



## Autumn Days

### School Council, Wellbeing Ambassador and Eco Star News

Congratulations to our new School Council, Wellbeing Ambassadors and Eco Stars who have recently been voted in democratically by the children of Years 1 to 6. A very big thank you to all children who made speeches—all the staff have said what a fantastic job you all did....well done!

#### *The School Council :*

Chairperson - Robyn, Vice Chair—Daniel,  
6G—Mario, 6P—Amelia, 5C—Ava, 5J/S—Tetiana, 4C—Emily, 4M—Oscar, 3C—Jack, Thomas and Paige,  
3S—Zayden, 2P—Henry, 2C—Saiorse, 1R—Isabella and 1L—Fletcher

#### *Our Wellbeing Ambassadors :*

6G—Larry, 6P—Malik, 5C—Skyla, 5J/S—Harley, 4C—Lewis, 4M—Lexi, 3C—Sienna, 3S—Maia,  
2P—Carys,  
2C—Louis, 1R—Thea and 1L—Archie

#### *Our Eco Stars :*

6G—Sofia, 6P—Liam, 5C—Harry, 5J/S—Olivia, 4C—Ellie, 4M—Luna and Bobbie-Ann, 3C—Flossy,  
3S—Isaac,  
2P—Alanah, 2C—Max, 1R—Gabriel and 1L—Sophie

### REMINDER—IT'S A PHOTOGRAPH DAY IN SCHOOL TOMORROW! TUESDAY, 15th OCTOBER

#### Writing. Writing. Writing!

The staff and Governors always have lots of priorities and targets for the school each year. This year, we have decided to focus on making big improvements with how we approach writing throughout the school. And you know, I think you might just be able to help us at home alongside all the effort that I know you put into supporting the children with their reading:

**Top Tips for Writing at Home** —Here are just some of things you can write together: from first marks and name writing through to calligraphy, rhymes, songs, jokes, poems, signs, labels, lists, charts, booklets, games, recipes, instructions, how to guides, everything I know about... letters, anecdotes, true stories, invented stories, comics, fairy-tales, myths, experiments, letters, scripts and plays.

**The best things you can do when helping a child write:** Devote time to it and make it a quality experience (perhaps you can put the phone away). Show your own interest and pleasure. See yourself as a fellow writer and take part in writing alongside your child offering sensitive support when asked. You're not there to police and correct but to engage in writing yourself, too. Share your own ideas and talk as you craft texts together. Allow children to choose what they would like to write. Remember that children can continue with some old writing or start something new. See talking and drawing as planning and encourage taking things from the reading, video games, play, film, or the television programmes that they like. Encourage using 'temporary' spellings whilst drafting, as this is a strategy used by real-life writers. Writing happily and socially is the key to success.

**What not to do when helping a child to write:** Don't look over your child's shoulder all the time and criticise. Don't rush the experience or try and get it all done in one day. Don't ask children to write something they haven't chosen for themselves. Don't control their writing. Don't stop to correct errors immediately; insisting on 100% accuracy while they are trying to get their ideas down for the first time. Don't ask a child to write without talking and writing together. Don't leave out time for reading what you've written to each other and giving your responses.

**Good Luck Everyone!—Enjoy writing at home—Let us know how you get on!**

## Parents' Evening News

Letters will be sent out TOMORROW regarding timings for meeting with teachers on the following dates:

Tuesday, 12th November and Wednesday, 13th November—Reception to Year 6

Wednesday, 13th November—NURSERY

Tuesday, 19th November—4C only

### ASDA—You're Amazing!

I've just checked the balance of the money you are all helping to raise every time you shop at ASDA. It's an amazing **£234.51** so far. Please do join up and help us raise more, it doesn't take long to set it up and raises funds for our school! Thank you!

### CHILDREN IN NEED 2024

As always, we'll be giving the children the chance to wear their own clothes on **FRIDAY, 15th November**. Adding extra spots is up to you and the children! Just £1 'fine' per family for all children taking part please. Pudsey himself hasn't called us yet but I'm sure he'll be making an appearance at our school soon!

### SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

Please ensure that this is paid in advance and not in arrears. When you log in to the School Gateway it will show you the dinner money balance up until the day before so please ensure that you add on the rest of the week when making your payment. Dinners are £2.53 per day.

### Birthday Time!

As lovely as the thought is to send in a cake for a child's Birthday in class, I'm afraid we are unable to allow this for a number of reasons. However, we do allow sensible sweets and will give these out at hometime. Please do NOT include lollies here. Gummy sweets such as Haribo are fine.

In the past, some parents have provided a reading book for the whole class to go into the class library on birthdays instead. What a fab idea!

### DISCO TIME!!

Hopefully you've had all the details for next week. Don't forget the children can wear what they want on this day! I think it's one of those days where the children can get a bit more wear out of any Halloween outfits they may have so please do feel free to dress up on Disco day!

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