



Newsletter 17th November

Dear all,

On Monday most of us remembered to wear our odd socks to celebrate that each of us is different and unique- and that this is a good thing! In our assembly we talked about what bullying is: repeated (more than once) negative behaviour that is intended to make someone feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe. We then discussed the difference between banter and bullying, and when banter is not ok. The children have been completing their own anti-bullying work which they shared in our assembly today. Our anti-bullying ambassadors were introduced and children were reminded they can talk to these children if they are worried about anything to do with bullying behaviours. The theme of the week is to make a noise about bullying- to give children the confidence to speak up if they see bullying behaviour, because it is not something we should accept, but something we should all call out and say it's not ok in our school.

In maths week all the children learnt about triangles and tetrahedron's. They made their own tetrahedron's and put these together to create a tetra-tree-don! Falcon class decorated theirs with anti-bullying messages- see the fabulous photo!

Have a great week!

Beulah

Mrs Beulah Letchford, Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Josh, Seb, Sophia, Toby M, Amelia B-T, Teegan, Alfie.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate in our Celebration assembly this week: Jackson, Freya, Brooklyn, Dylan F, Xavier, Lincoln, Bonnie TV, Lara, Kacper, Noah.

Children in Need!

We have seen so many 'Spot-acular' children today! Well done to the children (and staff!) who received a certificate for the best dressed too! We have raised **£91.65** for Child in Need, so thank you for all of your donations.

Sports News

Netball League Matches

This week we had two netball matches as part of the Hampshire hi-five netball league. In hi-five netball, the players rotate positions, so they all shoot, defend and take the



centre position. On Monday we played St Martins and beat them 20-1. On Tuesday we played Kingsclere and beat them 7-3. Congratulations to all the squad! Eleanor, Alexa, Dylan, Teegan, Lettie, Leona, Amelia and Kacper.



Y5/6 Alternative Olympics

A team of six Y5/6 children represented the school at the Alternative Olympics event at St Barts on Tuesday. They played against three other schools in a mini league in four different sports: Archery, Boccia, Curling and Seated Volleyball. They all learnt to play these new sports really quickly. The team were particularly impressive at archery! Overall they came joint first in their group earning gold medals! Well done Mollie, Ella, Hattie, Caleb, Sophia and Autumn.



Netball Tournament

A team of seven Y4/5 children went to Thorngrove school to take part in a netball festival against schools from West Berkshire. For many of the team, this was their first competitive netball match- and they really enjoyed it! Their understanding of the rules and skills really improved. All the matches were very close- some were won, and some were lost. Well done to Lettie, Ella, Sophia, Lara, Chloe, Eoin and Scarlet!



Netball and Football Matches

Our Year 4 children were invited to Thorngrove School to take part in an afternoon of small-sided netball and football matches. The children mixed together into teams and played all the other teams in a round-robin event. The children's skills really improved throughout, they demonstrated great team work- and they had a lot of fun! The matches were followed by a match tea- which was delicious!



Junior Road Safety Officers

'Be Bright, Be Seen' design a t-shirt competition! Every child has been given a blank t-shirt template, and all entries should be returned by **Wednesday 22nd November**. On Friday 24th November, children have been asked to wear one bright piece of clothing/accessory with their school uniform.

Staffing

We are looking for a **Community Governor** to join our Governing Body. This role is not a Parent Governor, so parents cannot apply, however there be someone in our local community you know who would be keen to get involved. Please pass them our details.

We are currently recruiting for a **Y1/2 Teacher** however we haven't been successful in this process. Mrs Barraclough has agreed to continue as Oak class teacher until we can recruit the right person for this role. If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass them our details.

Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

Monday 20 th November	Art Competition entries in: 'Bonfire Night'
Tuesday 21 st November	Netball match at St Nics - selected children only
Wednesday 22 nd November	JRSO t-shirt competition entries in
Thursday 23 rd November	9.00am Parent Liaison Group Meeting Y1/2 trip to Arlington Arts
Friday 24 th November	'Be Bright, Be Seen' day - wear one bright piece of clothing/accessory with your school uniform
Monday 27 th November	4.00pm Y5/6 Football Competition @ Park House - selected children only
Monday 4 th December	Secret Shopping donations in
Thursday 7 th December	YR & KS1 Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
Friday 8 th December	Secret Shopping!
Monday 11 th December	Art Competition entries in: 'Christmas' Share & Celebrate
Tuesday 12 th December	Panto @ The Watermill - whole school
Thursday 14 th December	6.00pm KS2 Carol Service @ Burghclere Church
Friday 15 th December	End of Term
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 15 th January	Young Voices - Robin & Falcon Class
Monday 22 nd January	Art Competition entries in: 'Winter'
Friday 9 th February	End of Term
Monday 19 th February	First Day of Term
Monday 26 th February	Art Competition entries in: 'Love'
Monday 25 th March	Art Competition entries in: 'Animals'
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term
Monday 15 th April	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 22 nd April	Art Competition entries in: 'Spring Time'
Monday 20 th May	Art competition entries in: 'Nature'
Friday 24 th May	End of Term
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Term
Monday 24 th June	Art Competition entries in: 'Water'
Tuesday 23 rd July	End of Term