

25th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are at the end of this term already. We have had a number of fantastic opportunities for our pupils. Today we have had some staff and pupils dressing up in preparation for Halloween Celebrations next week. Other pupils and staff have arrived in school in non-uniform and donated some raffle prizes in aid of the PFSA, thank you to parents and carers for supporting this.



A big thank you to Millets Farm for the kind donation of pumpkins for our pupils to carve. Some should make their way home to you tonight.

Transition into Adulthood Information Event – Wednesday 13th November 2019

Parents/Carers of pupils in Year 9+ should have received information about the above event as it will be of particular interest for our older students. However, everyone is welcome to attend – please see details in the community section at the end of the newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th November	Return to school
Friday 8th November	Coffee Morning 10-12 (Remembrance Day-Poppy Appeal)
Tuesday 12th November	School photographer in

Have a great half term holiday and see you all soon

Lorraine

Our Kingfisher View

Kingfisher-a place where everyone is valued to develop independence through an enriching curriculum which is worthwhile



News from Spring Cluster

Green Class

The time has definitely flown by for Green Class and our first half term has come to an end already. We have all had such a lovely term and it has been great getting to know our new students and members of staff. We all definitely feel very proud of all the hard work that our students have been doing during this term and all their achievements. Well done Green Class!

We have had another busy week in our Class, starting with our P.E session on Monday afternoon. We keep practising our walking and balance skills in our sessions and it has been great to see some of our students taking some independent steps and feeling more confident. We also keep working hard on our students' physio programmes and we are all very impressed with how well our students respond to their physio exercises and with how long they can use their standing frames as well. During our Gymnastics sessions on Friday mornings, the children have been amazing climbing and going through the different equipment. Balancing on the bouncy balls is always a firm favourite for our students.

Green class students have definitely familiarised themselves very well with the resonance board during this term. In our session on Tuesday afternoon, Mia, Diesel and Owen loved going on the board and they were great using their hands and legs to copy each other's sounds and movements. The children were also amazing choosing different props to put on the resonance board and explored all the different sounds they were making. During our Art activities this week we all enjoyed making some beautiful autumn wreaths using leaves, paper plate and glue. Our students really liked the sound that the leaves were making as they were touching and squeezing them in their hands.



We hope you all have a great half term,
Anna, Kim, Amanda, Clare, Jackie, Julia, Lorna and Hannah



News from Spring Cluster

Yellow Class

We have had lots of fun in Yellow class this week. On Monday we were lucky enough to have an extra early years sensory music session with Steve which we all loved, we did lots of joining in with our voices, body movements and drums.

We have again worked hard on our physio and our standing. We loved exploring pumpkins, with all of our senses, some of us loved the squidgy feel of the seeds, others were less keen!

We have been working on our targets doing some good choice work and cause and effect activities.

As always we have enjoyed our swimming sessions working hard in the pool with our floating, moving and standing / walking programmes.

We hope that you all have a good half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on 4th November.



Helen, Siobhán Yvonne, Sally, Kerryann, Emma and Hannah



News from Summer Cluster

Pink Class

Pink Class have had an excellent half term. We are really proud of how hard everyone has worked. There has been a lot of illness this week. We have been missing our friends and those of us who have made it through the week have been very tired. We really hope that everyone has a well earned rest over half term and comes back ready for another fantastic term.

Despite feeling tired and a bit under the weather everyone was very glad to see the sun this week and make the most of getting out in the garden before the cold weather comes.

Last week we mentioned how much the students are currently enjoying sensory art. This week that theme has continued as we made colleges of all our favourite things. The students made choices about what they would like to work on for their college with the pool, the ocean drum, music and blue planet all making a strong appearance. I am sure some of you might have a strong guess which your child chooses.

Another popular session this week has been TACPAC. It has been great to see the students expressing such strong preferences. Similarly with the eye gaze this week the students' preferences seem to have aligned with everyone showing off their teenage side by preferring programs that all you to smash bottles, graffiti walls as well as exploring YouTube.

It has been lovely to have some visitors from Silver and White Class this term to add noise to our resonance board as you can see from the picture below many of Pink Class think the more noise the better.

We hope that everyone has a happy and restful half term.





News from Summer Cluster



Tor, Juliette, María, Sue, Liza, Norah, Janet and Daniel



News from Summer Cluster

Blue Class

This week we have been busy finishing off some of our autumn leaves artwork and also painting some Halloween pictures. We also worked on our number recognition, counting and sorting. We had a great time during gymnastics, having a go on the various climbing equipment and going up, down and through different obstacles. On Friday afternoon we are looking forward to joining up with Purple class for an end of term Halloween party, it should be a lot of spooky fun!



Have a fantastic half term

Sean, Esther, Pauline, Matt and Sarah



News from Summer Cluster

Purple Class

At last we have made it, the final week of Term 1 and what a term it has been!!

