdoor classroom, played hide and seek in the woods and collected sticks to explore different shapes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our small army of parent volunteers who are helping to make the visits possible.



Upcoming events

- Mon 31st Oct**
Children return after half term
- Thurs 3rd Nov | 9am**
Parent Tour for prospective parents
- Sun 6th Nov | 6pm**
FOPHS Firework Night
- Thurs 10th Nov | 9.15am**
Year 3 Class Assembly
- Mon 14th Nov**
Start of Anti-bullying Week
- Wed 16th Nov**
Nasal flu jabs Y1,2 & 3
- Fri 18th Nov**
Children in Need
- Fri 18th Nov | 6pm**
FOPHS School Disco
- Mon 21st Nov | 3.30pm**
Governors School Improvement Committee
- Thur 24th Nov | 9.15am**
Year 4 Class Assembly
- Fri 25th Nov**
Non-Uniform Chocolate Tombola
- Mon 28th Nov | 7pm**
Full Governing Body
- Mon 28th Nov**
Autumn Term Assessment Week

Secondary Admissions

A reminder to all our Y6 parents that the secondary admissions deadline is fast approaching, the final day for applications being 31st October. We have had some correspondence from Hertfordshire County Council to relay the message that nine families have not yet applied.

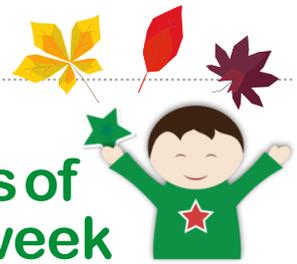
Should you need any help with the application process, this website link might well be of help <https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>

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We love to learn
and learn to love!



Stars of the week

Week of 07/10/16

Reception: **Ethan Hull**
 Year 1: **Chethya Somaratne**
 Year 2: **Phoebe Hammond**
 Year 3: **Ollie Jackson**
 Year 4: **Jayden Harry**
 Year 5: **Whole Class**
 Year 6: **Lucy Lamburn**

Week of 14/10/16

Reception: **Bobby Pearman**
 Year 1: **Jenson Lee**
 Year 2: **Zara Milligan**
 Year 3: **Finley Corcoran**
 Year 4: **Lincoln Hyland**
 Year 5: **Harrison Leeks**
 Year 6: **Jasmine Hardy**

Week of 21/10/16

Reception: **Harley Lee**
 Year 1: **Tili Blackburn**
 Year 2: **Whole Class**
 Year 3: **Owen Campbell**
 Year 4: **Emily Simpson**
 Year 5: **Amelie Driver**
 Year 6: **Harvey Clark**

Dangerous Wall !

I can't think of a time when I've ever put such a bland picture (see right) in the school newsletter. However, there is a really good reason! Due to the recent rainfall that caused a bit of flooding, we have a leaning and unsafe wall outside the Y6 classroom. We are awaiting the outcomes of a surveyors report and some quotes to fix it but in the meantime please can I ask everyone respects the orange netting and not go near the wall. It appears stable enough but we cannot be certain and until further notice, Y6 children are using the side entrance of the classroom only.



Fire Brigade

We were delighted to welcome Hertfordshire Fire Service to the school who gave our Y6s a talk about fire safety which forms part of their PSHE work.

The children really enjoyed being able to see the inside and outside of a fire engine up close and there was much laughter as Mrs Axford (right) put on the full firefighting suit. For people of a certain generation, the words 'little short for a stormtrooper!' came to my mind.



Goodbyes

After many years of service to the school filled with hard work, dedication and humour, we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Johnson who has put her heart and soul into the teaching assistant role.

Mrs Johnson is moving on to a new job and we are hopeful of short listing some candidates today ready for interviews after half term.



Mrs Johnson, we will miss you and wish you well in the next stage of life's journey!

Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you for coming in to meet the teachers. Overall, the children have once again settled in to the new academic year and we are grateful for all the positive feedback we have received.

Due to Mrs Thingsaker's absence because of illness, we will reschedule meetings for after half term. If you did not manage to make an appointment, class teachers will be in contact to rearrange a suitable time to meet.

Well done
to everyone!