



Autumn Term Newsletter No.10

Another fabulous week in school with so much learning going on! You never know what you are going to encounter when you enter a room but how lovely to show a group of prospective new parents around and find a group of dancing camels preparing for their Nativity in the Princess Theatre! It will be another special performance if that dance is anything to go by!

Y3 went to Dartington Hall to begin a special project with local craftsmen funded by the Heritage Lottery. They spent the day learning traditional countryside skills and are now proficient at making wattle fences which we hope will soon be appearing in our orchard... perhaps a new run for the chickens? A cob pizza oven is next!



Thank you to all the Year 2 families who came to the maths workshop on Wednesday. Learning alongside your child is a fantastic way to support your child through school as so much changes so quickly. We are always happy to show you how we teach the children and really appreciate your support. Other workshops will be offered in the New Year. (Photos on Twitter from this week's workshop)

This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Evelyn Hollis
Pine — Ava Bylett
Apple— Edward Evers
Oak— Reece Bloomfield
Birch— Lily Phillips
Rowan — Lauren Robbins
Cherry— Finley Herbert
Maple — Bethany Rogers
Holly— Michael Culley
Willow — Sonny Jackson
Hawthorn — Hal Stephenson
Hazel — Chloe Daniels

Diary Date Reminders:

Thursday 1st December—KS1 Nativity in the Princess Theatre from 2:00pm

Thursday 8th December—School Christmas Dinner

Friday 9th December—PTA Christmas fair from 3:05pm

Monday 12th December KS2 Christmas Carol Concert—Upton Vale Baptist Church from 6:00pm



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Rowan Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95% attendance overall which is below our target.



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<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>



Family Ponder: ...
Should you behave differently just because no one is watching you?
(Willow Class)

The children have been learning about using their Power for Good to stand up to bullies. We know bullies will be found in all walks of life and if we all stand together we can make the world a better place. We were so impressed with Daisy's persuasive writing we have published it below for you to read. Powerful stuff!

Bullying Behaviour is Unacceptable.

When children come home with bruises that they claim they know nothing of; when they seem to lose all self-confidence; when children even begin to bully others, then it is clear that this behaviour desperately needs to be stopped. Some individuals believe that it is part of growing up; however, for those that have experienced an ordeal such as this, bullying is far from a normal, acceptable childhood occurrence.

Many bullies use physical harm to hurt their peers. Therefore, this results in students needing first aid from teachers – though rather than telling the adult about the situation – the victim will often lie saying they injured themselves on a piece of equipment, too anxious to speak up. These vulnerable children often need to make frequent journeys to emergency departments about cuts, fractures or even collapsing from stress. Do you honestly believe children should suffer this dreadful childhood?

Furthermore, the people that carry out these monstrous deeds, cause damage verbally and emotionally – often scrutinising their peers' appearance, making these minors feel unimaginably self-conscious; for this reason, they could be reluctant in taking part with some of the simplest activities. This is in fear of making the slightest mistake. If you were the infant, afraid of attempting anything or everything, wouldn't you want justice, wouldn't you want to feel safe and secure coming to school? In some dreadfully sad cases, young citizens are even terrorised in their own homes through abuse on social media sites, attacked in their own homes. Is this really what modern technology should be used for?

Moreover, this disgraceful behaviour can make children feel depressed, isolated or even utterly worthless; hence, many children may attempt to self-harm due to the effects of bullying.

To add to these shocking events, students can become so frustrated that they begin to adopt similar bullying behaviours themselves. This, they believe, is a way to make them feel better, but in actual fact it causes the victim more pain. Do you believe it is right for a child to have to go so low?

In summary, bullying needs to stop. Although it may seem that these juveniles do not realise the effect of their actions, I believe they set out to make another child's life unbearable. I demand that schools do what they can to prevent this unacceptable behaviour. The question is: will bullying ever cease for good?

Daisy Thorpe (Hazel Class)

Please remember the children can come to school on Monday dressed either as a superhero or wearing blue for our special Assembly on Anti-Bullying. Children have to be able to participate fully in school life so sensible shoes, coats, etc. are needed too. Please don't send your child in with any superhero weapons! Thank you.

And finally, a HUGE thank you for all the shoeboxes you have returned to school. They are being collected on Monday and will begin their journey around the world soon after that.



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