



Autumn Term Newsletter No. 4

Year 6 started the week with an Assembly about the day they took-over the school. The talked about what they had learned from the experience and their ambitions for their future careers. It seems they thought the admin staff have the toughest job in school with all the phone calls they have to make over forgotten swimming kits, PE kits, and glasses and all the running around they have to do passing messages on to children. They also weren't too impressed with sorting through all the lost property! We did point out to them that if they don't forget their kits or glasses and put labels in their property they could make less work for the admin staff! We can live in hope!

It has been a great week in school with the children knuckling down to some really good learning—resilience was much needed this week in Y6 as they tackled some tricky long division. Great to hear children saying, "Yesterday I had no idea what this was about. I thought I'd never do it. Today it makes more sense because I have kept on trying."

We love Pine Class' display of their Learning Pit—their own photos and thoughts!



This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Sophia Hunt
Pine — Jesse Cavanagh
Apple— Layla Dodwell
Oak— Juliet Groves
Birch— James Bellamy
Rowan — Austen Bradshaw
Cherry— Jasmine Willis
Maple — Zachary Cox
Holly— Fraser Heavisides
Willow — Bradlee Tarrant
Hawthorn — Darcey Lewis
Hazel — Sianai O'Shaughnessy

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 3rd October—last swim session for Willow Class

Wednesday 5th October—No Pens Day! Lots of learning without using pens and pencils!

Thursday 6th October—Outdoor Learning Day . Please send the children in with coats!

Attendance Award



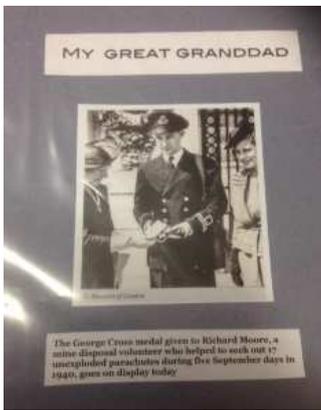
Congratulations to Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97% attendance overall which beats our target again! Well done!



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<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>



Extra Special Project!

Rufus (Y3) had a fabulous, memorable experience recently as he visited the opening exhibition about his Great Granddad in London Dockland's Museum.

Family ponder....

Do spiders dream?..

His Great Granddad was awarded the George Cross for bravery for his work defusing bombs in the Second World War. The family have donated the medal to the museum who have opened up an exhibition about his actions. He wrote a diary which later was illustrated and published. Rufus has created a lovely project about the life of his Great Granddad which he proudly showed to his class this week. It's lovely to hear about our families' history!

Year 3 News

Over the past two weeks Rowan Class have been learning how to write recounts and, in particular, diary entries in their English lessons. Their learning was fuelled by their topic based on Ancient Egypt and the discovery of Howard Carter. The children had to pretend they were Carter, or a member of his team, and write a diary entry based on the day of the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb.

The children wrote the piece by hand and then edited and improved it using the laptops and a word processing program called Clicker6. We thought we would share a small sample with you.

Diary Entry based on the experience of Howard Carter

Thursday 29th September 1923

Firstly I organised the English diggers, one on the left, one on the right, one straight in front and one behind us. Then we made the first discovery! It was fifteen black, stone stairs. The four diggers and I all walked down the steep steps carefully.

Afterwards we found a huge, steel door. One of the builders dug a little deep, dark hole. Then they lit a candle and had a small peep through the mined hole. There were so many gold, silver and diamonds covered items! We also saw mummification on some body's bony and hard skeletons on other bodies.

Finally, we broke through Tutankhamen's tomb. Quickly I took a few steps back because I felt really scared. When I walked into the tomb one of my diggers pulled out an Egyptian book to read and the set of plates with different pictures on and all of us had to try and get the right code to get across. Of course we knew there were going to be a lot of booby traps but we didn't think they would be this hard.

At least all of the workers made it across the plates now we had no idea what was going to happen next. After one of the workers Bob, Harry or John, I forget which one it was, but they accidentally clicked a button and a whole lot of sand started to fall down on us. So we just had to run back, hoping we could escape from this dangerous place!

By Austen Bradshaw

PTA News

The PTA will be selling Panto tickets for Cinderella in the Princess Theatre in Torquay at £12 a ticket for the matinee showing at 2pm on Friday 23rd December. Tickets on sale by the office on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October from 3:05pm. A great saving for your family!

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