The Enterprise group this week checked the shoots they had planted and then planted some herbs and salad leaves in the pots that they painted earlier in the term.

Once again Josh brought a favourite book into school this week to share. This time about a duck that could fix things – *or* so he thought!

This week has mainly focussed around Halloween and we have made lots of Halloween decorations to decorate the Common Room. We have found out a little about how long Halloween has been celebrated and have listened to some quite scary music. Purple Class decided as a class what party foods they would like for our Friday Halloween Party.

Milletts Farm very kindly donated 15 pumpkins to us so instead of '*Walk4Wellbeing*', students visited Milletts Farm to collect our pumpkins. We then spent the afternoon carving and scooping our Jack o Lanterns ready for the party and ready to take home!

A small group visited OXSRAD this week and tried out a game of Curling. Brandon and Harry enjoyed a walk around the Oxsrads playing fields. Ben stayed at school to help with Halloween prep and Mya, Alicia, Chan and Ceri did an extra special job for Siobhan as they have helped with the Remembrance Day preparations for after Half Term!

Kayah, Brandon, Sam, Harry and Chan shopped at Tesco for our party foods, whilst the other students were pleased to join in with '*Music with Steve*'. Matthew even had a little dance. This Thursday Ben also joined Michael John to help with all the various jobs around school.

Finally, after a very long 8 weeks, we have reached the end of Term 1 and what better way to celebrate than with dressing up and having a good ole Halloween party!!!!

Happy Half Term everyone!

Purple Class – Leah, Mary, Dawn, Sian, Sarah, Lynnette & Julie



News from Summer Cluster





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News from Autumn Cluster

Orange Class

We have had a fun week to end the term. Children have really enjoyed activities that have focussed on Autumn and Halloween. We have used a short spooky story with sensory input and lots of participation and then we used phonics skills to spell out some simple words in the story. Children cut out 2D shapes and used them to make a witch, which we will send home on Friday. Most children enjoyed scooping out a large pumpkin in class (with a couple of reluctant onlookers watching but interested.) We collected lots of Autumn leaves on the school field and used some of them to make lovely leaf hedgehogs. Some of the leaves were also used in maths with the pumpkin seeds for counting and simple addition.



In gymnastics this week, we had lots of equipment out and it was very exciting to explore the apparatus, climbing ladders, balancing and jumping off apparatus. It is brilliant to see how much confidence has grown over the term on these skills.



*Have a good Half Term,
From Maria, Tracey, Ellie, Katie and Scarlet. Orange Class Team*



News from Autumn Cluster

Red Class

Yesterday we went on our trip to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to learn more about the Romans. We were able to do object handling with real items from Roman Britain, which was very exciting, as well as some dressing up! After that we had time to explore the galleries in small groups before having lunch. We had a great time and the museum staff were lovely.

At school we have been finishing writing our information books about the Romans! Everyone has worked really hard on these and should be really proud of their work. We also wrapped up 3D shapes by looking at nets and matching them to different shapes by looking at the faces. On Monday we had a bike session on the field where everyone worked hard on the skills that they are learning, and in PE our final gymnastics session involved getting the wall bars out and practicing our climbing.

Have a great half term everyone!

Katherine, Nicola, Laura, Pauline, and Ellie





News from Autumn Cluster

Gold Class

Happy Friday, it's nearly November! Are you prepared for fireworks night and all Hallows' Eve?! We have had a fantastic and very productive start to our academic year this half-term and are now looking forwards to our week away so that we can start afresh in November.

This week specifically we have finished our work on division and writing up our information texts and have enjoyed a range of other lessons including: a very positive final gymnastics session, some cooking in the food technology room, and drama and investigation about Queen Boudicca.

Of course, we can't forget our visit to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford where we saw a selection of Roman artefacts and exhibits. Every pupil found something of interest in the museum whether it was real gold jewellery, ancient weaponry or a painted Roman statue of Augustus Caesar.

Writing this now on the last day – about to be filled with non-school uniform fun – we wish you a very happy half-term break and we look forwards to seeing you shortly as we begin the run up to December.

Homework

Next term we hope to begin by investigating 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. Any practice in naming these that you can do with your child would be beneficial. Please do also continue reading with your child (especially works of fiction), and where possible share the warning labels on any fireworks that you let off as we will be looking at myths and legends and fire safety in our literacy work over the first few weeks.

From Richard, Katie, Julie, Marie, Yvonne, Sarah and Lorna!

~ The Gold Class Cre





News from Winter Cluster

Silver Class

This week we have had lots of fun thinking about halloween. We have enjoyed different stories, cooking and art all linked to halloween.

