



Our value for the month of October is "Sharing".

'I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house' Matthew 25:35

### Sharing

On Monday morning, we considered what it really meant to share. I had several children who spoke for 30 seconds about a favourite toy or possession they had. We considered that it would be hard to give up something that was important to us, especially if the possession had sentimental value. I then told the children a story where each character had only one thing left (some food) but together they made soup for all of them.



That led on beautifully to talking about Harvest, which we are celebrating next Wednesday in the Church, led by Year 5. Children in Reception and Year 1 and 2, are being asked to bring in a tin, packet of soup, tea etc., which we will take over to the church when we go, to donate to the Stevenage Food Bank. If the children want to bring these in



earlier in the week, we can keep them in the classrooms. Children in

Year 3, 4 and 5 are being asked to bring in a small donation of money for the Bishop's Harvest



appeal, which is to support remote villages in the Philippines. Again, if the children wish to, they can bring this in earlier in the week in an envelope, saying 'Bishop's Harvest Appeal'. Year 6 children will be delivering a harvest gift to some of the elderly folk in Woolmer Green on Wednesday morning; flowers, a small plant, biscuits, chocolates etc., to say that we are thinking of them.

### Redwood Class (Year 3)

I had a lovely invitation earlier this week to go and look at some artwork in Year 3. The children were drawing in the style of Quentin Blake (illustrator of the Roald Dahl stories) and the results were amazing. They were all extremely proud to show me their pictures.



### Road Safety in KS 1

The children in KS1 have been learning about being safe during their travels to and from school. There was an assembly to ensure that the children understood the importance of being safe near roads. The Co-op kindly donated 'Be Safe Be Seen badges', which the children can wear on their jackets and coats as the dark evenings approach. Children in Sycamore received their badges yesterday.



### School Council News

The School Council met last week and all shared some brilliant ideas about how to improve our school and how to make it an even better place to learn. As well as additional clubs, they would like to incorporate, they also thought about some ways to fundraise. The first event they would like to raise money for will be Children in Need. They have decided that it would be great if everyone could come to school wearing a spotty item of clothing on the 17th of November and give a small donation of money at the school gates. The school will also be selling 'Pudsey glow in the dark wristbands/keyrings' for £1 each for the week leading up to the event. The School Council also liked the idea of having an afterschool 'Cookery Club'. If there are any parents with any culinary talents, who would be interested in running this club, please pop into the school office. We will keep you updated of any future fundraising events through the weekly newsletter.

### Sycamore Class (Reception)

This week the children Sycamore have been busy learning all about 'The Little Red Hen'. The children have listened to two different versions of the story, written about the tale and made their very own bread.





### Year 5 Running Finals

Jake and Gracie represented a Monks Walk running team on Wednesday. The boy's team came 1<sup>st</sup> and the girl's team 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to them both and thank you to Mrs Woods for cheering them on.

### Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Team

Yesterday our tag rugby team took part in a Saracen's Tournament. They have been involved in weekly training sessions run by Miss Prentice and she was very proud of the way the team conducted themselves. They won 2 out of the 5 matches. A special mention to Tom, the Captain who was celebrating his birthday, and carried out his responsibility extremely well. Thank you to parents who helped with lifts and to Miss Prentice.



### Beech Class (Year 5) Egyptian day

Beech Class had a wonderful Ancient Egyptian day. There was an exciting range of activities in the morning including soap carving, bread making, modelling clay pots and much more. They immersed themselves in the culture for the entire day and enjoyed roleplay and an Egyptian feast in the afternoon. Thank you to the parent helpers who made the day possible. We will share our learning with you in our class assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm.



### The Friend's AGM

Thank you to all the parents who came and supported this event. There are lots of plans for future projects and ideas for raising money. If you were unable to attend, but would still like to be involved, please let the office know and we can pass your details on.

### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. Do come in and see their work on display at the front entrance. The work will remain up for a week.

**Willow:** Alessio & Arthur

**Cherry:** Mia

**Redwood:** Jack & Rachel

**Elm:** Joseph & Benjamin

**Beech:** Sienna

**Oak:** Olivia & Hannah

### Our Values Tree

The following children received a leaf to add to our tree, in Good Work assembly, Jack, Henry, Amy, William, Chardonnay, Edie and Lisianna, who have been positively demonstrating our school values this week. Thank you!

### What's On:

- 11.10.'17-Harvest Service in the church at 2:30pm, led by Year 5 (Parents welcome)
- 16.10.'17-Open Morning for prospective parents
- 17.10.'17-Reception Consultations 1-4pm
- 18.10.'17-Reception Consultations 3:30-4:30pm
- 19.10.'17-Beech Class (Year 5) Class assembly at 2:45pm
- 20.10.'17-Mufti Day for sweets (Friends)
- 23.10.'17-Half Term
- 30.10.'17-Pumpkin Carving Compt. (Friends)
- 3.11.'17-Quiz Night 7:30pm (Friends)
- 17.11.'17-Mufti Day for Children in Need (School Council)
- 20.11.'17-Jack and the Beanstalk (Friends)
- 24.11.'17-Mufti Day for bottles for the Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
- 30.11.'17-Consultations Year 1-6
- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)

Attachments: Class assemblies