



Year 6 residential trip October 2022

Last week, our **Year 6** children enjoyed a week of sunshine and fun at Grittleton House in Wiltshire. From the moment they arrived, the children got straight into the activities on offer.

Having the residential visit at this time of year is so beneficial for the children and the teachers. We are able to see what the whole group is like out of school, the potential for learning and growth and most importantly, which children show resilience and determination. This is taken back into the classroom, with the Year 6 team knowing every child. Please have a look on our website under *Pupils* for more photos of this fantastic week.



Building a growth mindset in Year 2

Children in **Year 2** have been learning about a growth mindset and how we can use different strategies to overcome things that we may find difficult. Building resilience takes time, so the teachers set up a range of activities which encouraged learning from mistakes, teamwork and perseverance. It was encouraging to see how children bounced back from mistake making to try again and again. Well done!

Harvest activities

We have been very busy at school, learning about harvest and collecting food for our two Harvest Festivals. Our **Reception** children have been learning about Harvest and Autumn. Last week, they had the opportunity to make bread plaits with Miss Jones. 4B will lead the Harvest Service at church this Tuesday. Thank you to all our families, who have donated goods for the North Enfield Food Bank.



Parent Meetings in November

Last week, an email was sent out on 13th October, regarding booking an appointment for your parent/teacher meeting. All our meetings take place online, using the web based system **School Cloud**. We have used this system successfully for almost 3 years now and like other primary and secondary schools, it has become an effective way of ensuring all parents receive a fair amount of time, as well as supporting teachers in keeping to time. Please use the help sheet in the email to make your booking.



Our Autumn term parent meetings for children in YR, Y1, Y2, 3W, Y4 and Y5 will be taking place on:

Tuesday 1st November from 3:50 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 3rd November from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For children in **3B** and **Y6** they will be on:

Tuesday 8th November from 3:50 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 10th November from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Extra-curricular Clubs

Last week, Miss Taylor sent out an email about some of the clubs available at lunchtimes and after school. We are looking to start a Bridge Club in Year 5, run by the New Tricks charity. Last week, they came in to give our Year 5 children a taster session. Bridge Club will begin after half term.

Reminders and requests

A polite reminder to parents of Reception children to report straight to the office, rather than go to the RB or RW classrooms. It is a health and safety requirement that parents sign children in, if they are late or are collecting children during the school day.

There has been an increase in the number of parents phoning the office, asking to speak to teachers. Whilst we understand parents may have a concern, we also stress that teachers cannot spend every day after school contacting parents. The office staff are often able to provide answers to day-to-day questions and will always prioritise any urgent concerns. All teachers are available to speak to on the playground at the end of the school day, so please try to talk to them at this time, or make an appointment to see them. Thank you for your support.



Inspirational people celebrated

Last week, children across the school learned about some inspiring people, as part of Black History Month. Miss Izzet, our History Co-ordinator, led whole school assembly on Monday and this was followed by KS1 and KS2 assemblies about men, women and stories from Black British history.

As a school, we work hard to build a culture of constant learning among staff and pupils and it was so lovely for Beatrice, our Head Cook and our assistant cooks to be involved in our week. They cooked a menu consisting of jerk chicken, rice

and peas, a black bean and spinach stew and southern chicken bites in a jerk sauce. Delicious!

Maintenance Fund

Thank you to the parents, who have paid towards the Maintenance Fund. Please check your ParentPay account for more information.

Mrs Louise Horobin

We will saying farewell to Mrs Horobin on Friday, as she moves to Suffolk. Louise has worked at St. Andrew's for 8 years, leading the KS1 team and teaching in Year 1. Louise will be in the playground before and after school, if parents would like to say goodbye.