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* Acorn Class Update *



Instruction Writing Unit Completion: Our little ones in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) have been busy crafting beautiful sets of instructions, teaching their peers the importance of proper handwashing techniques. Their detailed instructions captivated everyone's attention and helped spread awareness about hygiene practices.

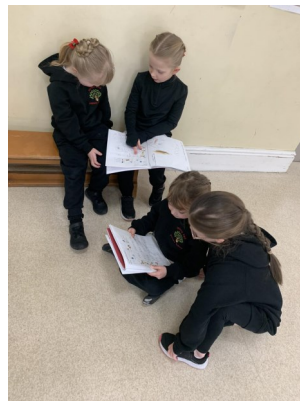
Meanwhile, our Year One and Year Two students delved into the world of Paddington Bear, infusing their creativity into making his beloved sandwich recipe healthier. Who knew that lettuce, cucumber, and marmalade could make such a delicious combination? 🍌 🤔



Mathematical Explorations: In mathematics, our EYFS explorers have been honing their skills by investigating the concepts of 'one more' and 'one less.' It's been a joy to watch their curiosity unfold as they engage with numbers and patterns. As for our Year Two mathematicians, they've been diving into the fundamentals of grouping and sharing, laying the groundwork for their journey into division. It's been a rewarding experience witnessing their mathematical prowess blossom! ➡️ 🧮



Guided Reading Adventure: Our guided reading journey reached a delightful conclusion with the completion of "Izzy Gizmo." The students were thoroughly enchanted by Izzy's inventiveness and resilience. Be sure to check out the Izzy Gizmo song on Seesaw for a musical treat! 🎵 📖



* Oak Class Update *

What a fantastic week it has been for Oak Class! 📚 ✨

In English, our talented children have been diving into the world of creativity, crafting explanation texts on magical edible or flying shirts! 🧑‍🎨 ✨ They've impressively incorporated causal conjunctions, time prepositions, and adverbs into their writing, showcasing their growing skills.

Over in maths, our Years 3 to 5 children have been mastering fractions, while our year six children have successfully wrapped up their unit on algebra. 📊 💡

Our geography unit concluded with a thought-provoking afternoon dedicated to understanding global warming and our carbon footprint. 🌍 The highlight? A captivating song performance, inspired by Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep', all about the urgent issue of global warming. Check it out on Seesaw—it's truly remarkable! 🎵

The excitement continued with a memorable visit to the AO Arena in Manchester, where our Year 5 and 6 children participated in the Young Voices concert alongside our friends from St George's. 🎤 🎵

In guided reading, our older students delved into the inspiring true story of Malala Yousafzai with "Malala's Magic Pencil", while our younger students eagerly continued their adventure with "Operation Gadget Man", even asking to take copies home to complete during the holidays! 📖



Pancake Day Races

It was all excitement and laughter at our school's annual Pancake Day races today! The event was filled with lots of fun and friendly competition as the children in Acorn Class and Oak Class battled it out for the coveted Pancake Day champion title.

As the races began, the atmosphere was electric. Both classes showcased their amazing pancake tossing skills, with each member displaying determination and skill. Laughter echoed throughout the playground as pancakes soared through the air, some landing gracefully while others ended up in hilarious mishaps.

After an intense battle, we are pleased to announce that the winner for Acorn Class was the talented Max, who showed exceptional speed and precision. For Oak Class, it was Emilee who emerged as the triumphant pancake racer, impressing all with her flair and agility.

Congratulations to Max and Emily for their outstanding performances! We applaud all the participants for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm.



Spirituality Afternoon

Our Spirituality afternoon was a captivating journey into exploring the concept of spirituality. The children discovered that spirituality is like a big adventure for the heart and mind, encompassing a deep sense of connection to everything around them, including intangible aspects like love, kindness, and wonder. Just like the joy one feels when surrounded by family or witnessing a breathtaking sunset, spirituality embraces these emotions on a grander scale.

