



**Issue 2**

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A very warm welcome to our October's newsletter!

Today our children enjoyed taking part in many maths activities as part of our 'Maths Day'. The focus of the day was how we use maths in real life contexts. When I toured the classrooms this morning, it was evident the children were engaged and excited by the activities. My thanks to Mr Thomas, our maths subject leader, and all of the teachers for arranging such a great day!

Additionally, Reverend Lamey led our Harvest Festival assembly this morning; we celebrated and gave thanks for successful harvests. We are very grateful to all our families for all of your harvest gifts, which will be donated to the Wokingham Foodbank.

During our assemblies this month, we have focused on one of our core values, 'Being Resilient'; this is also a British value. In our assemblies, we asked the children to think of and share a situation recently where they had tried their best. This may have been in school or at home, and the children discussed something specific that they have found difficult. Our core value for November will be 'Being Motivated'.

Furthermore, the school has been treated to two phenomenal sharing assemblies by 5 Maple and 3 Larch. During 5 Maple's assembly, we saw a child being mummified! It was very messy! During 3 Larch's assembly, the children shared their volcano pictures that they had produced. They were all amazing! Well done to both classes.

Last Friday, the children had a fantastic time at our school disco. It was a real delight to see so many happy faces as the children left the school. My thanks go to the PTA for their hard work and dedication in organising this event.

I can also report that Mrs Gillard and I, along with members from both governing bodies and Parent Forums have met to discuss the need for wrap around care for many members of our community. We have written a letter to Judith Ramsden, Director of Peoples Services at Wokingham Borough Council, highlighting the need for after school provision and we will also be meeting Cllr Mark Ashwell, Executive Member for Children's Services, on Wednesday 1st November to discuss the current situation. Let us hope we make some progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a relaxing and happy half term.

My very best wishes,

Mr. Rob Fenton  
Head Teacher

## **ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

The attendance figures for September have been collated. We are pleased to confirm the three classes with the highest attendance this month:

**1st—6 Beech 99.0%**  
**2nd—3 Ash 98.8%**  
**3rd—6 Fir—98.0%**

Well done to all of the children for their fantastic attendance.

## **PTA 100 CLUB WINNERS**

We are pleased to announce September's PTA 100 club winners:

**1st—J Jones (13)**  
**2nd—I Derrick (90)**  
**3rd—M Spratt (8)**

October's winners are:

**1st—T Lawrence (109)**  
**2nd—T Sansom (62)**  
**3rd—E Grainger (84)**

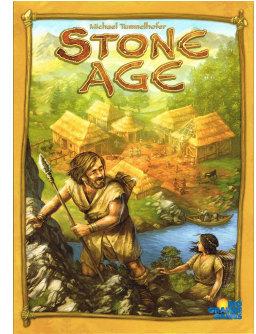
Winners for November will be announced in next month's newsletter.



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## CURRICULUM NEWS by Mr Fenton

In Year 3, the children have been having lots of fun learning about the Stone Age. The children have been writing stories about meeting cavemen and the descriptive techniques they have been using are amazing! Having explored our extreme earth, the children were thrilled to return to the Stone and Bronze Ages and had to make the difficult decision about which era they would rather live in. They have compared the rocks in the playground with the rocks in Mrs Hart's driveway. Mrs Hart was very pleased to find out that her driveway is made of hard rocks that will last a long time!



The Year 4 children spent a beautiful sunny day exploring Reading museum and Roman experience - a trip that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In maths the children have been learning how to round 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They are now looking at how to add using columns and exchanging. As part of their topic work on Roman Britain, the children ventured into the school's environment area to hunt for hidden treasure. I'm told they were fortunate enough to find a stash of Roman coins - they also discovered some other items which they decided probably weren't Roman at all!

Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their ancient Egyptian topic. The children have been using Lego to design and build their own Egyptian inspired pieces; pyramids, sphinxes and cartouches. They have then used these amazing creations to write instructions - who would have thought writing instructions could be such fun? They will be putting their instruction writing to the test in the final week, swapping them around and trying to follow each other's instructions carefully! I look forward to seeing the results! I am told they also been learning about ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs and having fun playing hangman using them.



In Year 6 the children have enjoyed getting somewhat messy creating some impressive blitz skyline artwork (sorry parents – and on a Monday too!) They have also been looking at rationing in WWII and had the opportunity to make some authentic recipes – carrot jam and potato cakes. I had the pleasure of sampling these and can report that they were actually quite tasty. In English we have been writing a balanced argument based on a dilemma from 'Friend or Foe.' In maths, the children have been working out some tricky short division and multiplication sums.

## CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mrs Freeman

Well done to all of the children who received a 'Caught Doing The Right Thing' voucher this month:

### Hummingbirds:

Oliver Yardley, Jasmine Jasper x2, Michael Khan, Sophie Dowse, Sophie Joseph, Lazure Francis, Henry Bray, Sonny Jones, Kacey Howells, Lauren Joseph, Ben Preston, Chloe Huskinson.

