
Term 2 – 30th October 2018

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The last week of term was Arts week and some fabulous creative work took place across the school including Art, dance, music and drama. A huge thank you to all the staff for making it such a success.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Kate Shearcroft and her assistants, Mrs Davenport and Mrs Maybourne for creating the beautiful mural on the rebound wall using the children's handprints. The PTA have been trying to organise a mural for several years now and it is wonderful to now see it in place.

**Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher**

Staffing News

I am pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Jenny Peall to the staff team who will be joining Miss Fitzgerald as the teaching assistant in Year 3. Mrs Peall has a wealth of experience working with children and I am sure she will quickly settle into the role.

Sporting News – Year 3/4 Cross Country

On Wednesday, children from Years 3 and 4 attended the Ashford Cross country event at Godinton House. Every single child ran the hilly 1000m course extremely well, put in 100 per cent effort and as a result Mersham children achieved brilliantly overall. Exceptional performances from the Year 3 boys (Henry, Callum, Cameron, Harry and Samuel) meant that they came first overall as a team. Individually, Henry came 3rd, Callum came 12th and Cameron came 17th out of 51 Year 3 boys. Ezra came 15th out of 66 Year 4 boys and Taylie came 18th out of 47 Year 3 girls - absolutely brilliant! Arabella, Millie, Bailey and Freddie also ran extremely well as part of the overall Mersham team. The team spirit shone throughout the event and it was so lovely to hear the children cheering and supporting each other the whole time. What a great event - well done to all of you! Mrs Maher.

Handball

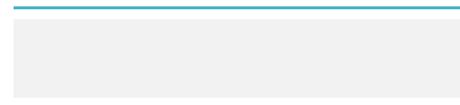
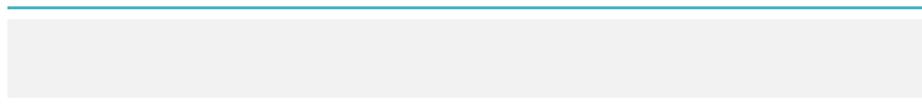
On Tuesday 16th October, years 5 and 6 took part in a handball competition. The children had been learning to play handball this term in lessons. Our team were kind to other players and congratulated them at the end. The Team won two of their games and were placed 4th in their group. The children took turns being in goal and being team captain. They used much of what was taught in

Upcoming Events

30 th Oct	Start of term 2
31 st Oct	Walk in Wednesday
12 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
12 th Nov	Parents Eve 5:00-7:30pm
13 th Nov	Parents Eve 3:30pm-6:00pm
22 nd Nov	Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-5
5 th Dec	Walk in Wednesday
10 th , 11 th	KS1 Performances
13 th Dec	all at 2:00pm
14 th Dec	Carol Service - 9:45am
14 th Dec	Pantomime
19 th Dec	End of Term 2

Reading Award

Well done to Kinney class (Year 3) who have won the reading award again this week with a total of 98% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Ahlberg class (Year 4) with 83% and Hawking and Churchill class (Years 5 and 6) with 77%.



lessons and used different strategies to their advantage. They enjoyed the competition and represented Mersham brilliantly! Well done to Kaelyn, Charlie, Olivia, Michael, Finn, Oliver and Emily! Mr Ives

Adam and Finn have an important message for parents on behalf of Eco Eagles

Over the term, we (the Eco Eagles) have been counting the amount of litter across the playground, bottom playground and the field. The amount of litter that we found in two days is actually VERY bad for the environment and it endangers the animals. We all need to be raising awareness of this. These findings are really bad and we hope that all of you take notice of it.

On the first day of our investigation, we found 39 unhealthy snacks wrappers, 20 organic (healthy) and 44 other pieces of litter such as Lego card wrappers, cling film, sandwich bags and even....a whole pack lunch. The total of all that litter together in ONE day, was 103. On the second day, we found 31 unhealthy snacks, 30 organic and 37 other. Most of the healthy rubbish we found was whole pieces of fruit. This means that on the second day, the total was 98. Unfortunately this means that the overall total across 2 days is 201 pieces of litter.

By the end of the year, that means that 26,760 pieces of rubbish will be left on our playground. Approximately 8900 pieces of that rubbish, will be whole pieces of fruit or vegetables. Of the 17,860 pieces left, most of it will be single use plastic packaging. This concerns us as, every minute, a truck load of rubbish goes into the sea. Already this term we have given an assembly to present our findings to the school and we have seen the amount of litter drop. However, we need your help too! We would like you to try and reduce the amount of plastic in our lunch boxes!

The Eco Eagles are determined to see our litter and rubbish drop to zero!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a parent governor vacancy at the school and information about how to get involved was sent out before the holiday. If you would like any further information or would like to know more about what the role involves, please contact Mrs Chalkley.

Gardening Club – request from Mrs Mulligan

We are in the process of setting up a gardening club to enrich the children's learning in this area. To be able to run this group effectively, gardening club have written to several local businesses asking for help, but we would also like to ask for your help too.

If you have any spare seeds, bulbs, compost or equipment that you could donate to us, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

Class Assemblies for Terms 1 and 2

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

1st November : Nightingale class (Year 2)

8th November : Churchill class (Year 6)

15th November : Hawking class (Year 5)

22nd November : Kinney class (Year 3)

29th November : Alhberg class (Year 4)

PTA News and Updates

Just a reminder that Cauliflower Card designs should be sent back to the school office by Thursday 1st November. Cheques should be made payable to Mersham PTA and attached to the design or payments can be made online.

