



Important Dates

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21st March	Comic Relief
25th & 26th March	Parent Consultations TBC

Week 17

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week started with World Religion Day on Monday, where Miss Monck delivered a whole school assembly. Each class then participated in a variety of activities in their classrooms around different religions, building on their learning in RE lessons and worked on British Values - tolerance of different cultures and religions.

Oak and Elder Class had their second session of 'Game Changers' yesterday, reinforcing teamwork, physical activity and wellbeing. This week, they looked at resilience, then inclusion.

We have been wanting to provide wrap-around care and have been looking into ways in which we can support families, being in many discussions with Governors and the school's financial team. Unfortunately, it was something that we were unable to provide ourselves, due to financial sustainability for the school. As you will know from a survey sent out recently, we have been working with Premier Sports to establish if they could provide this service for families, using our school grounds. We are hoping to have a letter out to you next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs M Munday (Headteacher)





World Religion Day – Elder Class



On World Religion Day, Year 6 started the morning by thinking about war and peace and the role of religion in this. This enabled mature and in-depth discussions to take place around what is happening in the world, reasons for war and how peace could be achieved.



The children were then tasked with researched and sharing information about the 10 Gurus of Sikhism (and the status of the Guru Granth Sahib as a Guru). The artwork produced during this session will be used to create a class-based piece of art, explaining who the 10 Sikh Gurus are.



All of the children learnt the Sikh ritual of preparing Gur Prasad and the associated eating of it.



The children shared a video about the discrimination that Sikhs encounter in Britain and the positive contributions that followers of this religion has made to society. The children used this information to work in groups and present speeches to the rest of the class about why Sikhs should be treated equally – a key principle belief of Sikhism.



During the afternoon, information about the 5 K's of Sikhism was shared with the children. They then used this information to work in small groups to groups to create a rap about these – to demonstrate their understanding and to share knowledge.





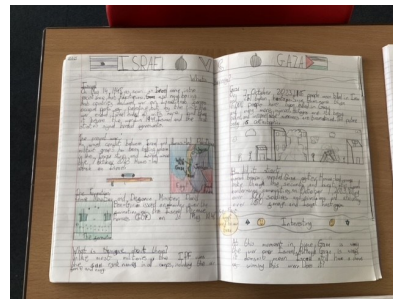
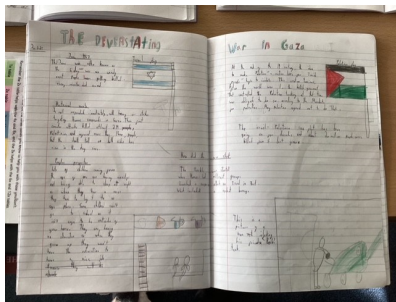
World Religion Day - Oak Class



Oak Class were given the opportunity to extend their learning of the beliefs and traditions of the Islamic faith. We learnt about current worldwide concerns regarding the ongoing war in Gaza and learnt about influential Islamic followers such as Queen Rania Al-Abdullah (Queen of Jordan) and Dr Ghassan Abu-Sittah.



We then continued our learning to create poems celebrating tolerance and diversity across communities, as well as an art piece promoting peace within society. In the afternoon, we learnt about the variety of traditions, core beliefs and significant events that form the Islamic faith and made comparisons between the other main religions of the world.



World Religion Day - Cedar Class



Cedar Class learnt about the Christian symbol of peace, the dove. Then we made peace doves using wax crayons. We listened to the story of Daniel and the lion's den. We followed an instructional video to draw lions and made a painted lion face using a fork to print the lion's mane. Then we talked about community and tolerance. We made a doodle drawing of our hand prints to celebrate our differences and uniqueness.



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World Religion Day - Chestnut Class



Chestnut Class learnt about Hinduism. As the children arrived at school, traditional Sitar music was playing in the classroom.



After assembly, Mrs Eaves explained what Hinduism is and the children watched a short BBC clip. The class spent time looking at a map of the world which showed the countries with the largest Hindu population. Everyone had chance to find the UK and India on our class globe. Mrs Eaves showed the class photographs of some beautiful Hindu temples from around the world and everyone agreed that the architecture was breath-taking inside and out.



There was a carousel of activities which included, Indian sweet tasting, Mehndi hand painting design, dough activities using brightly coloured play dough made by Mrs Eaves, which had been scented with cardamom, cinnamon, rose water and vanilla.



After break time we watched a short, age appropriate, film of a Hindu wedding and had a discussion on 'peace' and community within the Hindu religion. Just before lunch, the whole class took part in a meditation session. The children talked about how they felt after and said that it made them sleepy and relaxed.



After lunch, all the children worked together to produce a piece of Hindu style artwork to represent peace and community within our class. It is on display in the main corridor.



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World Religion Day - Laurel Class



Laurel Class had such a busy day! First of all, they had an introduction to Judaism and learnt the importance of light in the Jewish faith. To embrace the light theme, they made beautiful glass lanterns with battery powered candles and decorated them with the tree of life (which is also an important symbol in the Jewish faith).



They then created their own Menorahs which are candles that are used during Hannukah which is the most important Jewish date/festival. They made these by using lollypop sticks, thread and tissues paper. They were very effective.



After this the children learnt about the Torah (the important Jewish Holy book) and made their own that they could scroll and which included their own 10 instructions that they believe we should follow in order to lead a long happy life. Some of the ideas shared were very thoughtful and wise. Well done.



