

This half term has truly flown by for many of us, being packed full of various learning opportunities and sharing events where pupils have been able to share their learning and hard work with friends and family at school. Thank you to the grandparents and carers who attended our Harvest Thanksgiving celebration yesterday. It was well attended and feedback has been very positive. The children sang beautiful songs of thanksgiving and reminded us where much of our food actually comes from, with detailed explanations about different vegetables that are commonly eaten in the U.K. Thank you also for your very generous Harvest donations which will be taken to the local food bank soon.

Yesterday, we hosted Councillor Holden, as he visited our school to review the ongoing building work. He was very impressed and enthusiastic about the development of our site and expanding provision for local children.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended this week's parent consultation meetings. These are such invaluable opportunities to discuss your children's progress, celebrate successes and highlight any particular areas of need. It is important to make the most of such opportunities to communicate between home and school as we continue to work together to try to give your children the best learning experiences we can.

As we do every year, poppies will be on sale at school and available from the first day back after the half term holidays. We are suggesting a minimum donation of 20p for the paper poppies and £1 for the metal pins, but anything you are able to give will be greatly appreciated.

It now remains only to wish you a safe and fun half term break, filled with the things you love. We look forward to seeing you all back on 5th November, which does also happen to be Bonfire Night, refreshed and ready for another great half term.



Across the week year 4 have been focusing on how to write persuasively. As we have been designing our robots this half term the next step for the children was to create their own exciting adverts to convince an audience to buy their innovative products!

In maths we have been working hard to master formal written methods of both addition and subtraction. The children then applied what they had learnt to mathematical problems. Further to this, the children have been completely engrossed with the work of Banksy during the Foundation lessons. We have learnt about Banksy's identity and how Banksy produces incredible pieces with a message. Feel free to ask your children about the shredding incident. They have thoroughly enjoyed watching news clips about this shocking occurrence within an auction house.

In RG this week we have been looking at people who help us in the school. We looked at the mid-day assistants, the cooks, cleaners, teachers and the head teacher. We thought about the different things they do to help us and what we could do to help them. We used our sounds to label the people and pictures we drew. During phonics we have learnt 5 new sounds r, h, b, f and l. We have nearly learnt all our phase 2 words! In mathematics we have been comparing 2 groups of objects and saying which is more and fewer. We had 2 groups of teddies that we compared. We now have begun to compare numbers, looking at which number is more and fewer compared to another number.



SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HALF TERM—22nd October—2nd November

Friday 9th November—Remembrance Service (Year 6 & 2)

12th—16th November—Anti-bullying week

Monday 12th November—**Wear Blue** to support Anti Bullying Week

19th –23rd November—Road Safety Week

Dinner Monies

Please could all parents and Carers always make sure that dinner money is paid up to date before children have hot dinners with us. Dinner arrears must be paid through the school-gateway app or online through www.schoolgateway.com

Thank you

Thurrock Fostering are holding Open Evenings/Weekends over the coming months for anybody who would like to find out more:

- 1) Wednesday 10 October, 6pm to 8pm, Holiday Inn, Waterfront Walk, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, SS14 3DG
- 2) Saturday 10 November, 10am to midday, Mardyke Valley Golf Club, South Road, South Ockendon, RM15 6RR

Or visit the website thurrock.gov.uk/fostering for more information and other drop in events

Visitor to the school: People that help in our community



This week Reception have been learning about people who help us in the community. We have been lucky enough to be visited by a postal worker and firefighters.

On Tuesday we were very lucky to have a postal worker come in to see us. She told us all about what she does to help in our community. We learnt about how a letter gets from the post box to our letter box at home. She then let us try on her uniform and look at her equipment.

On Wednesday we got the chance to have two firefighters come in and tell us all about their job. They told us what we would have to do if we found a fire. We now know to ring 999 to get the fire brigade. They then showed us the equipment they use and uniform they wear. Miss Gibbons and Miss Tsang had a race to see how fast they could get into the firefighter's uniform. Miss Tsang won!

ATTENDANCE

Best attendance in **EYFS & KS1** goes to **RG** with **98.52%**. Well done!

Best attendance in **KS2** goes to **4BG** with **99.26%**. Well done!

Keep up the great work after half term!

EYFS & KS1 – Monday 15th October –Friday 19th October 2018						
RG	RRD	RT	1CS	1HM	1SH	2JC
98.52% ↑	94.81% ↑	94.44% ↑	97.32% ↑	95.02% ↓	95.02% ↑	91.67% ↑
2MB	2MH					
97.41% ↓	94.81% ↑					
KS2 – Monday 15th October –Friday 19th October 2018						
3CB	3DL	3JM	3MG	4AW	4BG	4RM
95.11% ↓	98.67% ↑	99.07% ↑	97.69% ↓	98.47% ↑	99.26% ↑	95.79% ↑
5LC	5NM	5VS	6CP	6KC	6VP	
96.30% ↑	94.28% ↓	96.30% ↓	98.48% ↑	97.98% ↓	98.97% ↑	