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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.

Enrichment Our clubs are in full swing now, before, during and after school. Each year group operates a daily club at lunchtime, meaning there is always something for the children to do if they don't want to play outside. The before and after school sports clubs are really popular with Mr Osborne and Mr Britten. Mr Cowburn runs Singing Stars, our school choir, on a Thursday after school, which has spaces if your child is interested.

Autumn Fete
We had an amazing afternoon last Wednesday for our Autumn Fete. The JLT spoke to all classes about the types of stalls and prizes the children like and the results were shared with the staff. Each class ran a stall and created posters to advertise. The Family Centre team worked with some volunteer mums to make the most delicious pakoras, samosas, chaat, popcorn and sweet cones. Two of our parents brought in an ice cream machine and very kindly donated their time and ingredients for free.

Lots of parents came along to join in the fun and the children were so excited to see them. We raised an amazing £3580.85 – our highest total ever! Thank you to Mrs Hussain and the JLT for all the organising, the mums who cooked all day in the Family Centre, with Mrs Slater and Mrs Akhtar, the two parents who donated their ice cream machine and all the families that attended our fete – it was a wonderful afternoon. All the money will be spent on our children for activities throughout the year.

Harvest assemblies
It's our Harvest assemblies next week. Letters have been shared with you. If you would like to attend, please return the slip so we can send you a ticket for the event. Thank you to families who have already donated items of food for the Luton Food Bank. We hope to be able to collect lots of food that will help families in Luton who may be experiencing hunger.

Have a great weekend, and see you on Monday.

Mrs Adams

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 18.09.26			Attendance for w/e 25.09.26		
	Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance
Y3	Europe Asia South America	South America	Y3	Europe Asia South America Africa	Africa
Y4	Hepworth Baker	Hepworth	Y4	Hepworth Baker	Van Gogh
Y5	Saturn Mars – 100% Neptune Jupiter	Mars	Y5	Mars Neptune Saturn	Neptune
Y6	Goodall Hawking	Johnson	Y6	Goodall Johnson Jemison	Curie

William Austin Wizards

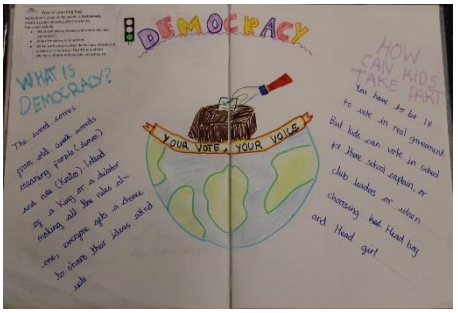
South America	Ayleen	Yayha
Asia	Fatima	Zakariya
Europe	Amaan	Musa
Africa	Ameera	Zaryab
Hokusai	Ayat	Mahnoor
Baker	Ariyan	Maya
Hepworth	Usman	Ayah
Van Gogh	Mikaeel	Momina
Mars	Abdul	Selebil
Neptune	Zainah	Sayyam
Jupiter	Zain	Helima
Saturn	Manha	Humayl
Goodall	Amaana	Eman
Curie	Alyan	Holly
Hawking	Nabiha	Mahad
Jemison	Ameerah	Aaryan
Johnson	Saad	Hassan

Take a look at this week's

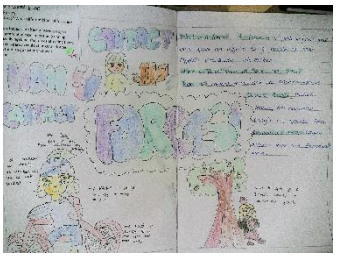
WOW Work!