This week our story has been 'In the hairy scary castle'. We loved acting out this story and especially loved being the ghost jumping out from under the sheet and chasing the mouse on a string. Following on from this we enjoyed messy play with jelly and halloween sweets and then worked hard matching pictures and making sentences about the story.



In numeracy we worked hard on learning some of our colours. We have been matching colours and learning some of their names. Some of us enjoyed matching coloured animals to their fields whereas others practised picking up the correct colour pen or following instructions to pick the correct coloured balloon.





News from Winter Cluster

As always, we have continued to develop our communication skills. We really enjoyed making pumpkins communicating when we needed more paint as well as requesting different facial features for the pumpkin. We also enjoyed making witches hats in cooking, again requesting chocolate and the different decorations for our hats.



We also had a fantastic trip to snakes and ladders. We are so proud with how much the children have improved with their walking. They are all so confident and are becoming more aware of when they need to stop. They had so much fun when we got there, climbing, sliding and swing.



We hope you all have a fantastic holiday.

Charlotte, Tina, Leann and Zoe



News from Winter Cluster

White Class

This week White Class have been rounding off our Numeracy activities and “I Like Me” story ahead of the half term break. Everyone is ready for a holiday, but we have found time for some seasonal fun. On Tuesday we all helped to scoop out a pumpkin to make a lantern. The inside of our pumpkin was stringy – a bit like spaghetti – and it felt strange running through our fingers. We looked carefully at the seeds and noticed how the pumpkin smelt. We used spoons to scoop the flesh out. We put a light inside to shine out through the face that had been cut.



The whole of White Class went swimming together on Thursday and had a fantastic session in the pool. Being in the water really helps some children to relax. Even our more cautious children are growing in confidence and now enjoy having a piggy back in the water with one of the grown ups.



When we come back to school our topic will be “Let’s Celebrate!”. We will learn about bonfire night, birthdays and, of course, Christmas! Our Science will be about light and dark. Please have a lovely half term break and come back ready to work hard next term!

Rachael, Jill, Niki and Charlotte



News from Winter Cluster

Black Class

We have had a great week in Black Class this week with lots of hard work and fun. Our swimming sessions have been lots of fun this week and the children really enjoyed playing on the floats. It encouraged pupils to communicate and interact with one another which was lovely to see.

Our musical communication session has come to an end this week too. We enjoyed using the microphone to make and copy sounds from each other which was lots of fun. Connor has been finding the microphone in the cupboard and asking for more showing us that he has really enjoyed the sessions.



We have also been exploring Halloween this week, by completing lots of different Halloween activities. The children made 'I see' sentences about a Halloween scene using symbols. We used tissue paper to make pumpkins in art and have been finding Halloween related objects in sensory trays. Our favourite was the jelly tray!

Just a note to say that we have had a great half term and the children have surprised us everyday! They have all settled in really well and are comfortable and happy with their new class routines. Next half term our topic is all about Celebrations and we will be building on things that we have learnt this half term.

Have wonderful and relaxing breaks and we look forward to the next half term in Black Class.

Katie, Olivia, Ali, Teresa, Helen and Lynette



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What Next?

**Fitzwaryn and Kingfisher Schools
would like to invite you to a**

Transition into Adulthood Information Event

On Wednesday 13th November 2019
4.00-7.00pm
At Fitzwaryn School
Wantage
Denchworth Road
OXON
OX12 9ET

For all Young People of
any age with
Learning Difficulties or
Additional Needs and
their
Parents and Carers

Come to our event, whatever age your child is.

There will be information regarding what opportunities there are in Oxfordshire for employment, education, leisure, and other services that can support you and your child as they make the transition into adulthood.

Community Links

Wild Boor Ideas Presents:

Supermarket Scrooge

Special Access Performance –
Thursday 19th December 2.00 p.m.

Supermarket Scrooge is the warm-hearted, wacky tale about the true meaning of Christmas and the challenge of the last-minute seasonal food shop.

Meet Emily Scratchett, working for 'Scroogeways' Supermarket on Christmas Eve for paltry wages, and her boss Wilhelmina Scrooge. Up to now Wilhelmina has always discounted Emily's loyalty but soon learns to bag a friend for life!



Sing along with a feast of Christmas Dinner puppets and fill up your Nectar Card of love in this new pantomime presented by Wild Boor Ideas, who brought you last year's successful Winnie and Wilbur Christmas Adventure ('The best, most magical, bonkers and enchanting Winnie and Wilbur show ever!' Korky Paul: illustrator of Winnie the Witch).

Starring Emma Boor, Amantha Edmead and Ceri Ashcroft with music by Hannah Rhodes and direction by Euton Daley.

Special Access Performance

Relaxed performance for audiences with SEN available on Thursday 19 December at 2pm with BSL.

(Child £8 / Carers Free)

This can only be booked directly with the JDP:

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