

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School




COURAGE – CREATIVITY - COMPASSION

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th September 2024

<https://drwalkers.co.uk>

Courage – A can do attitude. Creativity – Innovation and adaptability. Compassion – Love and respect.

Head of School	St Nicholas's Church										
<p>Another busy week at Dr Walkers and what a stormy week we have had with so much rain and strong winds! We have tried to ensure the children are able to get outside as much as possible. Could you please send a coat into school with them now that the weather is turning autumnal.</p> <p>Parent consultation forms for 15th October have been sent home, please send these back in with your preferred appointment time so you are able to speak with the class teacher(s) to find out how your child has settled into their new class.</p> <p>Mrs Jenny Dean</p>	<p>We are privileged to work closely with our local church, St Nicholas, Fyfield.</p> <p>You are welcome to join for worship at 10.30am on the second and third Sundays of the month, get involved in community activities, or just find a place of peace and prayer in a busy world - the church is often open during daylight hours.</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">The Open Book</p> <p>The Open Book visited on Tuesday and performed The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden from Genesis.</p> <p>Children took part in the play and learnt about this story from the bible.</p>	<p><u>Get in touch</u></p> <p><i>Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs</i></p> <p>The Vicarage, Church Street, Blackmore, Ingatestone, Essex. CM4 0RN</p> <p>Priest with Responsibility <u>01277 821464</u></p> <p>Revd Samantha Brazier-Gibbs <u>07894 948867</u></p>										
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Class news
WILLOW CLASS

In Art and Design, we made the most of our amazing outdoor environment to collect natural resources and to make mud paint to create artwork. This gave the children a chance to develop their fine motor skills and to be creative with materials. We talked about our work and decided if it was abstract or figurative, allowing further opportunities to express their ideas and feelings.



SYCAMORE CLASS

This has been another busy week for Sycamore class! In their English lessons they have been learning to recognise and use the features of non-chronological report writing. They finished by researching tigers and creating their own information texts. In art the children have been learning how to draw a face, thinking about proportions and the placing of the features. In their geography work, Sycamore class have been comparing and contrasting the UK and Kenya. I think some of the children were quite surprised at how many similarities they could spot, despite being separated by so many thousands of miles! In PHSE the children have been discussing the very important issue of conflict resolution, recognising what constitutes bullying and how to resolve disagreements between friends. In their RE lessons the children have been exploring the complex concept of The Trinity, with particular reference to baptism in Matthew's gospel, examining contrasting artistic responses and creating their own.



Thank you for all your hard work this week Sycamore class – have a wonderful weekend!

MAPLE CLASS

In Geography, we are learning about rivers. We are thinking about what rivers are and how they are used. We started off by looking at the water cycle. Did you know that out of all the water on Earth, only 1% of it is available for us to use and drink - the rest is locked up in oceans and ice caps?

Next, we looked at the features of a river. The start of a river is called the source and the end of a river is called the mouth. We also looked at where rivers can be found. We used atlases to name and locate some of the world's longest rivers. We also used Google maps to locate the River Thames.

We found the source of the river (in Kemble) and used Google Street View to locate the upper course of the river. Next, we followed the river along to its mouth (in London), stopping to look at the street view at different points along the way and identified what river course is shown. At these different points, we also identified human and physical features.

Rewards

Courageous optimism

It takes courage to hope for a better future. We champion a 'can do' attitude and encourage our pupils and colleagues to tackle challenges with resilience and perseverance as they reach for ambitious targets.

Boundless Creativity

Through captivating discoveries in the classroom and eye-opening adventures in the outside world, we give pupils freedom and promote varied learning experiences which stimulate innovation and develop adaptability.

Heartfelt compassion

We show love and respect to each member of our community as we nurture a powerful collective spirit. In humility we embrace difference and individuality, show forgiveness when necessary, and are united by compassion.

Willow Class	COURAGE	Poppy – For persevering and having a 'can do' attitude.
	CREATIVITY	Harry – For adapting resources for suitability.
	COMPASSION	Mabel – For being thoughtful and kind to all her peers.
	STAR OF THE WEEK	Jimmy – For settling back into his routine.
Sycamore Class	COURAGE	Nancy – for trying really hard to be brave when she arrives in the classroom in the morning.
	CREATIVITY	Jett – for trying hard to share his ideas in creative writing and for understanding that his positive behaviour has a good effect on others.
	COMPASSION	Luna – for being kind to others even when she was feeling poorly.
	STAR OF THE WEEK	River – for staying in assembly and approaching a new experience with patience and fortitude.
Maple Class	COURAGE	Paul – For taking an active role around the school.
	CREATIVITY	Harley – For showing perseverance during a creative session.
	COMPASSION	Harleigh – For showing a lot of compassion towards someone she knows that is unwell.
	STAR OF THE WEEK	Alice – For staying more focused during her independent tasks.

Other news

Atom Learning homework – KS2 ONLY

Every week Year 3-6 will have homework set on Atom Learning <https://atomlearning.com/>
The adaptive technology differentiates the children's work. Your child will see tailored content, helping to boost their confidence. Please encourage your child to complete the set tasks. If you have any questions, please ask any of the KS2 teachers and we will be happy to help.

Art club

This week in Art club, the children made lanterns. First, they had to decorate them. Some cutting and sticking skills were involved in creating the lanterns. All the children did really well in following the instruction when creating their lanterns.

It's been so lovely welcoming back our pupils after the summer break. Art club is in full swing again. We started off last week with making book marks and this week we made lanterns. Each child made their own unique design on them. There was lots of creativity, enthusiasm and glitter involved! Well done to everyone who joined in!



Lego/Games Club

Lego and Games club started last week and the children thoroughly enjoyed playing with each other and producing Lego models. Everyone worked together, supported each other and took turns making it a fun and enjoyable time. New games were played and the older children taught the younger children new skills.

Thank you to our Governors

We had a fantastic treat this week from one of our Governors Jill Smylie who made us a wonderful coffee and walnut cake. Thank You Jill for always thinking of us.



Lego To Help With Maths Homework!



Lucas using his Lego men to help with his maths homework.

Gymnastics club

One of our afterschool clubs is gymnastics where the children enjoyed learning new skills.



Road Safety Training for Reception and Year 5

Friday 4th October 2024

Year 5 children.

More information to follow for Reception Parents



Important dates

03.10.24	Shenfield High School Open Evening
03.10.24	Fabulous Feast Day Menu for Census Day, please do try to book a school dinner
04.10.24	Road Safety Training for Reception and Year 5 (more information to follow)
08.10.24	Shenfield High School Open Morning
15.10.24	Parent Consultation Evening
18.10.24	Individual School Photos
26.10.24	Break up for Half Term
06.11.24	Flu Immunisations