

Newsletter



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Friday 8th October 2021



This week we have a look at what Oak Class have been up to so far this term.

See inside for more pictures!



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THANKS FOR REMEMBERING
THIS IS A



PEANUT/NUT FREE
SCHOOL

We currently have two children who have serious nut allergies. Please remember that we don't allow any nuts or nut products in school. **This includes Nutella.** Thank you for helping us to keep St Peter's School a safe place.



Information



END OF TERM

DISCO

by Pulsation Roadshow



FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2021



APPLE & OAK
5-6PM

MAPLE & WILLOW
6-7PM

Tickets available on the door. £3 per child, 3rd child free for families.

Hot Dogs available and other refreshments.

Willow class can be left without their adult but must be signed in. All other children need to be supervised by a parent or carer.

Please note that this year, the newsletters will be fortnightly rather than weekly!



This term got off to a fairytale start!

Our topic is currently Once Upon a Time, and the children have been fully engaged in the work we have done so far!

We have learnt about The Brothers Grimm, where they came from, who they were and why they were so integral to documenting most of the traditional tales still being read today.

Maths

So far, this term, we have been looking at adding and subtracting. The children have used objects to answer addition and subtraction sums.

We have also used number lines, with the year 2 children using partitioning of tens and ones on blank number lines.

This week we have worked on odd and even numbers.



English

Our English lessons have been full of creative writing. We have re written the story of The 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

Our class story is about 3 Cheeky Monkeys and a Greedy Crocodile!

See the photos for a little taster of the story the children have written.

Whole class reading

We have enjoyed lots of traditional tales in our group reading sessions, including, Hansel and Gretel, Little Red Riding Hood, Rumpelstiltskin and Snow white. We have also worked on other books such as Percy The Park Keeper.



Art

Art and DT lessons have involved various materials, from water colours to pencil drawing and paint to collage. Next week we are going to be using modelling clay to create fairytale castles, which we will paint in the final week of this term.

Topic

In our Topic lessons we have been learning about The Brothers Grimm and their books full of traditional tales. We have talked about Germany and explored the seven continents to see where else traditional tales may have come from.

The children have also been learning a catchy tune to remember the continents!

Music

Over the last few weeks the children have been learning to find the 'pulse' or 'beat' in a song by tapping their knees or clapping their hands.

This week we will be creating the 'pulse' in our chosen song with instruments, which the children are very excited about!

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 Successive Stage
 Activity 1 I can retell the events in our class story.
 Activity 2 I can develop my story by referring to my plan.
 Activity 3 I can choose effective vocabulary and sentence structures in my story telling.

They had
 run out of
 bananas
 with way more
 source food.

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 a branch.
 meanwhile under the
 were a vine in
 one of the
 the monkeys make
 it was to
 see if it was
 to reach
 the crocodile

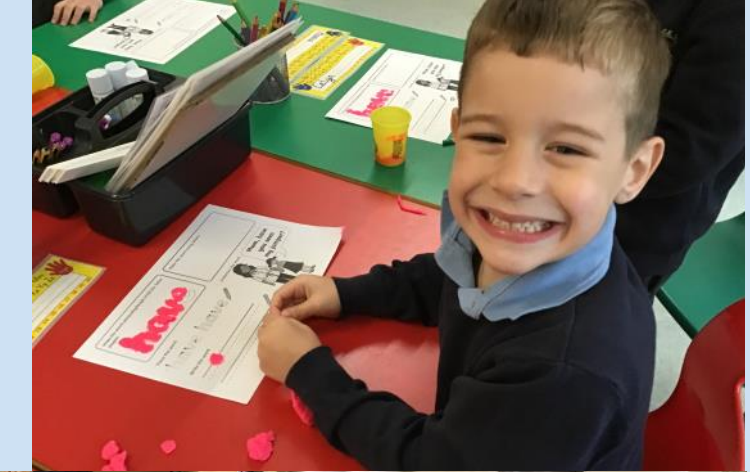
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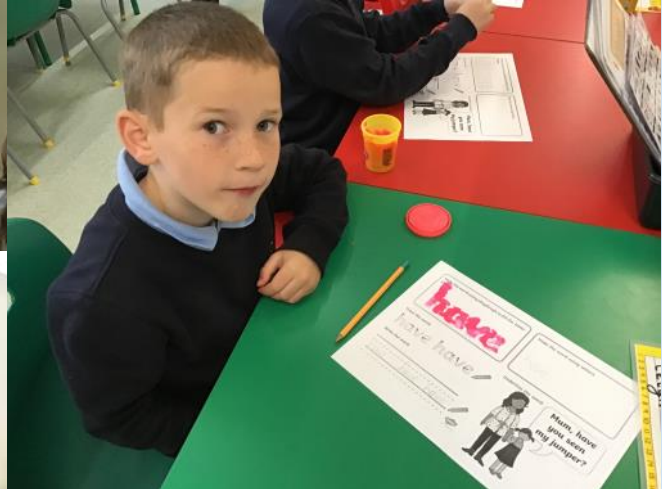
Well done Oliver!

