



** Ashton First School News **

Friday 31st January 2020

This week we received the sad news that Mrs Grant and Mrs Gordon will be leaving at the end of this term. They are both the first people any visitors to the school meet or speak to and go out of their way to help us all. It goes without saying that they will be sorely missed I feel it has been a real privilege to work with such talented and dedicated people, they have given so much to the school and are valued members of staff, we wish them well in the future. Details for the recruitment for their posts will be available at the end of next week.

In our classes we have all been listening to The Four Seasons by Vivaldi, each class focused on a different movement and listened to it. We have been thinking about how the music makes us feel and how Vivaldi used different elements to suggest each season. We put it all together as a wonderful display.



Marathon Kids update. This week we have travelled over 200k and now have just 419.5 k to reach our next destination of Bratislava. Over 80% of the school (including Early years children) have run 10k or more. Well done to Henry who completed his first marathon this week.



Acorn

2020 – The year of the rat!

This week in Acorn Class we have been finding out about Chinese New Year. We have learned about how the festival is celebrated, the role of Chinese dragons and lions, special decorations and red money envelopes. We have listened to Chinese music, sampled different Chinese foods, made Chinese lanterns and tried out Chinese writing.



Hawthorn

This week Hawthorn class have been learning about grammar in our English lessons. The children have been identifying verbs in sentences and then thinking about the tenses being used. In addition, we have just been introducing sentences with subordinate clauses. The children made their own silly sentences up to practise this new skill. A favourite was, "When pupils are in the forest, they have a night in chocolate land!"

Willow

This week the children listened to 'Spring' by the Italian composer, Vivaldi. The children searched the internet to find digital images and combined them with other materials to make a collage to represent our own interpretations of spring. We also looked at the work of Picasso and Kandinsky for inspiration for our collages.

Oak

This week we have been very busy preparing for our production, which is not far away now. In between rehearsals, we have been exploring a piece of music from Vivaldi, Four Seasons. We have specifically focused on summer and have been discussing what pictures it creates in our minds as well as words we would use to describe the music. We also created some collages to show our interpretation of the music.

Ashton Parish Council competition. The Parish Council are concerned about the traffic driving through the village and have asked the children to design some posters that they can put up. They brought home details about this competition this week. If your child is making a poster please bring them into school by 13th February with their name written clearly on the back.

Worcestershire Wildlife Hero This week Mrs Shiels attended the Worcestershire Wildlife Hero ceremony where Mr Archer received an award in recognition of all his conservation work and for making some of his land available for us to use for Forest School.



Parent Governor Vacancy – our Governing Body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. For these purposes, 'Parent' covers anyone who has 'parental responsibility' for a child at our school which could be a carer, grandparent, foster or step parent. If you are interested or know someone who is, please complete the nomination form. Further details, including the nomination form, are in the letter sent earlier this week and a copy is on the website, or contact Mrs Grant. The closing date for nominations is **Tuesday 10th February 2020.**



RSPCA Bushfire Appeal Thank you all for your generous donations of cakes for the sale last week, we raised over £200 in total. Well done to Nell for suggesting such a good cause for us to support.

PFA Quiz Don't forget that this starts at 6pm tonight and there are still some spaces available. It promises to be a really exciting evening.

Star Learners

Tabitha for her great enthusiasm for learning

Joshua for working independently to produce a superb story

Noah for excellent resilience in swimming and making great progress.

Georgia for a grown up attitude and a super effort in class

Freddy for his great acting and dance skills in rehearsals.

Maja for adding more detail into her writing.

Evie for challenging herself with different sentence structures.

Bill for excellent maths.

Well done; it was a pleasure to share Star Learner Snack with you today

Dates for the Diary:

04/02/2020 Ticket orders for Snow White to the office

05/02/2020 Audiology test for Reception

06/02/2020 Hawthorn 7th swim lesson

06/02/2020 No guitar or music club

07/02/2020 rearranged guitar lesson

11/02/2020 School Play – 1.30pm and 5pm

12/02/2020 School Play – 6pm

13/02/2020 Hawthorn Final Swim Lesson

13/02/20 Closing date for Parish Council Posters

14/02/2020 Break up for Half Term

24/02/2020 Back to School

26/02/2020 Rugby Tournament BHA

27/02/2020 Willow Class first swim lesson

03/03/20 Parents Evening

04/03/20 Parents Evening

05/03/2020 World Book Day – details next week

09/03/2020 Pedestrian Training

03/04/2020 End of Spring term



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