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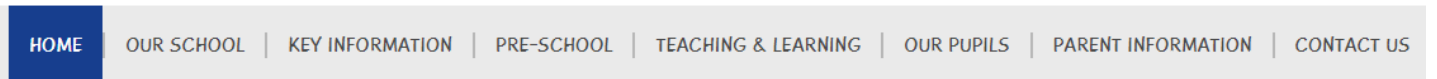


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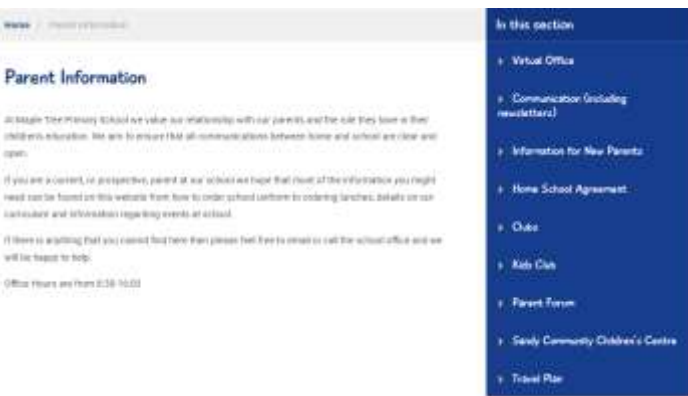
Friday 25th November 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As I stated on last week's newsletter, we are currently updating the school website to help with navigation and streamlining as well as updating with new content. This week I want to draw your attention to the new headings:



When you click on each section you will be given a drop down list which will offer you more options, however there is also



information on the 'landing' page of each section so if you click on the title without using the drop down it will take you to the first page of each section. You can then access the side panel to take you to the page you are looking for.

This week we have updated the [Parent Information](#) section which is where [newsletters](#) can now be found along with our new [Virtual Office](#) where you will find information regarding absence, term dates, forms, uniform etc. Please check back for more updates over the coming weeks.

The children have been productive this week in their lessons alongside getting ready for their Christmas assemblies. They are also busy learning a few carols as we are hoping that if the weather is dry, we will be able to have carols on the playground at home time on Thursday 8th December to which you are all invited to join us. More about this next week.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



## Book Fair

On Wednesday 30th November, our Book Fair arrives and will be located in the school library. Your children will be invited down to

browse the books that day and then the book fair will be open to parents and carers afterschool everyday from then until Tuesday 6th December—just head round towards the Reception class doors to find the external door to the library. We will also be selling books during Grandparents' breakfast. You will be able to pay via cash or on your phone via a QR code. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Sandy Christmas Tree Festival

A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Trainor and Georgia (Elder Class) for their very kind donation of a beautiful tree for our entry into this year's festival. Please visit Sandy Parish Church over the coming days to see your child's Christmas decorations. Thank you also to Ms Cassidy, and the staff for organising the decoration making and assembling the tree!



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## A focus on Science

### Reception

**Adult led:** This week Fir have been thinking about all of the different wildlife and types of land that we have in their county, as they have finished their contribution to the Central Bedfordshire biodiversity competition.



### Independent Learning

We have been investigating which items will roll, and which will not.



### Year 2

Aspen have been looking at the topic *Plants*, and are learning the different parts of a bulb. They are making their own scientific drawings and labelling the parts. They are also observing the effects of the bulb over time!

### Year 1

Yew class have been making observations about the seasons, and at this time of year particularly autumn. They have been comparing the weather on a day to day basis, and are going on an Autumn walk. They will finish their topic by making a rain gauge.

### Year 4

Poplar have been exploring the digestive system, and the function of different teeth. As part of this they will be investigating food chains.

### Year 3

Rowan have been looking at *Light* and *Rocks* as their topics. They have investigated light sources, reflection and reflective surfaces. They experimented with torches and opaque, transparent and translucent materials.



### Year 5

Juniper and Cherry have been learning about puberty and some of the changes that take place at this time, as part of their *Animals including Humans* science topic.

### Year 6

As part of their *Electricity* topic, Elder have been investigating the question 'Does the length of a wire affect the brightness of a bulb?' They carried out a fair test where they had to decide which variables to keep or change.



# Autumn term so far in

## Rowan!

**For the whole of Autumn term** we have been studying a topic based on life in the Stone Age, this has been an enjoyable experience and children have had the opportunity to learn about prehistoric Britain, the timeline of the Stone Age, how people survived and the changes that happened throughout the period. We have linked this learning to history and geography and even art and design!