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Once upon a time there
 were three monkeys who
 swung over a tree
 throwing coconuts at
 other. they had run out
 of bananas which was
 their favorite food.
 suddenly one of the monkeys
 stopped swinging. He had
 spotted a huge field
 full of bananas. they
 were packed with
 golden ripe bananas.
 meanwhile under the tree
 over the muddy swamp
 a peacock was
 the second monkey
 up into the trees
 and searched for a

to swing across on but
 there were none to be
 found. so the three
 monkeys decided to make
 a plan. they made a net
 out of the vines and
 the monkeys hid at one
 end of the swamp. the
 three monkeys got the
 crocodile so they walked
 across the bridge of vines.







Oak Class



In R.E we have been thinking about leaders. Our Big Question for this term has been "Who should we follow?". We started off by interviewing Mr Jeffries to find out what it is like to be the leader of our school. The children thought of some great questions and gave Mr Jeffries quite a grilling! We have learnt about the stories of Moses and Joshua, two leaders from the Old Testament of the Bible. This week we acted out the story of Joshua when the walls of Jericho came tumbling down. Oak class were very good at making lots of noise on their 7th time of marching around the city of Jericho!



Today, in science, we tried out something new, dedicating the whole afternoon to our science learning! We were learning about what happens to ice as it melts. We investigated what speeds up and slows down the process of ice melting. During our science afternoon we had some different play projects to work on. One of the projects was constructing machines that would help ice to melt quickly. The children were all really keen to explain how their machines worked! We had a wow moment with two blocks of ice, a block of wood and a block of metal. You will have to ask someone in Oak Class to tell you what we discovered!



PE bags & Bookbags

We now have PE bags back in stock! Unfortunately, they have gone from £6 to **£6.50** due to increased costs. If you would like to purchase one, pay through ParentMail then come along to the office where you can pick one up. Also, we have had new bookbags delivered, which are slightly different to the old ones. They are better quality and have a more 'boxy' shape (and are hard to photograph!). They also have a removeable shoulder strap.

We have 3 old ones left at **£5** and when they have all gone, the new ones are going to cost **£6.50**

PE bag



Old bookbag



New bookbag



Cheltenham Literature Festival runs from today until Sunday 17th October. There's loads of fun stuff for children and adults, both online and in-person.

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com



Over half term, I'm going to be doing a 'Big Wild Walk' with my dog, Indi, in aid of the Wildlife Trust. The Wildlife Trust, among other things, is trying to raise money to restore at least 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. We will be walking 30 kilometres over the week, and as you know, this is going to be quite a challenge as I don't find walking very easy! If you'd like to sponsor us, it would be greatly appreciated. The link is - <https://thewildlifetrusts.enthuse.com/pf/emily-lemaire>

If you'd like to get involved and do your own walk, that would be brilliant!

[Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform](#)

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of St Peter's CE Primary School** if they sign up by Tuesday 25th January. Parents should quote **TERP250122** when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

Mobile phones

We have had a few instances of children bringing their mobile phones in to school this week. Please make sure children do not have mobile phones with them in school under any circumstances, as per the e-safety policy. Any communication can be done directly through the school office as has always been the case.



Handwashing

There are lots of coughs and colds going around at the moment and with the prediction that the winter vomiting virus might be quite virulent this winter, please make sure that you continue to wash your hands and encourage the children to wash their hands frequently during the day and especially before lunchtime.

Apparently, the sanitiser gels are not effective against norovirus so it is important that we are regularly using soap and water.

Let's stay safe and well!



Minds That Learn



'GO HARD OR GO HOME!'

If you're not willing to give something your best shot, it's not worth it. Be the best you can be.

Minds that learn
Hearts that love
Faith that gives

Beau Vernon



A Message From Mr Jeffries



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have talked a lot about challenges this week and in assembly on Wednesday, I was able to tell the children about a walking challenge that I recently completed with James Bird. Many of you will know James – he is the Director of School Improvement at the EPA and previous interim headteacher of St Peter's. The challenge was to walk 35 miles across 10 peaks of the Brecon Beacons in 19 hours. We started walking at 5am and finished just after midnight. It was a great experience, and we were certainly feeling it for the next week!