Asia - Sulaiman

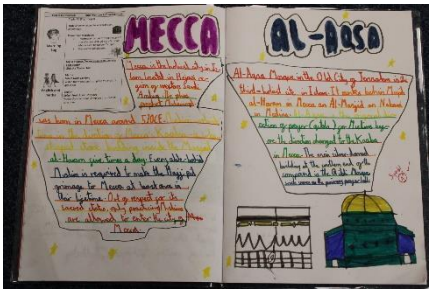
Hepworth - Khadijah



Neptune - Zainab



Jemison - Asiyah



Maths - Mr McMulkin

Meet our new Maths Ambassadors!
We are delighted to have selected two Maths Ambassadors from each Year 4 class, chosen for their enthusiasm and positive attitude towards maths. They have already been busy attending our lunchtime Times Tables Rock Stars clubs, supporting children in Years 3 and 4 with learning their times tables and sharing their own helpful tips and strategies. Soon, they will also be visiting a Year 3 assembly to talk about why learning times tables is so important. We are very proud of the fantastic start they have made in their new roles!

Year 3

What a busy couple of weeks it has been in Year 3! In English, the children have produced some wonderful 'Finding Tale' stories inspired by the Stone Age. In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction, focusing on mental calculations and using number bonds to 10 to help solve trickier calculations. In Art, the children have loved creating Stone Age-inspired artwork using sandpaper and are excited to begin working with clay next week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Autumn Fete last week.

Mrs High and the Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have been developing their understanding of rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, while also strengthening their confidence in using number lines to support their reasoning. In Science, we are beginning an exciting new unit on the properties of solids, liquids and gases. The children will have many opportunities to carry out practical investigations and develop their scientific enquiry skills. In English, we have started writing diary entries, and the Year 4 team is incredibly proud of the children's first independent piece of writing this year, which has showcased their creativity and growing confidence as writers. Thank you, as always, for your continued support with reading and times tables practice at home.

Ms Ahmed and the Year 4 team.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have begun planning and writing their own Ancient Greek myths, and we are all looking forward to presenting them to Zeus soon! In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction, while in science we are continuing our exploration of forces. Our Junior Leadership Team worked incredibly hard preparing for the Autumn Fete and, needless to say, it was a resounding success! As the weather turns cooler, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 team.

Year 6

Year 6 have continued their excellent start to Year 6. In maths, they've been learning long multiplication and division and are keen to show off their new calculation skills. Children have been using microscopes in science as part of our learning about microbes; they are discovering many interesting things about bacteria, fungi and viruses. In addition, children have been cutting out striking silhouettes in art using the beautiful designs they created. Thank you as always for your support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

Family Workers

Dear Families,

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our wonderful mums who helped with preparing the food for our Autumn Fete. They worked hard chopping, cooking, and bagging up food and sweets. The work that goes on behind the scenes to raise money for our pupils is phenomenal. This would not happen without these AMAZING mums.

We have had lovely comments about all the food prepared. A record amount of money (over £1300) was raised this year at the Family Centre stall.

What did we sell?

- 300 sweet cones sold in 28 minutes
- 300 samosas
- 6 trays of pakoras
- 2 large containers of Chaat
- 100 bags of popcorn
- Over 200 ice-creams

We sold out before the fete closed!!

A special thank you to the parents who gave their time, equipment and ingredients for the amazing ice cream stall. It was delicious. THANK YOU PARENTS!

Y6 High School Applications

Thank you to all the parents who have now completed their child's high school application. Please remember that the deadline for this to be completed is 31st October. All submissions are online only. Please complete all required fields and make sure you list your 3 preferred schools. Please DO NOT put the same school three times. Late applications or failure to complete the form may result in your child being allocated a place at a school out of your catchment area. If you need any support, please give us a call before 24th October.

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

As part of our journey as a Rights Respecting School, we are promoting the importance of helping others within our community through our Harvest Festival. This year, we will be collecting donations for our local food bank to support families and individuals who may be experiencing difficulties.

This links closely to **Article 27 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**, which states that every child has the right to food, clothing and a safe home.

We would be very grateful for any donations of **non-perishable food items**, for example:

tinned food, pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk, tea, coffee, biscuits and snacks.

Please help us make a difference by donating generously. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help support members of our local community.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Together we can help ensure that everyone has access to the essentials they need.