



Our value for the month of November is 'Courage'

'I command you to be strong and valiant. Do not be afraid, because your God is with you wherever you go.'

Road Safety Week



On Monday, we launched Road Safety Week. The focus this year is on lower speeds, saving lives. The children watched a short video clip explaining how dangerous speed is.

They learned that a car travelling at 30mph takes 23 metres to stop (5.75 car lengths), whereas a car travelling at 20mph takes 12 metres to stop (3 car lengths). This is particularly relevant when the speed limit past our school is 40mph. As many of you know, Grant Shapps MP will be visiting this afternoon to discuss the road issues. Thank you to all of you who emailed your concerns. We will copy these and give them to both the Parish Council and Mr Shapps.

School Council

Well done to the School Council, who organised our Children in Need day, last Friday. They collected just over £400 from selling the wristbands and keyrings, as well as donations at the gate. Thank you all for supporting this very worthy cause.



Beech Class (Year 5)

Last Friday, Beech Class made quesadillas, guacamole and salsa. The children learnt valuable chopping skills and most of them had a try of the different foods when they had made them. Delicious! Today the class are making Spring Rolls.



Challenging Maths

Seven Year 4, nine Year 5 and ten Year 6 pupils participated in this year's challenge. The questions asked are aimed at the most able Year 6 mathematicians nationally and would confuse many adults! All pupils who opted to have a go received a certificate and should be proud of themselves for their efforts. Well done to Leo and William in Oak Class (Year 6) and to Joshua in Beech class (Year 5), who all gained a gold certificate. Thank you to Miss Prentice for organising this event.



Consultation Evenings for Years 1-6

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our Consultation evenings next week, on 29th and 30th November. You will be able to view your child's work in their classroom and the teachers will be in the hall for the consultation. Please feedback to us about the 'new style' consultation and the short report you will have to keep. Kelly, our cook will be offering taster foods from the school dinner menu on both evenings, so please sample the food and chat to her on your way in or way out.

Year 5 & 6 Workshops



The children in Oak and Beech Classes had their follow up workshops from the NSPCC on Wednesday.

Please ask the children what they discussed and learnt during these sessions.

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

All the children in school were treated to an early pantomime on Monday. They had great fun at the Village Hall and Miss Tobin and Ms Dean had to 'volunteer' to take part in a dance. They were both good sports, but were asked not to give up their day jobs! Thank you to all the parents who walked the children to, and from this event, and of course to 'The Friends' who paid for it.



Badminton Team



Our team were drawn in a group with St. Mary's, St. John's and our Lady's and they played in doubles pairs. After all of our matches we then played St. Mary's (again!) and Brookman's Park in the second round. Matches

were close and our players certainly improved as the tournament progressed. St. Michael's finished in 5th place, well done team! Thank you to Miss Prentice and Mrs Golding for transporting and organising the children.

Sport in Willow Class (Year 1)

The children in Willow Class are enjoying their sports lessons each week. This week Harry received a medal for working hard and Dawoud received a certificate for enthusiasm and listening. Well done boys!



A BIG 'Thank You'



Thank you on behalf of the Mums who are organising our Winter Wonderland and from the school, for your donations this morning.

I am very conscious that we have been asking you to support many 'causes' recently and you never fail to give generously in support of the school and other charitable donations. I know it is a busy time of year and many of you are giving your time next Friday and Saturday to make our Winter Wonderland a success - many thanks in advance for this, I am sure it will be a wonderful, family occasion.

Reminders

Please remember to fill in the slips for attendance at the Nativity and/or Carol Service, (2 tickets per family in the first instance). These went out via parent mail last week.

Please see attached author letter, which you will need to complete if you would like to purchase a book(s) and have them signed by the author.

Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly.

Their work will be on display for a week, outside the hall.

Willow: Archie

Cherry: Ellena

Redwood: Finley

Beech: Lois

Oak: Morgan

What's On:

- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
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- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 5.12.'17-Open morning for prospective parents
- 6.12.'17-Parent Council 9am
Author Visit (Year 2-6)
- 11.12.'17-Music Assembly 9:15am,
Parents welcome
- 12.12.'17-KS2 Carol Service (2pm)
- 13.12.'17-Choir to Monks Walk
- 14.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (9:30am)
Christmas Dinner
Carol Service (7pm)
- 15.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (1:30pm)
- 19.12.'17-School finishes at 1:30pm
- 4.1.'18-School begins

Attachments:

- Author visit
- All Saints Church
- Knebworth Community Chorus
- Thameslink Art Competition