I know some of you have completed challenges like the London marathon – it really is great for the children to see resilience in action with people challenging themselves as their ability allows. The children talked about the feelings and emotions they have felt when challenging themselves in this way – exhilarated, excited, proud, achievement were some of the words they used. So just for the fun of it, can you encourage the children to find their next challenge or perhaps do something as a family? You could use this to be our next feature in our inspirational series of pictures and quotes in our Minds that Learn section. This week's entrant is Beau with some very rousing words of advice! Check this out in the newsletter and on our social media pages (links below). Send your entries to mindsthatlearn@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

We have also restarted our book review competitions where the children will be entered into the weekly prize draw to win a book. You could perhaps write a review together of a bedtime book you have been reading. Please encourage the children to enter this and include as much detail as possible. Focus on presentation as these will be appearing on the website as a resource for other children to use in helping them find their next book. It would be great if your child could inspire others to read something they had never considered before! Templates can be downloaded from <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/reading/> or pick up a copy from the office.

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Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Twitter - [@mindsthatlearn](https://twitter.com/mindsthatlearn)

Facebook - Minds That Learn





Value of the Term



FRIENDSHIP

Child quote of the term

Care, share, be there

By Poppy

This Week's Big Question

What is the recipe for friendship?

This is the big question that we talked about in collective worship this week. How about having a discussion about it at home?



Stay and Play Sessions

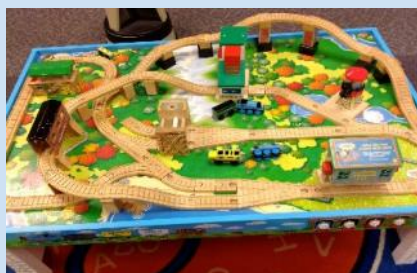
For Children under 5 years old and their parents.

On

22nd October, 26th November and 10th December

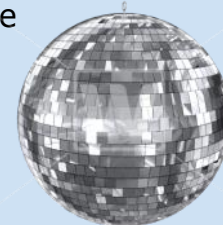
10.30-11.30am in Apple Tree Class.

£3 per family



St Peter's School Disco Rules October 2021

We hope your child(ren) will enjoy attending the disco held at St Peter's C of E Primary School. This is a well-established and much enjoyed fundraising event held jointly by the school staff and the PTA. In order for this event to be safely enjoyed by all, we would appreciate if parents, carers and children are aware of and abide by the following behaviour 'rules':



- Normal school behaviour is expected of all children during the disco.
- Parents / carers must be in attendance at the disco with all children in **Apple Tree, Oak and Maple Classes**.
- Children from **Willow Class** may be left unaccompanied, in the care of school staff providing the parent/ carer signs the child in **and** out of the disco. Parents / carers must leave their contact details for the duration of the event and be contactable in case their child needs to be collected for any reason.
- Siblings younger than school age will be admitted **only** if accompanied by their parents / carers at **all** times.
- Any children who no longer attend St Peter's C of E Primary School will not be admitted.
- The children must stay in the hall at all times unless accessing the toilets.
- The disco will start at **5pm** and the first hour is only for children in Apple Tree and Oak Class. This is to allow the little ones to enjoy a dance without being bumped by the older children. There will be a 15 minute break for Hot Dogs at **6pm** when the older children in Maple and Willow will join in.


At **6:15pm**, after the Hot Dogs, the younger ones can remain if they have older siblings but parents need to be aware that the children in Maple and Willow take priority on the dance floor. They shouldn't have to be worrying about bumping into little ones! The disco will end at **7.15pm** and parents must ensure that they pick up their child, if they are in Willow Class, then.

These rules are an essential part of our ongoing compliance with safeguarding requirements and we thank you in advance for your help.



Awards of the Week

If your child has an award below, you are invited to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday at 9 o'clock in the school hall:

Class	Special Award Term Focus - Resourcefulness	Star Award
	Zeri Muir	Henry Dixon Maeve Forest
	Esmae Boyne-Ryan	Alex Judd Hania Koper
	Flo Oliver	Acton Forest Lila Batt
	Oliver Peasley	Beau Vernon Amelie Johnson
	Jess Delafield	



Important Dates



Please see the website calendar for more information— <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/>

OCTOBER

Wednesday 13th	PCSO Helen Keene to visit
Monday 18th	Oak Class Fairy Tale Day
Monday 18th	Apple / Maple Parents Evening
Tuesday 19th	Apple / Maple Parents Evening
Wednesday 20th	INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS
Wednesday 20th	Oak / Willow Parents Evening
Thursday 21st	Oak / Willow Parents Evening
Friday 22nd	Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s
Friday 22nd	End of term DISCO!
<u>Monday 25th - Friday 29th HALF TERM, Monday 1st November Inset Day</u>	

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 3rd	SPSA meeting - 8pm in the Red Lion, Cassington. All welcome!
Friday 5th	Viking Visitor for Willow Class
Friday 26th	Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s
Friday 26th	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 30th	KS1 & KS2 Christmas treat!

