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Autumn Term News

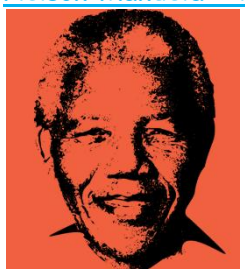
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Our School Value for the month of November is 'Courage'

Our Jigsaw PSHE themes for the Autumn Term are 'Being Me in the World & Celebrating Difference'

Our St. Michael's Golden Rule is: 'We will treat one another in a fair and equal way and treat others in the way we wish to be treated.'

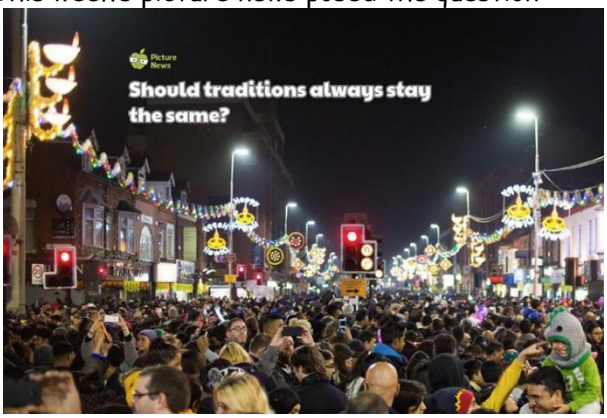
Nelson Mandela – A Man of Courage



On Monday, I shared Nelson Mandela's life story with the children as an example of a courageous person. The children were told about his 27 years in prison but that despite the suffering he experienced he did not seek revenge. He said: "You will achieve more in this world through acts of mercy than you will through acts of retribution." He died in December 2013 at the age of 95 years. Nelson Mandela worked for 'equality', the belief that all people should have the same rights and opportunities. We reflected on this and considered whether we treat everyone fairly. We also thought about how we can make our school a place where everyone feels equal.

Picture News

This week's picture news posed the question



Diwali celebrations in Leicester return this November. It's one of the UK's biggest Diwali festival locations, with music, dancing, colourful lights and family activities. The children learnt that the traditional public fireworks display will not take place this year as part of Diwali celebrations, due to crowd safety concerns at the park venue. Organisers hope the celebrations will still bring thousands of people together to enjoy the Festival of Lights, despite some familiar traditions being different. The children reflected on the fact that traditions can help us remember what matters but sometimes changing how we celebrate can help us keep their meaning alive. Please see our attached 'Take Home' picture news.

The Year of Reading Celebration



This week our Year 6 children were gifted a reading book, 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell, from Queen Camilla, to celebrate the year of reading. This book was given to all Year 6 children across the country and according to some of our Year 6, who have started reading it, is very good.

Cross Country Run



Some of our Year 6 children took part in a cross country run at Queenswood School on Tuesday. We are awaiting the overall result, but Harvey came 10th in the boy's race. They all really enjoyed the event.

Basketball Event at Ridgeway

Also on Tuesday, some of our Year 5 children took part in a basketball tournament and they played five games against other local schools. They came 2nd overall, receiving medals and will go forward to a district competition. An amazing result! Thank you to Mrs Fincham for accompanying the team.



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Football Match

Yesterday evening there were two football matches against Moss Bury Primary – one mixed Year 4 team and a girls' team. Both teams won their matches! Oliver and Gracie were player of the match in the mixed team and in the girls' team it was Bella and Scarlett. Well done to all the players – off to a great start! Pictured here is the mixed team. Thanks to Mrs Fincham and Mr Mali for coaching an accompanying our teams!



Leaf Sweepers



A huge thank you to Ronnie and all the Year 4 children who have helped clear the playground of leaves. They have all done a fantastic job and we appreciate how tidy the playground areas are. Pictured here is the team hard at work at lunchtime. Ronnie requested brooms and shovels as he was so keen to help. Thank you!

Remembrance





Year 6 showed wonderful collaboration this week as they worked together to create a stunning poppy wreath for Remembrance Day. Each pupil made their own individual poppies, which were then combined to create a collective tribute honouring those who have served for our country. On Wednesday morning we all came together to remember those that fought in the two world wars and the service personnel who are serving and protecting our country today. We held our 2 minutes silence at 11am, with the centre piece of the wreath and candles.

Music at St Michael's

As you may know Ms Draper teaches ukulele to Years 3 – 5 and at present it is the turn of Year 5. In the Spring Term our Year 3s, will begin learning as a class. As it is getting close to Christmas, we like to give notice so that if you wish to purchase a ukulele for your child (as a gift) it will be used for the next 3 years. There is an offer on this website currently, Alegree – Stagg soprano ukulele but any **soprano** ukulele will suffice. We have a half class set for the children to use, but many like to have their own instrument.

