



Inclusion Integrity Initiative Inspiration Involvement

Newsletter

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Headline! News!

Dear all,

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to congratulate all children, staff and parents for making it through! There were so many challenges that were sent our way, mainly in the form of all the different illnesses going around including COVID. Modifications were made to the school day and changed almost daily with minimum/if any impact on the learning. Despite these challenges, the children have continued to progress and staff have continued to develop their own practises in light of new directives from the DFE.

Children have experienced many things including the following:

Apollo visit to Hunstanton

Whole school sessions with Life Education Northants

Y5/6 Football Tournament

Y3/4 Festival of Rugby

Y5/6 Rugby Tournament

Y5/6 Football league tournament

Y6 Badminton

Y5 visit to Lunt Fort

Whole school sessions with The Happy Puzzle Company

And who can forget finally being able to sing together again!

As we look forward to our first Disco in almost 2 years and begin the planning for Christmas, I hope you all enjoy a lovely break over half term. Everyone deserves to rest, relax and re-energise for the term ahead.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bodman-Knight



Well done to our Badminton Team!

Along with 5 other schools from the local area, Year 6 participated in a Badminton Skills Challenge Competition at Montsaye Secondary School.

The challenges incorporate specific skill requirements in badminton such as, racket and shuttle control, serve, rallies of key shots to allow more tactical play, agility and speed,

We are so proud of our merry team of 8 not just for coming 3rd (not many points between 1st 2nd and 3rd) and the amazing badminton skills they demonstrated, but how they conducted themselves so maturely.

They all showed respect for the other teams by winning gracefully and appreciated the opportunity by thanking the organisers at the end. On top of all that, what really shone about them all, was how



they stayed positive and kindly encouraged everyone in their team especially when faced with a challenge that was more difficult for some.

This term we say farewell to Miss Hargrave after 5 years with Hall Meadow. She will be missed by staff and children but we know she is going to be excellent in her new role with NNC admissions.

On 1st November we will be welcoming Miss Costello to the office. Miss Costello brings a wealth of office skills to the school and we are confident she will learn our school systems quickly.

Please be patient over the first few days while she settles in.



On Tuesday everyone enjoyed a session with Karen from the Happy Puzzle Company.

The Brain Blaster session involved the children working in teams, using audio-visual mind trickery, bizarre maths, 3D team challenges, blindfolded fishing and Big Ben's chimes... all in the school hall!

The theories are based on Art L Costa's 'Habits of Mind' - a series of life skills which every person needs in order to confront and overcome problems and challenges and operate effectively in society.

The children really enjoyed the activities and demonstrated resilience, team skills and great communication.



The next PACT meeting is on Tuesday 2nd November. 7:30pm in the school hall.

All welcome to attend.



Agenda:

Funds raised so far Christmas Fayre Christmas Events

Zeus Class Assembly!



Zeus class assembly took place on Wednesday – it was wonderful for the children to read, show and demonstrate their learning to all. The highlights included the letters to the new education minister, collages and the wonderful rendition of 'Happy' on the recorders!

Well done, Zeus class!



Ares class had an incredible start to the week by visiting Lunt Fort to gain a true understanding of Roman Britain! We learnt so much from our visit, from the horrors that face attackers of the fort, the armour they wore and how to become Roman soldiers, just to name a few!



Whole school - @primary hall

Iris - @HMIris2

Demeter - @DemeterHm

Apollo - @HmApollo

Poseidon - @HmPoseidon

Athena - @HMAthena6

Ares - @HMAres2

Zeus - @hm zeus



2021-22

Term 2

Monday 1st November Friday 17th December

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January – Training Day

Wednesday 5th January – School open to all pupils Friday 11th February – End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st February - Training day

Tuesday 22nd February – School open to all pupils Friday 1st April – End of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – School open to all pupils Friday 27th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Friday 22 nd July – End of term