DECEMBER

Thursday 2nd	Flu vaccinations - Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 8th	Oak Class Nativity - 1:30pm
Thursday 9th	Apple Tree Christmas treat!
Thursday 9th	Oak Class Nativity - 6pm
Friday 10th	Apple Tree Stay & Play for under 5s
Friday 10th	iRock Christmas concert - 1:30pm
Tuesday 14th	Apple Tree Christmas singing - 9:30am
Wednesday 15th	Christmas Dinner
Friday 17th	1:15pm finish - <u>Happy Christmas!</u>

Forest School Fun & Under the Trees

Cassington Hallowe'en Forest
School Fun

**Thursday 28th and Friday 29th
October**

10am - 3pm

We are excited to announce 2 Hallowe'en Forest Sessions taking place at Cassington this half term. It's a chance to get the kids outdoors playing, building, laughing and having fun. There will be the opportunity to use tools safely to saw, carve a pumpkin, drill and whittle as well as having a go at lighting a small fire.

Please send your child with a picnic lunch.

Cooked morning and afternoon campfire snacks and drinks will be provided.

Numbers are limited so make a booking today!

£30 per child

forestschoobookings@gmail.com

SCIENCE BAZAAR SATURDAYS

presents

“The secret life of the slow loris”

9th Oct 2021, 11am

Slow lorises are super cute, secretive and weird nocturnal primates. They cannot jump; sing in ultrasound; and are the only venomous primates!! Indonesia's Javan slow loris is one of the *rarest* primates on Earth.

In this online event, you will meet the researchers who study lorises, get to know some slow loris families, and become a wildlife researcher, identifying behaviours and seeing if you can tell them apart! Help us to celebrate international Slow Loris Outreach Week by attending this special event!

Suitable for 5-10 year olds; register at <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/research/public-engagement/>



Little Fireface Project

This is an introduction to our **5 Keys to Happiness and Wellbeing**.

The following pages have information about this week's focus key Look Inside.

5 KEYS TO HAPPINESS

This year we are working with an education charity called INSIDE OUT with a mission to improve the wellbeing of primary school children.

There is a strong public health message on 5 fruits and vegetables a day but what are the 5 things you can do every day to feel happier and look after your mental health?

This is where INSIDE OUT helps.

The charity has taken the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', an evidence-based approach to improve wellbeing recommended by the UK government, and made this child-friendly with what they call the '5 Keys to Happiness'.

Through the 5 Keys, children gain a 'toolkit' of fun and practical life skills that they can use in their daily lives to help them reduce stress, increase confidence and build resilience. INSIDE OUT's motto is: happy children learn better!

We understand that you want to help your children to be happy and healthy both inside and out. So over the next term, we will be introducing the 5 Keys in our newsletters and sharing fun and simple activities you can try at home with your children, to support our work in school.



This week's Key is **LOOK INSIDE** which inspires self reflection, focusing, being quiet and self-calming

The LOOK INSIDE Key helps children develop:

- A common language to discuss emotions
- An awareness that there is a range of emotions and accept it's ok to feel them
- A variety of strategies to focus the mind better, regulate emotions and reduce anxiety

Sometimes it can be hard for children to describe their feelings so INSIDE OUT has come up with using the weather to describe them. For example: sad = rainy; happy = sunny. It is important for children to realise that all weather is welcome, just as plants need all types of weather to grow, we need all feelings to be healthy.

This week at school we had a go at an **FBW** which stands for Feet, Breathe, Weather. The FBW is a simple breathing technique to help children calm their mind and body and improve their weather inside. It can be used ANYWHERE and ANYTIME.

If you want to have a go at an FBW at home, please follow these simple steps:

F ... Feel your **Feet** on the floor.

B ... Feel your **Breathing** - place one hand on your belly and one hand on your chest. Close your eyes. Take a few deep breaths. It's a bit like your belly is a balloon getting bigger and then getting smaller.

- Breathe in and feel your belly rise and breathe out and feel your belly fall.
- Breathe in 1...2...3... and breathe out 1...2...3...
- Breathe in and feel your belly rise and breathe out and feel your belly fall.
- Breathe in 1...2...3... and breathe out 1...2...3...

W ... Feel your **Weather** inside - you and your child could each share what your weather inside is now. Hopefully, it is calm and the weather inside is sunnier. Remember to emphasise that all weather is welcome.

If you are concerned your child is feeling stormy or unsettled a lot of the time, please come talk to your child's class teacher.

Please note:

If you'd like anything put into the newsletter, I need it by Friday, **1pm at the latest**. Thank you