One important aspect the children learned was that spirituality involves believing in something special within themselves and in the world. It is like a magical bond that unites all of us. Being spiritual often involves activities such as relishing time spent in nature, engaging in discussions about dreams and aspirations, and displaying kindness towards others, which fills the heart with warmth and happiness.

With this newfound understanding, the children actively participated in various activities during the Spirituality afternoon. Trust games were played, fostering a sense of camaraderie and connection among the students. By engaging in these games, they learned to rely on one another, building trust and strengthening their relationships. The children also had the opportunity to experience the power of touch through hand massages. This activity not only provided a soothing and relaxing experience but also symbolized the importance of physical connection and care in fostering spirituality.

In addition, each child created a gratitude heart, a beautiful and meaningful representation of their appreciation for life's blessings. They carefully cut out heart-shaped cards and attached colourful elastic bands, each one representing something they were grateful for. By identifying and celebrating the things they hold dear, they embraced the essence of spirituality and discovered that joy, kindness, and love can be found all around them.

Overall, the Spirituality afternoon proved to be an enriching and enlightening experience for the children. Through a combination of engaging activities and meaningful discussions, they deepened their understanding of spirituality and its impact on their lives. They left the session with a newfound appreciation for the hidden treasures of joy, kindness, and love that surround them each day.



Lancashire Fire and Rescue Visit

All of the children enjoyed an exciting and educational visit from Lancashire Fire and Rescue today. The visit aimed to educate the children about fire safety and help them understand the importance of staying safe in various situations. During the visit, the children of Acorn Class had the opportunity to learn about the significance of fire alarms and what actions need to be taken in case of a fire emergency at home. They were given valuable advice on how to protect themselves and their families. In addition, the children were elated to try on some of the equipment that fire fighters wear, experiencing a taste of what it is like to be a real-life hero.

Oak Class also benefited from the visit as they revisited fire safety awareness. The children learned about the importance of personal safety while walking alone, being vigilant of potential dangers, especially when crossing the road. An essential lesson was shared, cautioning against distractions such as focusing on mobile phones when crossing roads and highlighting the risks associated with not paying attention. The children also continued their understanding of cycle safety, emphasising the significance of wearing a helmet and avoiding the use of headphones while cycling.

Overall, the visit from Lancashire Fire and Rescue was thoroughly enjoyed by both Acorn and Oak Class. It provided them with valuable knowledge and practical experiences, ensuring they are well-informed about fire and personal safety. We extend our gratitude to the Lancashire Fire and Rescue team for their informative and engaging visit.

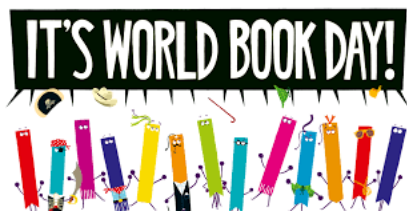


World Book Day—Thursday, 7th March

World book day is fast approaching!

On the day we will be completing lots of fun book themed activities in school.

It is the turn of our bedtime story theme—Children can come to school in their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime story to share.



Star of the Week



Sickness and Diarrhoea

A polite reminder, if your child is unwell, we ask that they remain off school until 48hrs after the last episode of sickness.

This prevents spread of infection in school. I know it's an inconvenience and difficult but I appreciate your cooperation.

Parents' Evening - Tuesday, 19th March

Parents Evening will be held on **Tuesday, 19th March**. Appointments will be available from 15:40-18:00 and will be issued on a first come first served basis. Please message Antonella, via Class Dojo, if you would like an appointment with your preferred time.

Diary Dates

	February
23rd	Year 5 start swimming
27th	Governors Meeting 18:30
	March
1st	Chorley SSP Singing Comp
5th	Chorley SSP Dance Comp
7th	World Book Day
14th	Visit from West Lancs MP
19th	Parents' Evening
25th	Tri Kidz Workshop
26th	Cheerleading Festival
27th	Martial Arts Festival
28th	Break Up