

Lunchtime Review Autumn Term 2015

Monday Art Club run by Mrs. Burton continued on from the summer term. This is a very popular club with children from all classes taking advantage of the varied activities on offer. Mrs. Burton spends a lot of time sourcing interesting and seasonally themed creations suitable for the short half an hour slot. Mrs. Leaman lends a supporting hand although the older pupils are very helpful if one of the younger ones struggles. All the children enjoy taking their finished pieces home to show off.

Friday Show and Share Gardening Club First Half Autumn Term run by Mrs. Artley continued on from the summer term. Uptake is steady and many children attend every week. Numbers are never below eight and age range is wide. Mrs. Artley has spent a lot of time creating a plan/ time table and is very organised making the most of the short time available each week. Some of the quieter children enjoy this club. It is lovely to see the older children supporting the younger ones. Behaviour is never an issue. Winter break for this club.

Friday Wildlife Club Second Autumn Term run by Mrs. Artley has taken over from the Gardening Club during the colder season. The children have been creating small habitats for small mammals and insects by recycling old plant pots and stuffing them with straw. Bird feeders have been placed in different locations which include the Peace Garden. Activities include bird watching, drawing of discovered species, quizzes and discussions regarding wildlife protection and making use of ICT and library.

Play-Leaders

Tuesday Class 1, Wednesday Class 2, Thursday Class 3

A new group of pupils from Class 3 were chosen to plan and deliver playground activities for other pupils at school. The new leaders were as usual, guided through the different stages of planning for the different sessions for the weeks ahead. The pupils learned about assessing risks, organisation and adapting games to their peers needs. Some of the children picked for this programme are not natural leaders and it is nice to see they are keen to be part of this group. The Play-Leader's support during lunchtime is very much appreciated by the staff as it helps with providing different activities for the pupils and encourages positive behaviour.

Lunch Activity Box: Suggestions were requested from the children and 7 were received, 3 for football and 4 for tennis.

Football is only played on the field during the drier seasons but we will provide tennis rackets and balls and when possible a portable net will be brought out.

Generally behaviour has been fantastic this autumn term. The pupil composition is such that or only very minor issues have arisen. All staff have commented that in all areas of the lunchtime the children seem to get along very well and enjoy a relaxed break. Very few amber and no red behaviour was observed.

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