

# **\*\* Ashton First School News \*\***

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**



Thank you again to everyone involved in the MacMillan coffee morning last week, our final total, when we added on the sales of the cakes after school, was £318.49.

This week, as you can see below, our two junior classes had a forest school experience. This was linked to their learning about the irrigation system used in Ancient Egypt. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to take our learning outside of the classroom and make it much more real for the children and I am sure that some of the challenges that they had to solve were also ones that also caused people at that time to scratch their heads.

We won't have any more family assemblies this half term, as next week we have the school photographer on site from 8.30. So if you would like a family group with younger siblings, please come straight to the hall before school. The final Friday is a training day for teachers and we will all be working with the other schools in the cluster.

## Acorn



This week Mr Archer brought in a hand grain mill and we learned about how wheat is grown in the fields and harvested to make flour and used to make bread and cakes. We were all fascinated to have a go at milling the wheat and we have even used some of the grains of wheat to plant our own mini wheat field in one of our outdoor

boxes. We have also been looking at some cut paper art work by Henri Matisse and using this as inspiration for our own collage pictures which are now on display in the corridor..



## Hawthorn

We have been scientists this week and followed up on our senses detectives investigation. The children tasted different things whilst wearing a blindfold and had to try to find which the apple was. They listened to different sounds and had to find the squeak, they smelled

different smells and had to find the mint and had to feel different objects to find the furry sample. Great investigating and writing up by all the children!

### Willow

This week the children had Forest School and learnt about a shaduf. They worked together to make one and we tested it with water.



### Oak

This week

Oak class also had Forest School where we made Egyptian shadufs. Beforehand, we designed our shadufs and

compared different ways of creating the bases to make them sturdy.



Ashton Football Team took part in the Football Festival on Tuesday at Evesham Utd. They were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Thornton and Mr Sidney who coached and encouraged the team.



School Vegetable Patch – the Envirominnies would like to say a huge thank you to Queenie’s father who works for Daylesford farm and has donated some vegetables for our winter garden. They have planted out kale, cabbage and garlic, with the intention for it to be used by class catering in the school meals.

Halloween & Firework Event in Elmley Castle – to be held on Elmley Castle village cricket green, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm – 7.30pm. Fun for all, including pumpkin carving and fancy dress competitions, children’s disco plus inflatables, stalls, BBQ and much more. Entry is free and all proceeds to be split between 5 local communities, including the scouts.

**Table Top Sale** – in aid of Beckford Toddler Group. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-4pm at Beckford Village Hall. Many bargains to be had, so do pop along!

**The Big Quiz Night is back!** – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm at Ashton's Village Hall. 1,000s of people across the UK will be simultaneously taking part in this epic evening. Teams of 4-6 needed. No entry fee – donations on the night. All proceeds to Tearfund. Book your place or get more info from Andrew Barnett, 881 145 / [admin@ashtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:admin@ashtonchapel.org.uk) or David Wood, 881402 / [wood.david83@gmail.com](mailto:wood.david83@gmail.com).

**PFA – HELP NEEDED!** – As parents, you are automatically a member of the PFA. Meg Archer is kindly rallying support and a letter from her is attached to this newsletter. Please do try to attend the meeting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 8pm at The Star, or contact Meg at [meg.archer@btinternet.com](mailto:meg.archer@btinternet.com) for more information on how to get involved. The school really appreciates the support from the PFA!

### **Star learners**

Edward for working really hard with his writing.  
Nell for eating her lunch and for showing kindness  
George for beautiful, accurate painting  
Millie for a great attitude and good ideas  
Monty for great contributions in class in all lessons  
Freddy for working hard in lessons  
Alistair for improved confidence and for working hard in all lessons  
Emeilia for her super maths work  
Flora for fantastic swimming and learning to do the butterfly stroke  
Natty for excellent working out of missing numbers in Maths  
Charlie for thinking creatively and adapting designs in preparation for Forest School

### **Dates for the Diary:**

18/10/19 School photos (no family assembly)  
18/10/19 Flu Vaccination  
22/10/19 Open Evening Bredon Academy  
24/10/19 Open Evening Prince Henry's  
25/10/19 TED (no children in school)  
28/10 – 01/11 Half term  
14/11/19 Hawthorn Class start their swimming lessons  
20/11/19 Open Day at Ashton-under-Hill First School for Reception entry 2020