### Redstarts:

Beth Walgate, Patrick Healy, Ryan Doyle, Ellie Thomson x2, Katie Gee x2, Amelia Williams, Olivia Froggatt x2, Eddie Vickers, George Graham x3, Fflur Vieten x2, Sofia Godwin.

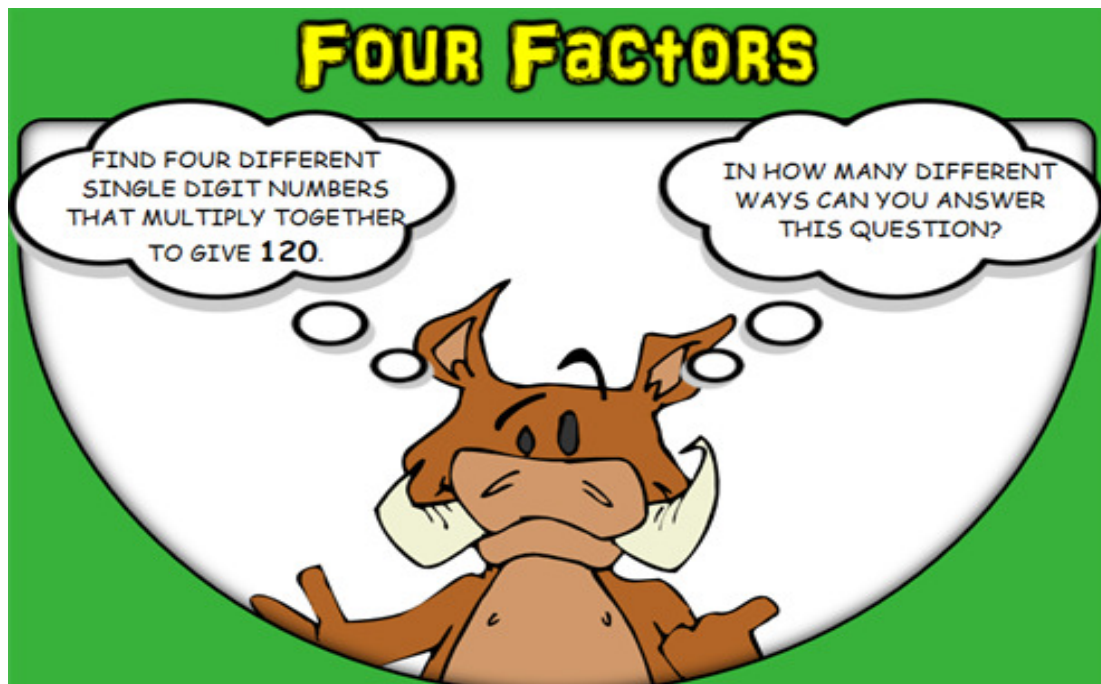
### Golden Eagles:

Ellis Fletcher, James Foote x2, Joseph Tsatsoulis, James Nash, Ethan Undrell, Amelie Lenihan, Mina Kelesoglu.

### Kingfishers:

Phelix Manning x2, Owen Seymour, Kye Hambleton, Divyanshi Dayani, Marcus Bird, Lewis Taylor.

## MATHS PROBLEM by Mr Thomas



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## SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

It's been a fairly relaxed start to the term with us only having one cross-country race and two football matches.

Our first cross-country race of the season took place at Cantley Park on Thursday 5th October and the weather was perfect! There was some lovely sunshine and the temperature was suitable for long distance running. Overall, Emmbrook finished 7th out of 13 schools, with our Year 3/4 girls race coming in 3rd place. Five of the girls finished in the top 25! It was a very good start from all of the runners. Well done to everyone who took part. There were a lot of first time runners in this race, especially from Year 3. It was great to see them all enjoy themselves and also to see their parents out supporting. The next cross-country race is at Ludgrove School, Wokingham on 1st December.



In football, we have played two games, won one game and lost one. We started off the season with a loss at St Paul's. They just edged a win with the final score 3-2 although Emmbrook were certainly the better side in the 2nd half. Our second game was away to St Teresa's in which we won with a 4-1 victory. Emmbrook were dominant throughout the match and were well deserved winners. Considering the small pitch size and tricky astro surface, we played some lovely football.

After half term the tag rugby tournaments start, as well as some additional football matches, another cross-country race and other school tournaments. Busy and exciting times ahead .....



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## LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

- 11th Oct - Year 3 Trip
- 12th Oct - Harvest
- 12th Oct - Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
- 13th Oct - 3 Larch Class Arrangements (3 Larch only)
- 16th Oct - Christmas Card Design Competition
- 17th Oct - Pupil Information

## REMINDERS

- Inset Day - 20th Oct
- Half Term - w/c 23rd Oct
- School Reopens - 30th Oct
- Year 3 Trip to Reading Museum - 7th Nov
- 5 Pine Sharing Assembly - 10th Nov
- 3 Ash Sharing Assembly - 24th Nov
- PTA Quiz Night - 24th Nov
- Open Morning For Prospective Parents - 30th Nov

