



Shinfield Infant & Nursery School

Autumn Term Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff have been working really hard in school this week. I received some lovely compliments from prospective parents when they looked around. They thought that our school looked wonderful. They were very impressed with the behaviour of all your children and the interesting learning opportunities that had been organised for them. I felt very proud to be part of it!

Mrs Nicky Lauchlan
Headteacher

Harvest celebrations



Mrs Belas has been teaching the children some lovely Harvest songs during singing assemblies including an old favourite- Cauliflower's fluffy. See if your child can sing it to you! On Thursday 7th October we will be having a Harvest sharing assembly in school. Due to space issues we are unable to invite parents to this but will include photos of it in next week's Newsletter.

We will be collecting food items for the local Food Bank. If you are able to donate any of the following please send them into school next week. We will put collection boxes under the covered area by the School reception next week.

- baked beans
- tinned veg
- soup
- tinned fruit
- tinned meat meals
- chopped tomatoes
- pasta sauces
- pasta
- rice
- cereal
- biscuits
- tea
- coffee
- long life milk
- crisps and other snacks



Thank you!

Rags to Riches

There will be a 'Rags to riches' collection at school on October 5th. This gives you a chance to have a clear out at home. Please check this link to see what they collect;

<https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>

It is a great way for us to make money from things that you no longer need. All money that we raise will be put towards classroom resources for your children. You can put your items in any plastic bag or bin bag. We will collect them in school from Thursday 30th September. **Please take your donations to the school office.**

Thank you.

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We raised just over £80 last week for Macmillan Cancer Support last Friday.



Tree planting

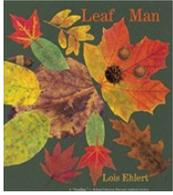
The Queen wants to mark her 70th Jubilee by planting new trees around the country. Shinfield View Care Home have decided to get involved as a home and also bring the community together by doing this.

Yesterday afternoon some children helped us to plant an apple tree with members of staff from Shinfield View Care Home and Chris Young, who is the Chairperson of our Local Advisory Board.

Staff from Shinfield View Care Home wanted to plant the trees this year and then re visit them around the Jubilee in 2022. It will be interesting to see which grows more quickly, the children or the tree!



F2 in Focus



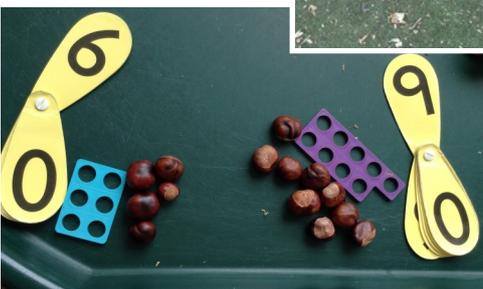
On a wet and windy Autumn week, the children in F2 have been looking at the book 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert. We've been discussing the journey of the leaf man and who he met on his travels, we've spent lots of time having fun in the garden exploring the falling leaves and the change of season.

The children have been using leaves they have collected from the F2 garden to design their own leaf man, leaf lady, leaf animal or even a family of leaves! After creating their masterpieces, they have then used their super pinchy fingers to hold a pencil using a tripod grip and write letters for the starting sounds of words to label their picture. We have been learning lots of new sounds since the start of term and we can tell you a sound for the following letters;

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p o, g, c, k, b and f. We have also been practising recognising tricky words that we can't sound out; I, go and the.

In Maths time, we have been investigating numbers and their value up to 8 so far, recognising what each number is made of, counting out conkers to represent the value and using the rhymes in our reading diaries to help us write our numbers.

Finally, we had lots of fun creating leaf rubbings and leaf hedgehogs too! We hope you like our pictures of our fun earning this week.



Census day lunch

Thursday 7th October is Census day in school. We have to let the Government know how many children order a school lunch on that day and that then informs how much money we are given as a school to spend. The special meal on Thursday is....



We hope that the children will all try it!

GOLDEN GOOD BOOK

Children recognised as championing our weekly goal will have their names entered into the Golden Good Book, receive a sticker, alongside a drink and a biscuit with Mrs Lauclan on a Friday afternoon.

This week our goal has been:

Caring about others feelings

Birch Class: Freya and Lucy

Maple Class: Olivia and Chizi

Willow Class: Ronnie and Harrison

Apple Class: Aaliyah and Phoebe

Cherry Class: Aadhya and Mylea

Plum Class: Harry and Leyla

Ash Class: Tommy and Henry

Elm Class: Danny and Esme

Oak Class: James and Aiva

Well done children!

Covid update

Unfortunately 2 members of staff and 2 children have tested positive within Maple class this week. We are very grateful to the parents of children in Maple class who took their children for PCR tests as it was through this that one of the asymptomatic cases was found. The F2 children and staff are now working within their year group bubble for 2 weeks. This will include Breakfast and After School Club where they will play at a separate table.

If there is a positive case in your child's class we will alert you with a message on the same day and ask that you take them for a PCR test so that we can prevent the spread of the virus and keep the children and staff safe. Please see the attached information leaflet that Wokingham Borough Council have produced to give parents information during this worrying time.

Planning for Racial Equity

We are working with Wokingham Borough Council to improve our Racial Equity provision. It is our goal for all of our families and children to feel welcome, respected and valued.



Our staff are looking at the resources that we use in school to ensure that they are representative of all the cultures and backgrounds of our children. We would like to ensure that we are knowledgeable about the religions and celebrations that our children are part of.

We are working on a survey to find out information from you to support this. More details will follow. If you can think of any areas that you have noticed where we could improve please let us know.