



Head teachers update

School Plan Focus

This week we have been looking at the children's science books and making sure that they are all making good progress and that the time the teachers spend on marking is productive. We have also been using our new format to record any strategies that we use to help specific children.

Today, we have had a visit from one of the DEMAT team, reviewing the progress the school is making. It was very encouraging that the hard work of the staff and children is paying off.

Road Safety:

We received a visit from PCSO Lynch of the Cambourne Constabulary as our school had been chosen as part of a pilot scheme for a local road safety project. In our collective worship this morning we were joined by PCSO Lynch, who encouraged the children to take care on the roads and we reflected on road safety and that it is good for children's safety if all adults are courteous and considerate whilst driving on the roads. Class 1 had the opportunity to do some fun activities on road safety awareness and the whole school were able to see the Police car and hear its siren. I hope no local residents were alarmed.



Open Day: 23 November

We are holding an Open Day on 23rd November and would like to invite those who are seeking a Primary School for their child to attend. This Open Day is primarily for children who will be age 4 by 31 August 2019 but we welcome all new parents to come and visit us for a look around our school. Applications for a school place should be made to Cambridgeshire CC by 15.1.2019.

Cornet Lessons:

Class 2's lessons on the 'cornet' had a great start, as already the children are able to make strong sounds. The instruments are provided for the lesson by Cambridgeshire Music and parents may have the opportunity to borrow them so that their child can practise at home. More information will follow. We are hoping that the children will develop a better understanding of music, enjoy the lessons and perhaps be inspired to take individual tuition later on.

Jeremy Fisher

Classes

Class 1:

The children made some fruit kebabs with the help of Tesco Community Champion, Mandy Jenkinson. Mandy is encouraging healthy eating of fruit and vegetables each day as well as personal hygiene.



Volunteers: We would welcome parent volunteers to read with the Year 1 children any day (except Wednesdays) 8.50am - 9.30am.

Class 2:

The children played the ocarina for the whole school in assembly. Having learnt the instrument for one year they are now playing melodically.



COOL CLUB



Coding Club has now come to an end with the children creating some programmes with bats and howling wolf sounds effects. Mrs Taran held a trial Zumba class which was a lot of fun.

Helen and all the Club staff.



Parents Evening:

Please remember to reserve your appointment to meet with the teachers on Wednesday 7th November, 3.30-5.30pm, and Thursday 8th November, 5pm - 7pm. Please contact the office to reserve your preferred appointment time/ times.

Romans Day (Class 2 & 3) - Friday 9th November.

Would parents kindly ensure payment is made through ParentPay, and consent forms returned to enable the children to participate? Thank you.

Drama Sessions: will commence on Tuesday lunchtime Please complete the form to register with Dramatic Growth at £25 for the 5 sessions.

Remembrance:

The children will be having a Remembrance Assembly next Thursday at school. We are collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion for the poppy badges. The collection box is at the Reception if you wish to donate, and we shall giving the children an opportunity to obtain their badges or wristbands next week. Please allow your children to bring some small change.

Kathryn Weddepohl:

Please see the attached thank you note from Kathryn who enjoyed her gift from the parents of Guilden.



Sweet Treat Friday

This is starting up again from today and will run right up until Christmas. We will be in the bike shed at

3.15pm with a selection of treats and hot chocolate to purchase for 50p each. We look forward to seeing you!!

Festival of Christmas Trees

We are taking part in Steeple's Festival of Christmas Trees for the first time this year. The school children are already planning beautiful tree decorations based around 'Our Values' and we're looking forward to how it is going to look. **WE NEED TO BORROW A TREE!!** If you have one that we can borrow please let us know, we need it any time from now and you'll get it back on Monday 26th November.

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 30th November at 3.15pm in the school hall and we look forward to as many of you joining us as possible. We will be in need of tombola, lucky dip and raffle prizes so please hand any donations in to the office - thank you in advance! We will be running a Sweetie Jar stall again - more details on this next week. If you think you can help on the day with running a stall and/or baking a few cakes then please let us know.

100 Club

Remember to get your 100 Club forms returned to the office. Deadline is Friday 16th November - it is a really great way to get extended family and friends involved with raising money for the school so ask everyone and extra forms are available from the office.

PTFA Dates for your Diary

Sweet Treat Friday - every Friday until Christmas
Festival of Christmas Trees - 23rd-25th November
Christmas Fayre - Friday 30th November
Christmas Market (in Guilden Church) - Saturday 3rd December
Elfridges - Thursday 6th December

Monster Party

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Monster Party, it looks like everyone had a great time and we raised a brilliant £318.93 profit.



Recruiting at Guilden Morden

We require a Level 2 Teaching Assistant to work alongside KS2 classes in the morning as well as contribute to creating a friendly and well-structured lunchtime. We are looking for an experienced, able and enthusiastic person who will suit our friendly and welcoming school. 18 hours p/w (mornings).

If you think Guilden Morden Primary Academy could be the place for you then please contact Mrs Fran Siddler our School Administrator.

office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk for further details and an application form.

Closing date for applications: 9 November 2018

Thought for the week:

“Never, never, never give up.”

Winston Churchill

Collective Worship Theme for the week

Don't Give up – The story of blind Bartimaeus

Mark 10 : 46-52

Diary Updates and Reminders

7 & 8 November	Parents Evening
9 November (Fri)	Class 2 & 3 'Romans Day'
16 November (Fri)	'Children in Need' Event
30 November (Fri)	PTFA Christmas Fayre
11 th December 9.30-10.30	Nativity Play Performance - Class 1
19 December (Wed) at 9.30am	Carol Service at the church Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper & Santa visit
19 December, (Wed) at 1.45pm	End of Autumn Term 2018
3 January (Thurs)	Spring Term commences
7 January (Mon)	STAFF TRAINING DAY - School Closed
10 January (Thurs)	School Pantomime Visit (PTFA)

Awards:



	Progress	Conduct & Values
Class 1	Ophelia & Esther	Sophia & Finley
Class 2	Scott & Bonnie	Amélie & Leo
Class 3	Izzie & Brooke	Alex & Ephram



Sports - Star of the Week

Our P.E. teacher, Helen Gilder, would like to recognise the efforts and achievements of the children in their P.E. lessons for various qualities. This week they are presented to:-

Class 1	Ella
Class 2	Amélie
Class 3	Max

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