

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



Newsletter 02

Wednesday 20th October 2021

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Dear All,

What a whirlwind of a term! It would be so sad to remember it by the last few days of increasing COVID numbers and multiple PCR tests.

This term has been full of fun and learning, friendship and exploring new things. I have asked each class to share a snippet of what classes have been up to which I hope you enjoy and celebrate with your child.

The children at Langley Fitzurse have been fantastic—quickly settling into a new school year and welcoming the new members of the school community. They have definitely demonstrated this term's value in action of Friendship, as well as being focussed on acquiring new knowledge and growing in so many ways.

I wish you all a very safe and 'recharging' half term. For those children who are not in school at the moment, we are missing you and look forward to seeing you on 1st November.

Thank you once again for your continuing support.

Karen Winterburn
Executive Headteacher

Lost Property

We do seem to have acquired a lot of lost property over the last 7 weeks. Please look in the box that will be at the front of school if your child has misplaced anything.

Thank you

New Arrangements for Ordering School Dinners

From Monday 1 November, we will have a new company called Aspens providing our school dinners. Don't worry—they will still be produced in school, and the company is keen for parents to try their food—watch this space!

Instead of completing a form each week to order your child's lunches, you will need to log onto <https://select.aspens-services.com>

You will be able to order your child's meals a day, a week or even a month in advance, as well as paying for them online if your child is in KS2.

You will need to complete the registration process, which is very straightforward. Watch out for an email later today giving you the school code plus your child's individual code. Please make sure you have done this before Monday 1 November.

Don't worry if you have any problems - Aspens will be on hand to help on Day 1!

Draycot Pilgrimage for COP26

A challenge to walk between all the Draycot Benefice churches during half term week—a total distance of 12 miles. The aim of the pilgrimage is to reflect on, pray about and witness to the need for decisive action from leaders, governments, industry and peoples to reduce and ameliorate Climate Change and its disastrous effects on this and future generations. For more info, contact Rev Mark on drmarksidl@gmail.com

PTA Welcome

Hi, I'm the new chair for the PTA - Kat Baskerville, mum of Tabitha in Hercules and as a welcome we're going to send home a pack of smarties in each book bag after half term. We'd like to ask you to have a check in those hard to reach spaces for any loose change and pop any unwanted coins back into the tubes and return them to us as apparently now we've moved almost cashless, we are hoarding coins at home! Please could these be returned by Friday 12th November.

I'd like to introduce Natasha Haliwell as the new Treasurer, mum of William, Charlie and George, who has kindly taken on the role from Vicky Stuart, mum of Erin, who has done an amazing job previously. I'd also like to put out an ask for someone to fill the role of secretary - I've been doing this for the past year and it is a lovely position which involves taking the notes from the meetings and organising dates for those meetings. We'd also like volunteers to be parent reps for each class as a go between to share information with the parents and the PTA.

I would also like to put a date in the diary for a film night for the children on Friday 12th November - watch this space for more details as Covid restrictions may change our current plans.

I'd also like to say a massive thank you to Amy Tayler, mum of Lola, our Chair who has been running the PTA so efficiently and with such enthusiasm she is going to be greatly missed and I am very thankful that she is going to be by my side this year handing over.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November at 7:30 on zoom with the hope that we can meet face to face soon. The minutes of our recent AGM will be sent out with this newsletter.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me on PTA-chair@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk



Values in Action

This term we focused on the value of FRIENDSHIP

'Let us help each other to love others and do good' Hebrews 10:24



Friendship is about trust and kindness, sharing and caring. It is a key value that enables our school vision to become reality, helping pupils to be **happy and confident**, and recognised by parents and visitors in our **friendly, family feel**.

Talk together at home about what **YOU** have learned about the value of Friendship this term?

Loving God, bless our lives with the gift of friendship.

For those who have chosen to be our friends we are grateful.

Let our love, respect and care for each other flourish.

Make us good friends, people who are loyal, caring and ready to forgive.

Amen.



Hercules Class End of Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Topic – Up, up and Away

Welcome to your first class end of term newsletter! I have been so impressed how well everyone has settled into Hercules class. Welcoming new friends and teachers, new routines, trying new things (to do and eat), and exploring new spaces.



We kicked started our term with the story 'Our Class is a Family' by Shannon Oslen, exploring and learning who everyone was in our class:- our special people, our special things and our homes creating an amazing display spotlighting every child in the class.

We have learnt and retold The Three Little Pigs story creating some amazing alternative characters from three little kitten and a scary tiger toWhile in their play, we tested, use and described different building materials which lead into built our own Sukkah inspired by the pigs house of sticks. We have learnt about the Jewish festival of Sukkot with Pegasus Class and ate our snack underneath the ~~s'chach~~ ^{s'chach} -the green leaf roof - that we can see the sun



through. We had lots of fine motor fun making bunting, paperchains and the four kinds wands to decorate it. Reciting our Autumn Leaves song, making leave catchers and classroom autumn wreath to



celebrate for the Harvest.

We finished the term with our visit to the Space Dome to kick start our space learning for the team. We worked as a class to create an amazing space class display and writing about our space drawings and



creations putting our new Sounds Write phonic learning into action to write some amazing sentences and statements. Finishing the term with our artist carving experience and class party☺

Thanks for all your parental support and hard work support your children to come into school for their first term. Have a wonderfully relaxing half term break, you have all deserve it!

All the best from the Hercules Team:-

Jude Whittock, Jenny Plaskitt, Christine Stables, Jan Campbell, Louise Mungham, Eliot Green and Helen Rimmer.