During the day, they baked Challah bread which the Jewish people eat during Shabbat and other festivals. They worked well to weigh, stir, crack, pour and mix ingredients to then wait for it to rise and then plaited the dough and baked it in the oven. The smell around school was wonderful. Laurel are definitely excellent bread makers.



To end their day, Laurel spend a small portion of time learning about the Holocaust and the damaging effects of not respecting and being open to other people's faiths. To remind them of peace, they designed a badge with their own peace sign on and wore them on their uniform.





World Religion Day - Maple Class



Maple Class looked at Buddhism. During the day we looked at the Story of the Buddha and the core beliefs of Buddhism. We learnt about the Noble Eightfold Path and thought about how Buddhists may behave in certain situations when following these teachings.



Additionally, we had a very mature conversation about peace and thought about different types of peace such as inner peace, community peace and world peace. We discussed how we can contribute to a peaceful society. When looking at our community, the children each designed a shape which will come together to make a class mural.



OUR WONDERFUL WOODLAND NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are in desperate need for wood, mainly round discs but all shapes and sizes, like the ones pictured below please.

These are so useful for lots of different types of woodland arts and crafts and we would be very grateful if anyone could help.

Any large wooden planks would also come in very handy for making dens and slides etc.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. The donations we have received for this very special area to date have been over whelming. Thank you.





Awards & Celebrations



Attendance

For the week ending Friday 17th January, Cedar, Laurel and Maple Classes had an attendance above 96%.

Chestnut

Cedar ★ ★

Laurel ★

Maple ★

Oak

Elder

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for week ending 17th January is William in Laurel Class.

Attendance

The recognised expected level of attendance at school is 100%.
A good school attendance target is a minimum of 96%, which equates to 7 full days off school each academic year.

Any child late after registration finishes, will result in them being recorded as absent for the morning or afternoon session.



Awards & Celebrations



House Points

- 1st **Marsh Harriers**
- 2nd **Cranes**
- 3rd **Swans**
- 4th **Kingfishers**

Above and Beyond

This week's Above and Beyond certificate goes Oliver in Laurel Class for his determination and independence in writing.



Scholastic Book Fair 13th to 25th February 2025 (School Library)

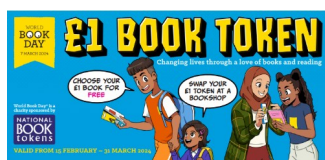
Every book you buy earns free books for our school.

If you can't attend the Fair in person, you child can order books via a Wish List - children will be given this form to bring home with their selections.

Each child will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher on Friday 14th of February, which can be used to purchase a book from the Book Fair or children can swap their £1 token for any of the £1 books or get £1 off a full price title, any full price book or audiobook (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99 at participating booksellers).

[Find your nearest participating retailer.](#)

Please note that the World Book Day book tokens cannot be used for online purchases.



A colorful poster for a Scholastic Book Fair. At the top, it says 'SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS'. The main headline is 'COME TO THE BOOK FAIR'. There are several promotional banners: 'FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!', 'A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99', and 'Hardback only £9.99 IN CINEMAS FEBRUARY 2025'. The poster displays several book covers with their prices: 'My Bum is SO CHEEKY!' (£6.99 to £2.99), 'GEORGE AND THE MINI DRAGON' (£6.99), 'FINDING BEAR' (£7.99), 'DORK DIARIES' (£12.99 to £7.99), 'BEASTIE BROS' (£6.99), and 'DOG MAN: BIG JIM BEGINS' (£12.99 to £9.99). At the bottom, there is a handwritten note: 'Date: 13th - 25th Feb. School Library 3:15 - 4pm'. To the right, there is a QR code with the text 'Scan the QR code to pay online!'.

Parent Information

Order on Select in the normal way.
Many Thanks



BFG - Dates for your diary



BFG Diary Dates

2nd Feb - Online Raffle

13th Feb - **Tuck Fridays** - Selling Valentine gifts - sweets and small items

6th March - BFG Meeting at Crown Lodge 6:30pm

28th March TBC - School Disco

Easter Raffle TBC - Online Raffle

2nd April - **Tuck Fridays** - Selling Bunny Marshmallows

11th July TBC - School Disco

What we are raising money for?

We are looking to pay for all of the children to be able to go on a school trip in June 2025. A potential trip to Hunstanton, Sandringham, High Lodge, Ferry Meadows or a local zoo. Watch this space!

Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

2025	
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13th & 14th Feb	Dogs Trust Workshops
6th March 2025	World Book Day - Special Lunch
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21st March 2025	Comic Relief
4th April 2025	Pupils break up for Easter
23rd April 2025	Pupils return to school
25th April 2025	Secondary School offers go out today
30th April 2025	Yr6 Crucial Crew Trip p.m.
5th May 2025	May Day - School Closed
15th May 2025	Out of the World - Special Lunch
12th-15th May 2025	SATs week
23rd May 2025	Pupils break up for half term
3rd June 2025	Pupils return to school (Monday 2nd June school is closed for Inset)
17th June	Year 1 Literacy Festival Trip to Wisbech Castle
19th June 2025	Dive - Special Lunch
24th June 2025	Sports Day
27th June 2025	Reserve Sports Day
26th June 2025	Year 5 Literacy Festival Trip to Wisbech Castle
4th July 2025	Year 3 Level 1 Bikeability
14th July to 17th July 2025	Year 5 Level 1 & 2 Bikeability
23rd July 2025	Pupils break up for the Summer holiday

Swimming Calendar 2024-25



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Academic Calendar 2024-25



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