Stay & Play







Last Friday it was lovely to welcome some pre-school children into school for 'Messy Play'. They enjoyed making a firework frieze, creating with playdough and foam, making patterns in blue, glittery sand, as well as painting poppies for remembrance. Our final stay & play this term will be on Friday 4th December at 1.30pm for fun in our Forest School.

TTRockstars

Well done to Charlotte, Owen, Finley, Bella & Ralph for recalling their times table facts in under 4 or 6 seconds!



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Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday we are asking the children to wear 'Odd Socks' to support the start of anti-bullying week. Oak Class have been preparing an assembly on this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting 'Children in Need' today. We appreciate there has been a lot of fund raising recently, but we do like to support this worthwhile charity.

PTA App & Amazon Wishlist

🎉 Fun for you. Funds for our school. 🎉

The new PTA website is LIVE, browse & book events and check out the class wish list ✨

Coming up:

🎄 Christmas lights switch on (27 November): book your tokens now!

🔥 Wreath making (29 & 30 November & 03 December): book your date now!

🎅 Santa Letters

👉 woolmergreenpta.co.uk

See attached posters, advertising the events mentioned above.

Thank you to our PTA, their website is amazing and we are so grateful for all their enthusiasm and hard work! If you do sign up for a Santa letter on the website and your child would like to send a letter to Santa, the post-box will be on the gate next week for letters to be posted. We have already begun to receive items from the Amazon Wishlist, which we are very grateful for. We will be labelling any books donated, noting that they are a gift from parents/carers. To help us with refreshments for the Light Switch On can we please ask for donations of mince pies, so that these will accompany a hot drink. Please hand to class teachers or to the office. Thank you as always for your support!

This Week's Attendance by Class

Sycamore – 99.7%
Willow – 96.2%
Cherry –96.4%
Redwood – 98.5%
Elm – 100%
Beech – 97.6%
Oak –96.5%

Congratulations to **Elm Class** who have won the attendance cup again this week!

Our whole school attendance this week is – 98%!
Well done everyone, keep it up!

Celebration of Work

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their amazing work with the school in our Celebration Assembly:
Sycamore: Bonnie
Willow Class: Matthew & Toto
Cherry Class: Layla &Myles
Redwood Class: Harry
Elm Class: Arjun & Oliver
Beech Class: Luca
Oak Class: Max & Muna

Celebration of our School Vision and Values

Thank you to the children listed below, for demonstrating our School Vision and Values:
Sycamore: Max
Willow Class: Autumn
Cherry Class: Connie
Redwood Class: Walter
Elm Class: Chloe
Beech Class: Aimee
Oak Class: Fleur

Handwriting of the week

We are so proud of our brilliant hand writers this week, they are:
Willow Class: Evie
Cherry Class: Lewis
Redwood Class: Christiano
Elm Class: Charlotte
Beech Class: Elliott
Oak Class: Niamh

Reading Plus Certificates (Elm & Beech Class)

Congratulations to Benji, Joshua, Aadhya, Ronnie, Finley, Arjun, Thomas, Elise & Arthur who have been awarded their reading plus certificates in our celebration assembly. Special congratulations to Joshua who gained a special recognition certificate for his reading – amazing! Keep up the great work!



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What's On:

13.11.26 – Children in Need
16.11.26 – Flu Nasal
- Odd Socks Day to Launch Anti-Bullying Week – 'Break the Silence'
17.11.26 – Year 1 Book Look 2.45pm
18.11.26 – Year 2 book Look 2.45pm
19.11.26 – Year 5 Book Look 2.45pm
20.11.26 – Year 6 Book Look 2.45pm
23.11.26 – Year 3 Book Look 2.45pm
24.11.26 – Year 4 Book Look 2.45pm
- PTA Wreath Making
25.11.26 – 9.15am Open Morning
27.11.26 – Light Switch On
30.11.26 – **Occasional Day (School Closed)**
- PTA Wreath Making
3.12.26 – PTA Wreath Making
4.12.26 – 1.30pm Stay and Play for pre-schoolers
8.12.26 – Open Morning for prospective parents
- Sleeping Beauty Pantomime
9.12.26 – KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.15am
10.12.26 - KS1 Nativity 9.15am
11.12.26 – KS1 Nativity 9.15am
14.12.26 – Reception Nativity Rehearsal
15.12.26 – Reception Nativity 9.15am
16.12.26 – KS2 Carol Service 9am
- Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner
17.12.26 – KS2 Carol Service 2pm
18.12.26 – **School Finishes at 1.30pm**