



Autumn Term Newsletter No.7

The first half term has flown by, despite a visit from the Ofsted Inspectors! Every day in school is different from every other and always busy so the days just fly by!

This week started with a Harvest Festival and we are really appreciative of all your donations! This was one of the best festivals we have had for a few years and the food is really gratefully received by the families and charities that we could support. Thank you!



If you are a parent of a child in Y3 or Y4 you may have noticed how messy they got this week (sorry!) as they worked on their sculptures. We can't wait to see the finished pieces displayed around the school and the children are really excited about their Art. We have put some photos on our Twitter feed and will add more as the sculptures take shape!

Shoebox Appeal

Last year we participated in The Rotary Shoebox Appeal where children living in desperate situations around the world receive a gift at Christmas. We still have about 100 boxes left so are going to participate again this year. Mrs Turner has the boxes (in Apple Class in the KS1 building) - there is an administration cost of £2 which helps with the transportation costs, etc. If you would like to join in with this we ask that all the shoeboxes are returned by Friday 17th November, ready for sending off in time for Christmas. The children have had an assembly about this and we have emailed home the information reading what can and cannot be packaged into the boxes.

Poppies

We will also be selling poppies and small items to support the Royal British Legion after the half term

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Joshua D has had an amazing attitude to his learning this week. He has tried so hard!
Pine — Hollie has superb listening skills and always makes a great effort with her learning.
Apple — Poppy-Lou joins in during class discussions then focuses well on her independent work.
Oak — Lee makes a fantastic effort with his writing, checking his spelling, punctuation and grammar.
Birch — Calleigh is a superb mathematician and has been really aspirational in her maths work this week.
Rowan — Ethan has been teaching skills to other children, showing great mastery of the topics he's been taught.
Cherry — Ruby makes an exceptional effort and shows determination in everything she does.
Maple — Alfie W has made a fantastic effort and created some great art work in the last two weeks.
Holly — Rhianna has created a brilliant final outcome in art. She has included all the Toolkit skills. Well-done!
Willow — Aiden is our star for his aspiration, care and effort he has put in to his art this week.
Hawthorn — Holly has a super attitude to learning and has had a wonderful half term in Year 6.
Hazel — Gracie has shown excellent improvement in listening skills leading to fantastic participation and progress!

Diary Date Reminders:

Y1 to Y6 Parents Evenings— Tuesday 31st October to Thursday 2nd November. Please book an appointment through eschools.

Thursday 30th November—Y1 and Y2 Nativity at the Princess Theatre from 2pm.

Tuesday 12th December— KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church at 6pm.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Maple Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.7% attendance which is below our target this week.

Y5-Y6 Quicksticks Competition

On Thursday 28th September we went to St Cuthbert Mayne for a Quicksticks competition. There were 4 schools and 6 teams competing. The A team went against the B team first and the A team won 3-0. Then, we went against St Marychurch who won 2-0. At the end we had won 3 games and lost 2. Our A team came in second place and our B team came 5th. The A team qualified for the Finals which is a Torbay wide competition. We all played our best and we were excited about playing in the Finals.

The Final was a tough competition as we went up against some of the best schools in the bay - Curledge Street and St Marychurch. The squad included Fraser, Ava, Will, Courtney, Andre, Charlotte, Jack, Ethem, Bradlee and Aaliyah. We won our first match against Curledge Street 1-0 and Will scored our first and only goal. We unfortunately lost our next two games and drew our last game. The result was very close, Curledge Street came first with 7 points, St Marychurch came second with 5 points and we came third with 4 points. The level of skill was very high and we are very proud to be the third best team in the bay. We played our best and we all did really well.

By Fraser, Jack, Charlotte & Ava



Cooking Club

Cooking Club is such an amazing club! The children learn about food hygiene and food skills whilst following the most delicious recipes. All children should get involved in cooking as it is an important part of their education and gives them lifelong skills. Even very young children should be encouraged to help their parents in the kitchen to learn about food and safe handling of kitchen equipment.

On the last session this week the children invited their families in to help prepare and taste the food. It was a really enjoyable session. If your child is booked on to one of the next cooking club sessions then they are in for a treat!



We wish you all a lovely half-term.