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A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of the 2018–19 academic year.

I was very pleased to welcome all of our children and staff back at the beginning of the month, they have all been working extremely hard and I am very proud of them all! I'm delighted to inform you that our new members of staff, Mr Wade, Mr Fox, Mrs Yeates and Mrs Sammour, have all settled in well.

This month our core value theme has been 'Working Collaboratively'. In my assemblies we identified the three main characteristics of teamwork; they are, working towards the same goal, supporting each other and perseverance. The children had the opportunity to share a time when they have worked as part of a team in school and the skills they need to work as part of a team. Throughout the assemblies, I emphasised the children should make decisions based on what is best for everyone and not just themselves, and have the grace to back down when things don't go their way.

During this week, our year six children have taken part in a residential trip at Manor Adventure in Shropshire. Upon speaking to Mr Theobald, it is evident that the children have been a credit to the school. A residential trip takes careful planning and I'm sure you will join me in thanking all of the members of staff involved in this magnificent trip. We really do appreciate your time and dedication.

One of our school values is 'Being Responsible'. I was thrilled to see so many applications from our year six children who applied to become a Monitor. I really loved reading their applications. Every child was successful in his or her application, an amazing achievement! Well done to you all. I know that you are going to make a big difference around the school.

Last week I was pleased to see so many of you at our 'Bring A Parent/Relative To School' morning as I really do value the partnership between home and school. I hope you found the event informative and useful. We will be hosting a similar event in the Spring term. Watch this space for more details!

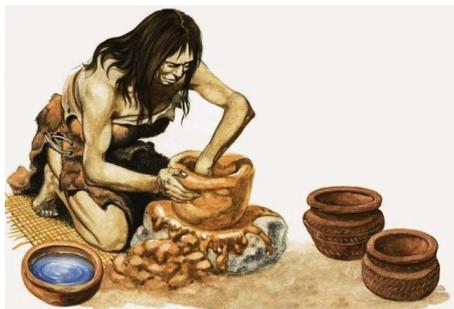
Today the school held its first MacMillan Coffee Morning and it was a huge success. Thank you to all those that contributed, by either donating cakes or money to this worthwhile cause.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Post Ofsted meeting next Wednesday evening. I would like to wish all of our families a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Rob Fenton
Head Teacher

CURRICULUM NEWS by Miss Brown



Year 3 have settled in very well, they are having great fun getting to know their new school and making new friends. During the first week, they discovered a ruck sack outside in our environmental area. Apparently, someone has been sent back in time and is now stuck in the Stone Age! The children are now doing everything they can to help the mysterious "M" survive. They have also been learning about the Stone Age through cave paintings, drama, creating comic books, as well as other activities. In maths, as many of you saw during our 'Bring A Parent/Relative To School' morning, they have been using Diennes, place value counters and other equipment to

create and manipulate larger numbers. This has helped build the children's resilience as some questions can have more than one answer and the maths discussions they have been having have helped open their minds.

In year 4, the children have been learning about place value. They have learned how to compare and order numbers in ascending and descending order, and round to ten, hundred and one thousand. In English the children have completed a story of their own following the narrative 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children learned all about adverbial phrases, how to use speech marks and a reporting clause to show direct speech. On their learning journey they have investigated volcanoes, where they are in the world and their features. They have also researched life in ancient Rome.



The children in year 5 have written to NASA regarding a request for trainee astronauts and are now eagerly awaiting their response. In the meantime, they have been learning to explain how we know that the Sun, the Earth and the Moon are spherical, their relative size and how the Earth's rotation can help us understand day and night. In maths they have been looking at large numbers – up to 1,000,000 and also how to count in powers of 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 6 have started their new Learning Journey called A Child's War. This is based on the book, 'Letter from the Lighthouse' which explores the topic through the eyes of Olive, the main character.

In their Learning Journey they have looked at the key events leading up to the start of World War II and spent time researching topics of their choice and producing a book for each classroom on areas such as D-Day, equipment used and how the war ended.

Year 6 have also looked at art techniques used during this period to create effective camouflage for their own World War II planes. In English, the children watched some 1940s instructional film on how to stay safe in an air raid. Using these the children have created their own instructions, focusing on the correct language used from this period. In maths, they have been looking at place value and numbers up to 10 million. This included rounding, negative numbers and comparing numbers of different value.



CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mrs Freeman

In school we run a scheme called 'Caught Doing The Right Thing'. Children receive vouchers from staff to reward them for positive behaviour around school, for example, being helpful and polite. Each month we publish details of the children who have received a voucher that month. At the end of each term, all of the children who have received a voucher are entered into a prize draw to receive a reward. Well done to all of the children who received a 'Caught Doing The Right Thing' voucher this month:

Hummingbirds:

Charlotte Taylor, Oscar Zheng, Will Tucker x2, Hannah Needham, Evie Sinfield, Jazmine Crawford, Milo Pickard, Harry Squires, Ruby Riches, Niamh Griffiths, Navya Kaur.

Redstarts:

George Cowell, Harry McAllister, Millie Williams, Ethan Marihoho x3, Tamia Yeomans-Mwellie, Prachi Chandra, Ryan Doyle, Audrey Idris.

Golden Eagles:

Jacob Tandy x2, Rhys Gilbert, Aneta Fojta x3, James Foote, Rory Morris-Smith x2, Lauren Ross x3, Pavithra Nair, Lewis Ross, Nedas Baltramaitis, Emmeline Reid, William O'Connor x2, Daisy Cooper, Naisha Srivastava, Oliver Waistell, Freddie Carter, Jake Marsh, Cody Warnhammar,

Kingfishers:

Lillia Sammour, Rowena McCormack, Sonny Smith, Freddie Hunsdon, Samuel Dunn, Emma Schutte x2, Aine Ballantine, Rufus Ashley, Oliver Folan.

SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and the children are ready and raring to go again for a new school year! I am indeed looking forward to another competitive year in PE and Sport.

Our after school clubs have started this week and my clubs start next week due to me having been on our year 6 residential trip. Numbers for all of the clubs are looking really good and the fixture list in all forms of sport are really filling up. We have already had a year 3/4 football competition, which we won! We played 4 games, won 3 and drew 1, having scored 10 goals and only conceding 1! This means we go to the finals day in a few weeks time at Robert Piggott Senior school. A massive well done to all the boys and girls that took part.

October sees even more matches and tournaments, starting with a Netball tournament and Cross Country race next week. Having all these competitive fixtures gives more opportunity for the children to represent the school.

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REMINDERS

- 3rd Oct - Post Ofsted Meeting
- 9th Oct - Year 4 Roman Day
- 12th Oct - Manor Assembly to Parents
- 22nd Oct - Half Term
- 29th Oct - Inset Day

LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

- 7th Sept - Bring a Parent/ Relative To School Day
- 7th Sept - Welcome Letter
- 7th Sept - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 9th Sept - NSPCC Letter
- 17th Sept - Clubs Autumn Term
- 24th Sept - Year 3 Texts and Emails
- 25th Sept - Year 3 Text and Email Update



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