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## Weekly Newsletter: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*I can't believe it is the last week of half-term already - where does the time go? Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting this week's newsletter sent out - I hope you find it useful.*

### Mrs Longmore

After a long absence, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Longmore back this week. She has really missed us and we have missed her!

### INSET & half-term

- Reminder: we have a whole-school INSET Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October; so school is closed to pupils. We return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- If you are looking for something to do during half-term, the latest Children's University newsletter can be found [here](#).

### Parents' Evening & SEND Reviews

- If your child is due an SEND Review this term, you should have today received a letter confirming you allocated date / time (in the first couple of weeks back after half-term). During these meetings, we discuss the best way to support your child and we really do value your input; so please come if you can (or at least return the parental advice form to share your views). Unfortunately, due to the nature of our school, we are not able to change the appointment times.
- For all other children, there will be a Parents' Evening after school during the first week back. Please keep an eye out for a separate letter detailing how to book appointments. Thank you!

### Nursery lunches

Following feedback from parents, we have decided to start offering cooked meals to children in Nursery for the first time. They are of course still welcome to bring a packed lunch but hopefully this will give you a little more flexibility. Again, look out for a separate letter detailing how to order etc.

### Halloween

We have been asked to share information about a Halloween party at the Community Centre. This will take place from 4:30 – 6:30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. It costs £2 (pay on the door) and children will be able to choose from a hotdog or burger to eat. Costumes are encouraged!

### After-School Clubs

The latest round of after-school clubs are now available to book via sQuid. They include Girls' Multisport, KS1 Multisports, Warhammer, Yoga and Badminton. They start in week 1 (wb 30<sup>th</sup> Oct) and finish in week 7 (wb 11<sup>th</sup> Dec) due to Christmas events during the last week!

### Parking near school

You may have noticed we have had a few visits from the parking inspectors recently. In order to keep our children safe (and avoid you getting a ticket!), we kindly request that parents park safely and sensibly near school (this includes not 'idling' engines whilst waiting!). Thank you!

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Felicity, Kyle (Ash); Billy, Willow G (Willow); Angus, Evie (Rowan); Orla, Alfie R (Sycamore); Caiden (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Roscoe (Ash); Penny (Willow); Ross (Rowan); Zach, Leo (Sycamore); Will HS, Jonah, Edie (Oak)
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Poppy & Matilda
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance overall was 93.3% last week. The winning classes were Willow (KS1) with 97.9% and Rowan (KS2) with 94.0%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** Africa won last week for the first time since we returned to school (setting a new record high number of points in the process). Only Europe and Americas are yet to win this year now!
- ★ Well done to all the KS1 children who took part in Monday's Ball Skills festival at Bradfield School.

## This week's 'School Standard' is: Being healthy



This week's birthdays: Abigail (8), Rocco (11), Savannah (7), Ari (5), Briar (5)

During the holiday: Alfie F (11), Ben (11), Joseph B (5), Cameron H (6), Ella (11)

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are doing 'helicopter stories' this week (that is making up their own stories and bringing them to life by acting them out with friends)

Ash have been learning how to describe their emotions using 'The Colour Monster'

Willow are exploring landscapes of the Arctic in Geography and creating masterpieces in their art lessons.

The Learning Zone will be carving their own Jack O'-Lanterns and eating pumpkin!

Rowan have been exploring the ancient Greek city-states of Athens & Sparta; forming reasoned arguments about where they'd rather live!

Sycamore have been finding out about Boudicca's revolt and the impact it had on the Romans.

Oak's 'Sport Leaders' are receiving a special training session from Megan (Links) on Tuesday - this will enable them to set up playground games and ensure nobody is left out!

Meanwhile, Anthony from 'My Phizz' came to visit us during Monday's assembly. Did you know that simply being active makes children feel 79% happier and 72% more confident? My Phizz is a great way to access fun challenges, earn coins and real-life prizes! If you already have a username, don't delay - start today. If not, we'll make sure you have one by the end of the week! Find out more here: [www.myphizz.com](http://www.myphizz.com)

