

20TH OCTOBER 2023

THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

I always think this is the hardest half-term in the academic year - the children have had to adjust to a new year group, new timetable, new teachers and all of this after a long Summer break. Our pupils have coped incredibly well but I think its fair to say that everyone will be looking forward to a week off in order to recharge the batteries. We are incredibly proud of the provision that is available to the children in relation to sporting academies and private tuition outside of the classroom. This does however mean that children are using the cloakrooms constantly throughout the day. Can I please ask that if you need to look for items (particularly in KS2) that you do so at the request of the class teacher to ensure that it is an appropriate time. This week, we had our first pupil voice meeting and I think it must be a first that we haven't been asked to provide a water slide from the Prep building into the pool! There were however some fantastic suggestions given including club ideas and areas in which we could improve our school - food for thought (salt & pepper sachets at lunch being one!) Have a lovely half-term break and fingers crossed that the next time we see each other England will be Rugby World Cup Champions!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 30th Oct
Year 3&4 Trip to Kent's Cavern.

Tuesday 31st Oct
Witches & Wizards Mufti Day.

Wednesday 1st Nov
Flu Vaccinations.
KS2 Inter-House Tag Rugby.

Thursday 2nd Nov
Friday 3rd Nov

Around the classes



The Lodge

By Mrs Tigwell

The Lodge children have been learning about recycling. To support them with this, they have been listening to the story about Peppa Pig at the Recycling Centre. In addition, the tuff tray was divided to enable the children to sort plastic, paper, and cardboard. We also talked about how our rubbish can harm sea life, in particular the turtles, if it is not recycled properly. The children went on to create turtles from some of our recycled rubbish.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have been busy thinking and learning about recycling rubbish for Recycling week. The children have been discussing what recyclable material the items we have collected are made of and been sorting it into the correct bins. We have been exploring magnets as we watched how they sometimes move old cars at recycling centres using magnets and we sorted magnetic and non-magnetic items into trays. We have also been focussing on our fine motor skills by engaging in lots of activities such as making patterns with pegs and peg boards, hammering golf tees into a pumpkin and a marrow and decorating biscuits using skills such as stirring, scooping, spreading and cutting.

Reception Class

By Mrs Ganner

Reception had a fabulous time visiting the school gym this week. They practised skills such as balance, control, climbing and developed their strength and confidence in all areas. It was lovely to see the children having a 'can do' attitude! Well done, Reception!



Celebration Assembly

This week was awash with children earning their 25 Dojo Point certificates in Celebration Assembly on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see so many pupils reach this milestone just before the half-term break and great recognition of the hard work they have put in. Lily also talked about her Grade 2 award from the PQA (Pauline Quirke Academy). She explained all of the different types of performances she has been a part of including performing in the West End - what an achievement and experience! Roman joined our growing cast of 'Green' Blue Peter Badge owners and his application drew praise for his work on recycling and suggestions for supermarkets to share how they are sustainable. Well done to all involved!



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

This week, Prep 1 have been writing non-fiction facts about people who help us. On Tuesday we had seated Mr Lovett and asked him about being a teacher. The children then asked each other some questions about a chosen job in preparation for some fact writing. They asked questions like, "Who are you? What do you do at work? What do you wear? When do you work? Which is your favourite part of the job?" The answers to these resulted in some brilliant writing.



Prep 2

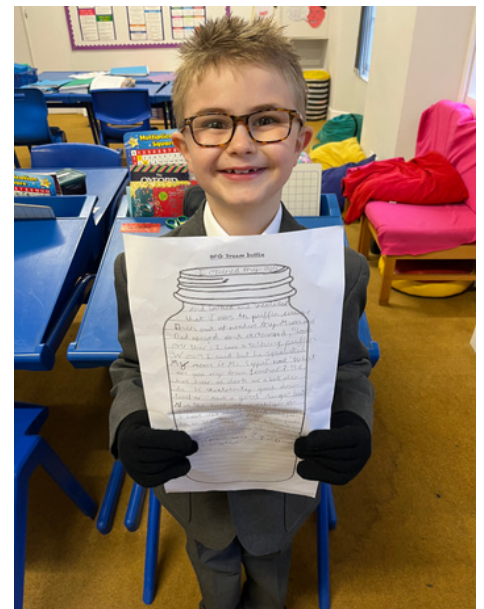
By Mrs Miller

For the last six weeks, Prep 2 have been honing their fine motor skills in many ways with experimenting with drawing stick figures in different positions, colouring, outlining, cutting and lines to add movement all in the style of Keith Haring. Their progress has been fantastic and the evaluating of our own art and that of others is developing too.

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in Prep 3 the class have been writing dream recounts. The children wrote rough drafts and then edited their work, checking carefully for spelling and punctuation errors. They are amazing Prep 3, Well done!



Work of the Week Friday 20th October

James Shill
Harley Maidens
Junior Bartorelli
Oliver Williams
Willow Jeffery
Santiago Galvao
Salvador Galvao
George Valentine
William Saich
Hugo Magill
Charlie Boobyer
Roman Foxworthy
Rose Hooper
Thomas Pring
Willow Allen
Kellen Hersey
Eliza Morgan
Edward Stone
Eris Pacall



Around the classes



Prep 4

By Levi Rule

We enjoyed our food tech lesson this week making flapjack! We had to use honey, oats, butter and sugar. We had to mix using a bowl and a big spoon. We got to eat them and take them home. They were terrific!



Prep 5

By Eliza Morgan

This week, we all did our project presentations. It was quite nerve-racking but fun. We all listened and looked at the different Powerpoints and posters. In Humanities, we got to go in groups and directed Bear Grylls to different points on the map, starting with our school.



Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

Prep 6 have loved their half term of food tech and Art lessons. This week, the Art group had the opportunity to visit the Senior Art room for their lesson. Congratulations also go to Nova and Dominic who have been chosen as this half term's final Prep 6 Star Chefs by Mrs Coen. The groups will swap when we return so that the current art group will do Food Tech and vice versa.



Pupil Voice Meeting

On Tuesday, I met our Pupil Voice representatives who confidently and articulately put across the ideas of their fellow pupils for how we could improve our school community. I'd like to share some of those ideas that will be taken to teachers to see if they can be implemented:

A school pet, bring in a toy day, a litter picking team, a bird watching point in Prep, forest school monitors, a rota of playground activities, opportunities to complete AR quizzes in the library, a friendship bench, use of the art room garden area at break times, salt & pepper sachets at lunch, clubs including KS1 library, skateboarding, disco dancing, & jokes.

I'm sure you'll all agree - very worthwhile suggestions!



Year 5 Victorian Day @ Powderham



Life Skills Day



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Prep Life Gallery