Rowan Class Cave Paintings

### We have learnt a great deal in maths

so far this term. We have used our previous knowledge to extend mathematical concepts such as place value, addition and subtraction, along with multiplication

*"I enjoy extending my maths."*

*"I like the 4 times table it's like the 2s."*

and



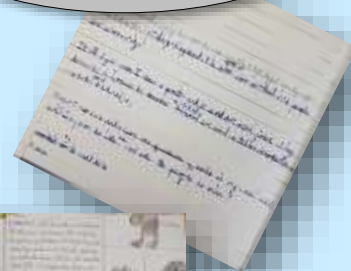
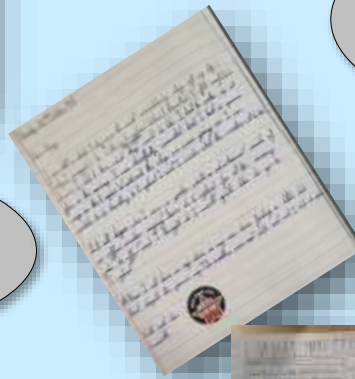
**During Science** lessons we have experimented with light sources, reflection, opaque, translucent and transparent materials. We have also investigated and tested different types of rocks.

*"I loved our lesson when we turned off all the light sources and it was dark!"*

**Our Art** lessons have consisted of both art research and skills. We researched the art work of Carl Warner and Giuseppe Arcimboldo and then used sketching pencils to create a still life using real fruit and vegetables. We have designed and painted memorial stones for Remembrance Day. We looked at fossils in detail; and drew in-spiration from their line, patterns and shapes to make our own clay fossils.

**Our English** learning has been formulated on the theme using some fantastic texts with a variety of genres. In Autumn 1 children have enjoyed reading fiction texts then writing questions, predictions, descriptions and performed and wrote their own poetry. During this half term we have based our learning around non-fiction and researched in more depth the Stone Age to write non-chronological reports. During whole school topics such as Black History Month and Anti-Bullying Week we have expressed our learning through diary entries, letter writing and creating informative posters.

*"I enjoyed doing research for our non-chronological reports. We wrote them with the facts we learnt"*

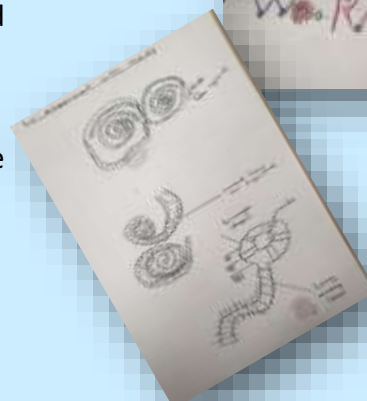


### We have loved learning about different religions in RE

- this term we have learnt about Buddhism and Hinduism.

*"We took off our shoes and entered the classroom as if it was a temple, we then did some chanting—it was fun!"*

*"We watched a video to give us information, I enjoyed it very much."*



# Headteacher Awards

This week the award is for... **...being thoughtful of others.**



<b>Fir Class:</b> Felicity	<b>Yew Class:</b> Chloe D	<b>Aspen Class:</b> Hazel
<b>Rowan Class:</b> Amelia	<b>Poplar Class:</b> Jasper	<b>Juniper Class:</b> Tyler
<b>Cherry Class:</b> Maggie	<b>Elder Class:</b> Victoria M	<b>Well done!</b>

This week's House Winners



**Congratulations!**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Monday 28th Nov** 10am New Parent Tour

**Wednesday 30th Nov** 6pm PTA AGM

**Thursday 1st December** Grandparents' Breakfast

**Monday 5th Dec** 6pm Reading Parent Workshop

**Tue 6th Dec** 9:15am– Year 2 Christmas Assembly

**Wed 7th Dec** 9:15am– Year 6 Christmas Assembly

**Wed 7th and Thur 8th Dec** 11:30am - Mulberries Christmas Assembly

**Thur 8th Dec** 9:15am- Year 5 Christmas Assembly

**Thur 8th Dec** 3.45pm *Carols on the Playground*

**Fri 9th Dec** 9:15am– Year 4 Christmas Assembly

**Mon 12th Dec** 9:15am- Year 3 Christmas Assembly

**Tue 13th Dec** 9:15am- Year 1 Christmas Assembly

**Thur 15th Dec** 9:15am- Reception Christmas Assembly


Dates can also be found on our [website](#).

## Attendance Awards

**Our target is 97%**

Week beginning 21st November

The best attendance award is presented to: **Fir class!**

<b>Blossom (Mulberries)</b> 87.5%	<b>Berries (Mulberries)</b> 82.8%
<b>Fir (YR)</b> 97.8% 	<b>Yew (Y1)</b> 92.9%
<b>Aspen (Y2)</b> 93.6%	<b>Rowan (Y3)</b> 96.9%
<b>Poplar (Y4)</b> 85.9%	<b>Juniper (Y5)</b> 94.4%
<b>Cherry (Y5)</b> 88.1%	<b>Elder (Y6)</b> 89.3%