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Value of the Month

Democracy, Respect and our Golden Rules

Message from the Head

Dear families,

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

Harvest assemblies

Thank you for your donations of food for our harvest assembly last week. We had lots of parents join us for the celebration and were joined by Yasmin from Luton Food Bank and also Father Luke from St Andrew's church. We heard poems and plays from representatives of all year groups and two lovely harvest songs from our Singing Stars. We know that all our donations of food will go and help the people in our own communities with the help of Luton Food Bank.

Enrichment

Y3 classes really enjoyed their visit to Celtic Harmony where they learned all about life in the Stone Age. They were able to make dens, light fires and sit inside the amazing thatched roundhouse. Some of our Y5/Y6 boys took part in a futsal competition. Futsal is a five a side game played on a hockey sized pitch with a smaller ball. I had to ask Mr Osborne all about it!

Hello Yellow

We all wore a yellow accessory last Friday to mark Yellow Day which recognises World Mental Health Day. We talked about ways to keep ourselves happy and mentally healthy in assembly.

Open evening

It's our open evening next week – you will have had details about this. Please make an appointment through the SCOPAY app as your child's teacher will want to share with you how they have settled in to their new year group and the progress they have been making since September. Please look though their books as they've all done some amazing work!

Coats

Please make sure your child is wearing their coat as the weather turns colder, especially in the mornings when the temperatures are lower before the sun comes out

Have a great weekend, and see you on Monday.

Mrs Adams

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 02.10.26			Attendance for w/e 09.10.26		
	Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance
Y3	Europe Asia Africa	Europe	Y3	Asia	Asia
Y4	Hepworth Baker	Van Gogh	Y4	Hepworth Hokusai	Hokusai
Y5	Mars Neptune	Jupiter	Y5	Mars Neptune Jupiter	Jupiter
Y6	Goodall Jemison Johnson	Johnson	Y6	Goodall Johnson Jemison Curie Hawking	Hawking

William Austin Wizards

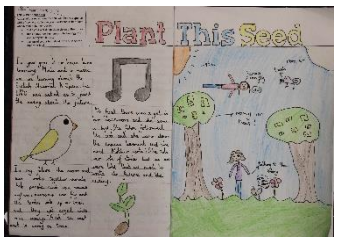
South America	Hafsa	Hammad
Asia	Yamina	Armaan
Europe	Amaya	Ayaan
Africa	Aadil	Umaima
Hokusai	Jasmine	Jawad
Baker	Jannat	Abdul
Hepworth	Eduard	Eliza
Van Gogh	Maheen	Kaif
Mars	Abdul	Aliza
Neptune	David	Hanifa
Jupiter	Khadija	Ahmed A
Saturn	Daniel	Amirah
Goodall	Ibrahim	Aizah
Curie	Fatima	Eesa
Hawking	Abu-bakr	Cecilia
Jemison	Afreen	Ibrahim
Johnson	Falak	Ruqayyah

Take a look at this week's **WOW Work!**

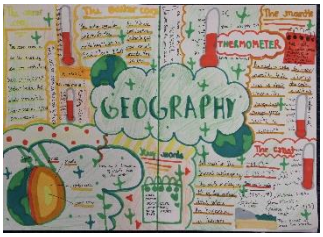
Europe – Alayna, Ana, Ibraheem & Arbaaz

Van Gogh – Alayna

Saturn - Manha



Hawking – Neha



Music - Mr Cowburn

The children have enjoyed learning about new musical styles and instruments in music so far this term. In year 3 the children have been learning about the dimensions of music and how music can be loud or quiet, fast or slow. Year 4 have been learning about jazz and practising improvising on glockenspiels. Children in Year 6 have been singing and learning about styles of jazz music. Year 5 have been working on a project called 'Plant this seed', with the English National Opera, which involves imagining a world of the future and composing music to accompany it. After half term Year 4 will be doing their own English National Opera project as well.

Year 3

Year 3 have had another wonderful week, travelling back in time to the Stone Age during their visit to Celtic Harmony. The children discovered how people in the Stone Age made fires to stay warm, created shelters to protect themselves from the rain and hunted wild animals in the surrounding woods. In English, we have been learning about the key features of instructional writing, ready to put these skills into practice by creating our own instructions next week. In Maths, the children have been developing their mental methods for addition and subtraction, showing growing confidence in using different strategies. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs High and the Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have begun an exciting new English unit on portal stories. Through our class reader, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, we have been exploring magical worlds and using our imaginations to inspire our own writing. In Maths, we have been building our confidence with column addition and subtraction, using grouping and exchanging to solve challenging calculations. The children have worked incredibly hard and made excellent progress. Thank you for your continued support, and please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables regularly at home.

Ms Ahmed and the Year 4 team.

Year 5

Year 5 have concluded our myths and legends unit with some incredible Greek myths. This week we're exploring discursive texts in English and guided reading. Should children clean their school? Be sure to argue it out at home! In maths, we are planning to start our multiplication and division block soon. It is crucial that the children know all their times tables – please practise at home using TTRS for at least ten minutes every day. Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 team.

Year 6

Year 6 marked Black History this year by learning about the important work done by black scientists including Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Katherine Johnson, Lewis Latimer and Mae Jemison. In our guided reading lesson, children have also learned about the black liberation leaders Harriet Tubman and Malcolm X. In English, children have designed their own villains and written character descriptions based upon their physical traits and their powers. Teachers are proud of the children's high-quality writing and imaginative ideas. In geography, we have been learning about the structure of the Earth. Children were very interested to learn about the different layers and the movement of the tectonic plates. We thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

Family Workers

Y6 High School Applications

THANK YOU to all families who have completed their High School Applications. We currently have 42 applications not completed. Should you need support please call us. It's very important to get this done before we break for half term holidays on 23rd October. The deadline for this to be completed is **31st October**. After this your application will be considered a late application and your child may not be allocated a school within catchment.

Stay and Play

Tuesday mornings 9:15am—10:30am

Stay and play sessions benefit children by fostering social skills, language development, confidence, and creativity through interactive play. We have a lovely group of mums, come along and join in, its FREE.

Sewing Classes

Monday mornings 9:15am – 12:00pm

We have a teacher from the community who comes in to use our room. She now has spaces should anyone wish to learn a new skill or brush up on their current skills. The course runs for 10 weeks cost £40.

Please call 01582 509121 for more information and check text and emails for upcoming events.