

News from the Federation 22nd October 2021

What an eventful and wonderful half term we have had!

It has been amazing to have all the children back at school and taking up every opportunity to further their learning experiences.

Parent Survey

Please could we ask that you spare a few minutes of your time and complete the attached parent survey. Your feedback is always valued and we would love to hear from you so that we can continue to make well-informed decisions and changes within our schools.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSaaQ4ghDuAbZetakx8PANB2eaMXMV1QtU3GOufiX53wEQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Welcome Event

As this was postponed this term due to the rising rates of COVID, we hope to allocate a date for a community welcome event next half term so that new and existing parents and staff have the opportunity to get to know the local school community. We will communicate any suggested dates as soon as we can.

Christmas Performances

We intend to plan some form of Christmas performances this year so that parents and carers of EYFS and KS1 children are invited into school to watch a nativity play and/or enjoy some lovely carol singing which the children will be working on in the next half term.

Reading Volunteers

We are currently looking for some reading volunteers to listen to our great readers in school. If you have time to spare and would like to get involved with the school to help with reading, please contact the school offices and we will make contact.

Thank you all for all your support and we hope that you have a very restful week.

We need your help!

We are currently looking to improve the Reception garden and have made a list of things that would be useful. If you can bring any of the following in or know where to source items, please get in touch via the school office.

- Saucepans, frying pans, bowls and kitchen utensils
- Metal cups, jugs and teapots
- Guttering and pipes - all lengths
- Planks
- Cable drums
- Wooden boxes and crates
- Plastic funnels
- Old metal balance scales
- Sand toys - buckets, spades etc.
- Toy trucks and cars
- Wooden curtain rings



Thank you!

Term Dates

Half Term:

Monday 25 October - Friday 29 October

Anti-Bullying Week

15th – 19th November

Children in Need

Friday 19th November

Term Ends:

Friday 17 December 2021

Christmas Holidays:

Monday 20 December to Monday 3 January

Parents Evenings

We intend to hold parents meetings after half term so that teachers and parents have the opportunity to discuss progress and next steps of their children. We would like to confirm that the vast majority of these would take place on, Wednesday 10th November between 3.40- 7pm with a pause between 5-5.30pm. Any parents/carers who are unable to make this time/date will have the opportunity for an alternative session in the same or following week.

Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying week, we would like children to have the opportunity to show their support by taking part in Odd Socks Day! All you need to do is wear odd socks as a way to celebrate what makes us all unique on Wednesday 17th November!

Children In Need – Friday 19th November

This year we would like to support this charity and children can wear something spotty/dotty for a donation of £1!

Year 6 Trip to Duxford!

Everyone had a brilliant time at Duxford. We learnt plenty of new things. We got to enter the fastest plane ever created - the Concorde. Fortunately, we got to participate in a documentary challenge on the Battle of Britain. In small groups, we filmed short videos about an exhibit in the Battle of Britain hangar. The entire class had lots of fun in a playground, playing together pretending to be bombed. We visited the different hangars and got to see many planes take off. Most of us enjoyed the operating room simulation. We can all agree that it was a fabulous experience from the start of the day to the very end.

Report by Irene and Oscar.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9th November
Year 6 Holocaust Speaker

Friday 12th November
Year 3 and 4 Bikeability

Thursday 18th November
Year 3 Film Festival

Thursday 25th November
Year 5 at Harry Potter Studios

Year 4 are looking at, and making, history!

Our Year 4 class have been busy over the past two weeks looking at history but also making their own, by burying a time capsule in the Trumpington Meadows estate. The capsule contains work reflecting on the pandemic produced by all of the children and is scheduled to be dug up in 2071! Meanwhile, this week the class have visited the Fitzwilliam Museum where they have been historians, looking at different Greek artefacts, imagining life in Ancient Greece and considering how historians learn about events from the distant past.



Our Future Rugby Stars!

Last week, a coach from Shelford rugby club visited our school and led a tag rugby session. First, we warmed up by trying to throw the ball up, clap our hands and catch it. Then, we were put into groups and had to run around and try to catch people on the opposite team. It was fun!

By Miglia, Y5.



Perhaps some of our Year 5s will try to join one of our local rugby clubs!

Habitats in Year 2!

Our Year 2 class have been linking their work in Art to their Science work on habitats, by creating their own habitats using shoeboxes! They have been working together to identify the different habitats that different creatures might live in and how these environments support the lives of these animals and plants.



Pumpkins in Nursery

Our Nursery children were donated some pumpkins from Sainsbury's this week (thank you Sainsbury's!) They have been exploring and scooping out our large and small pumpkins. They have also been counting spiders and using their Incy Wincy Spider Nursery rhyme box to learn about spiders. Each week we will be looking at one of our core nursery rhyme boxes.



Forest School!

We are lucky that our Reception and Year 1 children all take part in Forest Schools as part of our curriculum. Reception have been exploring the area and getting to know the different types of flora and fauna. They have been learning about the different rules we have in place to keep us safe. We have learnt some of the names of the different types of trees we have and made our own tree using natural resources. They also looked at the story Leaf Man and made leaf pictures.

Year 1 have enjoyed a campfire, learnt how to use conker clamps and hand drills to drill holes into conkers and wood slices to make conkers necklaces and caterpillars. They have also discussed the different changes that happen during Autumn, why leaves change colour and the different things we can do/make with leaves and conkers.



Drama in EYFS!

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Friday 1st October. All classes from Nursery to Year 2 attended a 30 minute session. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Outer Space and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Everyone had a great time!

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Outer Space. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances.

House Captains!

At Trumpington Meadows, every child is part of one of our four house teams: Fire, Earth, Air or Water. Congratulations to our house captains appointed this year. Fire will be led by Bella and Niko, Earth by Amanda and Erik, Air by Martin and Poppy, and Water by Tymek and Sophie. They will be responsible for counting house points and being key role models, trying to inspire their teams to victory!