



Nursery pictures of Rama and Sita.

17th November 2023

The nights have begun to draw in, temperature outside has dropped and we are entering the season coughs, sneezes and cold and flu like symptoms and covid has not gone away. In fact covid still has a presence and it has impacted on our school over the past week.

In school we are mindful of how quickly viruses can spread and so at this time of year we give the children a few reminders about good hygiene; **washing hands thoroughly**, at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly after using the toilet is a must. as is **coughing or sneezing into the crook of your arm**, rather than your hand. With runny noses we adopt the phrase '**Catch it, bin it, kill it**'. We have designated waste bins for tissues in all classrooms. Please remind your children about what they need to do and even practice - for some, wiping and blowing your nose can be a tricky process!

Colds are the norm for this time of year and children do not need to miss school unless they have a high temperature or they are feeling unwell. Please do not bring children into school at a high temperature. Giving your child calpol will soothe the symptoms but will not eliminate the virus.

If you suspect that your child has covid, please be sure to test them as we have vulnerable adults and children in the school who need to be informed.

Despite all this talk of illnesses it I am pleased to say that our attendance has not dropped but it could do with improvement. Well done to **Year 3, Year 4** and **Year 5** for achieving 95%+ attendance last week.

NEWS	NEWS	NEWS
Road Safety Week 19-23 Nov This week is Road Safety Week and it is an ideal opportunity for all of us to remind the children about keeping themselves safe,	Reflectors The nights are drawing in and it is very important that you and your children are visible in the dim light of the early evening. All black clothing is not the best	Hawley are thrilled to say that our Yr 5/6 football teams, both boys and girls, have started with great tenacity and are enjoying their new football league that they have joined. Whilst battling the weather and against teams

whether they are walking, passengers in a vehicle or on their bikes or scooter.

We have reminded your children that, for the majority of them, they are too young to cross the road on their own. The oldest children need to be fully aware of how to cross the road safely.

As you are aware, we are quite concerned about the safety of the zebra crossing outside of our school. As previously mentioned, we have sought to find a way of getting drivers to notice that they need to slow down as they approach the crossing. As such we have purchased 2 'Parking Buddies' (pictured below). One was purchased by the school fund and the other by Mr Kibrya, father of pupils in Year 3 and Year 4. Two may not be enough but we are hoping that they may make a difference



option. Please remember to wear a lighter coloured accessories if your coat is a dark colour

We have given all of the children in the school a 'thunderbolt' reflector to attach to their coat zips or their bags. Hopefully these will help to be a little more visible at night.

Keep safe!

that have been taking part for years, all 12 players worked hard and are excited for further matches. I would like to congratulate our girls team for becoming the first side to gain a victory, with goals coming from Dolcie (Y6) in an indoor match



last week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery- Aydin and Liana Reception- Aria and Idris
 Year 1- Ayet and Victoria Year 2 - Isabella and Mohamed
 Year 3 - Nathan and Ruth Year 4 - Amira and Yonas
 Year 5 - Rahmah and Arron Year 6 - Maya and Cameron



*** TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS ***

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Year 6 Maya

Year 5 Kane

Year 4 Danny

Year 3 Aleef

YEAR 6

Year 6 ended last week dissecting a heart for science - there's definitely some potential butchers and doctors amongst them! They handled the whole experience very well and it enhanced their understanding of the circulatory system.

This week has been adventurous in mathematics rather than science: we have been multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting mixed fractions. I was really pleased with their latest reflective diary entries in English, their writing is really coming along.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have just about recovered from a very exciting residential trip to Sayers Croft. We had so much fun exploring this wonderful place in Surrey. During our time there we had all sorts of adventures, including: orienteering, bouldering, a night walk and a campfire to name but a few.



YEAR 4

Year 4 had a very enriching morning on Tuesday visiting The National Portrait Gallery. After a very eventful journey we arrived at the newly opened museum to take part in an Art History workshop about migration stories. We studied the portraits of people who had moved to England from different parts of the world. We examined the medium each artist had used and tried to guess the profession of each of the subjects. Everyone became art history detectives and used their observational and imagination skills to make some pertinent deductions.



YEAR 3

In Year 3, we have begun our new topic on the Stone Age tremendously and are already using all of our historical skills. This week, we had genuine stone age items in front of us where fantastic questions, theories and ideas were put forward when discussing the purpose of them...The thought of twine being made of animal guts was enough to make the pupils appreciate modern methods of production!



The class has also been working very hard on their writing around our topic. The pupils have been very creative when writing about How to Wash A Woolly Mammoth has led to many brilliant ideas and funny images of how to wash a large pet!

YEAR 2

This week in our design and technology lesson we were learning about different fabrics. We identified fabrics and decided which ones would be best for making a bag. We will be learning to sew and creating a bag by the end of term.



We have also been learning the story of Kitoto the Mighty by Tololwa M. Mollel. We created a giant picture map of Kitoto's home on the plains and tracked his journey.

YEAR 1

As part of our computing curriculum, Year 1 spent the day at the CLC. The children created animated versions of traditional tales using Purple Mash. In the afternoon, they played problem solving games on Busy Things.





Reception

Oracy has been the focus in Reception this week, the children made chatterboxes at home, finding objects that were special to them. Then they decorated their boxes. They were very excited to share their boxes. In school we did hoop groups, where each child took it in turns to talk about what was special and then they presented the chatterboxes to the whole class. It was so lovely to see the effort that went into making the boxes special at home. Thank you to the Reception families for taking the time at home to make them so special.



Nursery

We have enjoyed learning about Diwali. We dressed up as the characters and told the story. We drew pictures of our favourites, and made story books. We made divas with salt dough and decorated them. Chloe and Gabriel made a model of Rama and Sita's palace! We enjoyed tasting Indian sweets.



KEY DATES

Yr 5 Visit Google -	24th November
Yr 3 Visit the CLC -	27th November
Yr 4 Wallace Collection Workshop online	28th November
Yr 4 Visit the British Museum -	4th December
Reception - Yr 6 Nasal Flu Vaccine -	4th December
Yr 5 Visit the Royal Institute of Science -	7th December
Yr 1 Pedestrian Training -	11th December
Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Show -	13th & 14th December
Whole school Christmas lunch and parties -	20th December
Last day of term - 21st December	
Closure times to be announced	





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