Pegasus Class – End of term 1 Newsletter



What a wonderful start to the school year!

We rocketed off into space and learned so much about space and important people related to space exploration, such as Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and Tim Peakes. We enjoyed stories like 'The Great Balloon Hullabaloo' and 'Whatever Next'. We created posters and lists, retold stories and answered questions about them. We even wrote a postcard from space! Of course the highlight was the space dome with lots of WOW effects.

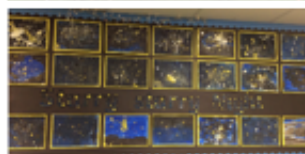


We learned about different planets and their order in the solar system and had a go acting out the different orbits.

We were lucky to celebrate Harvest twice – once the Jewish Festival of Sukkot and our Harvest Festival at St Peters. For Sukkot we built a ~~sukka~~ in the Adventure Kingdom and decorated it. We even made our own ~~humours~~! It tasted delicious and helped us to write instruction texts.



For the Harvest Festival we performed a poem we had learned but we also wrote our own space poems for National Poetry Day. They can be seen on the fence along the playground. A huge 'Thank you' to all the parents who contributed; the children loved to hear your poems!



In Art we created a 'Starry Night' in the style of Vincent van Gogh and were very lucky to work with an artist on some woodcarving for a Pegasus Class sign.

All the children have settled in really well and endeavour to do their best. They have really taken to our new Phonics scheme

'Sounds Write' and work to gain a deeper understanding of numbers.

Thank you so much for all your support during this term

From all of the Pegasus Teaching Team



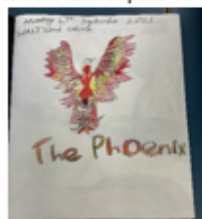
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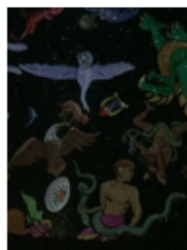
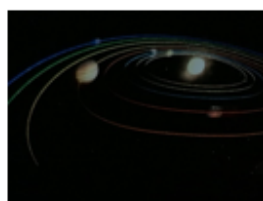
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to term we have had in Phoenix class with our whole school topic of Space!

Early in September, we discovered more about our class name, Phoenix. We learnt about the story of the phoenix and looked at the star constellation along with lots of different artists' and historians' impressions of the bird associated with the stars in the sky. We storyboarded the myth and learnt techniques to blend colours in our own pictures. We also together created a large phoenix with our hand shapes for our classroom wall – great fun. More recently, with our visiting artist Sam Gorman, the children had the opportunity to help carve a wooden phoenix and name plate for our classroom. It should look superb when it's finished.



In our science lessons, we found out about the solar system and marvelled at the sheer size of things! We researched facts about the different planets and learnt why we have day and night and how the different phases of the moon occur. This learning was supplemented by a fantastic visitor bringing a mobile observatory – actually a huge dome. We sat inside and watched projections on the ceiling of it. It was wonderful to have a real sense of what it is like in the ISS, the International Space Station. We even held a real piece of meteorite, older than anything else on Earth; it was really heavy!



In our English lessons, we studied some famous people in the world of space – Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We watched clips of their achievements and wrote biographies. Through reading a great book, Hidden Figures, we also discovered some of the people instrumental in the space race: some inspirational black women. The children really showed feeling when talking about the way black people were treated and enthused at these individuals' determination.

Amongst many other things, we also managed to fit in some effective netball skills; discovered how God inspired Moses and Muhammad in two different, yet similar stories; and learnt how to sing and play along to ABBA's Mamma Mia!

Roll on Term 2!

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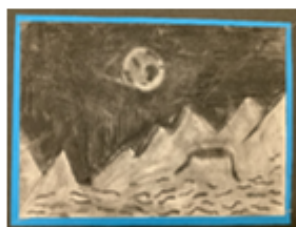
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant first term back at school. It has been lovely to see the children taking on their Chameleon class responsibilities, rising to the challenge of a new year group and playing nicely together outside.

At the start of the year, the children learned to work in teams using skills of negotiation and compromise. They were challenged to build the tallest tower possible using only five sheets of newspaper and the equipment on their tables, and learned some great lessons about how to work together well.



The Year 6's were super excited to receive their Green Blue Peter badges based on the work that we did last year. We have recently been thinking about what else we can do to help our environment... Watch this space!



Our topic of Space has been really interesting and full of learning opportunities. In English, we wrote stories based on 'One Small Step', a short film about a girl who dreams to become an astronaut. The stories were brilliant and the children will have brought home a copy to share with you. We also have been exploring the book 'Hidden Figures' for black history month and wrote biographies of Katherine Johnson – the children will be able to tell you all about her. In Art, we have studied 'space artists' Lucien Rudaux and David Hardy, drawing on their artwork for inspiration to create our own.

As always, the children have had some exciting experiences including a visit from the Space Dome (where we held a real meteorite), wood carving with Sam Gorman, celebrating National Poetry Day, voting for new House Captains and meeting our new buddies from Reception and Year 1. The Year 6 children have enjoyed doing their 'Bikeability' award too.



It already sounds like a busy term, but we have also squeezed in lots more learning: creating games using Scratch, understanding why the five pillars of Islam are so important to Muslims, and performing Happy by Pharrell Williams using our voices and glockenspiels.

A huge thank you to parents and carers for all of your support with weekly home learning and reading, and also to those parents who give their time for extra things, including taking children to perform the maypole, supporting the school at the music quiz, and helping with wood carving. You are all amazing!

Have a brilliant half term break and we will see you next term for more fun!

Mrs Webster and Mrs Flynn ☺