



St Nicholas' Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 8

26th September 2019

We have hit the ground running this term and not wasted a second of time getting going with our learning. We have all signed our new values charter which you can see on the website and have planned nearly all of our trips for the year ahead. We have one of the biggest choices of clubs and hope that your children have signed up for at least one. I sent all the dates for the diary out in July and these are now on the website. I don't want you to miss a thing! Our first big event is International Evening on 10th October. Please wear national dress if you have and bring a plate of food traditionally eaten in your country. The evening will start in the school hall with performances from our children and parents – please let us know if you would to perform. We will then go into the sports hall (or outside if the weather is nice) to sample the food that has been brought – served to you by St. Nick's staff. It will be a brilliant evening that celebrates the multi-cultural make up of our school. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Julie Holland

What we've been up to:

This term in Hazel our topic is 'Our Amazing Bodies' We have talked about our bodies and looked in our faces in the mirror. We made our faces out of things we found outside and in the classroom.



What was happening in the CIRB on Wednesday? Poor Charlie!!!

We picked pumpkins in the garden and spent the afternoon chopping them up for pumpkin soup!



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CIRB classes have started their term with a bounce, enjoying PE lessons focusing on ball skills led by Dan.



The children in Palm and Beech have settled into the new term really well. It has been lovely to welcome some new children to our classes and to the school. Our topic, Who Am I? has, so far, led to some lovely work in Science – labelling the parts of the body and exploring different art media in preparation for drawing self-portraits.



In Oak, we have had a lovely few weeks getting to know each other and learning new things. We have been finding about maps and have drawn maps of our classroom and where we live. We have been having fun in maths singing maths songs to help us learn about 2d shapes and our 2 times table.

We love the story, The Gingerbread Man and have been using drama to help us retell the story. We look forward to the next few weeks of term.

Fir have been busy in Fir class over the last two weeks. We have been getting to know the gingerbread man story and becoming familiar with all the characters in our English lessons.

In Science we have just done a habitat hunt around the school, discovering which insects, bugs and animals use our school as a habitat. We had lots of fun, romping all over the school looking for habitats.

Year 3 have been using drama to write about the Viking's journey. Here we are doing a conscience alley to decide if we should set sail or stay behind.



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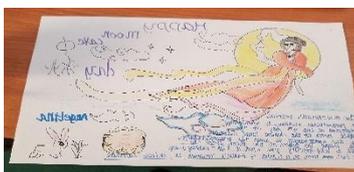
We have been working very hard in Lime class since the start of the new school year. We've been focusing on a book in English called The Nutmeg Princess. This has formed some of our homework this term where children have been asked to make the house for Petite Mama, one of the main characters in the story. The photos are a 'work in progress' from Ruby who is working hard to complete this homework.



We've also been learning how to draw portraits with Mr Briggs. Here are some of our practice sketches.



The top of the school haven't wasted a second of time – Year 5 have been building replicas of Stonehenge with custard creams (of course!) and have produced some brilliant writing and Year 6 have been celebrating Moon Cake Day by eating Moon Cake, made by Angelina and her family, in a mindful way i.e. slowly and savouring every mouthful.



We hope you have had a chance to look at our new Well-being room which is now up and running and also our Values mural which is underway in the KS2 playground soon have which will soon have a contribution from every child in the school. We will let you know when the official opening is.



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Don't Forget:

MacMillan Coffee Morning in the hall on Friday from 9:00 to 10:30.

Hello from Fenton and his Family!!

Firstly, we would just like to say WOW and a massive THANK YOU to each and every one of you for helping us to make Fenton's Fight Charity Day 2019 a huge success.

The total amount of money that was raised just on the day inc. raffle, auction and the children's activities was a whopping

£10, 575!!!!

As previously explained, this money is going to be shared between the charities Rosie's Rainbow Fund, Team Mikayla and CLIC.

Fenton will also be doing his toy run for the children on Kamran's Ward at the John Radcliffe Hospital, which he absolutely cannot wait to do (will post pics when he has done this).

Auction money is still coming in, so once we have everything in we will post an update with the final amount raised.

School Meals

Parents are encouraged to pay for school meals, in advance, using the online payment system (Scopay). It is a quick, easy and a secure way of paying for your child's school lunch. The school does not offer a credit facility and cannot allow debt amounting to more than two weeks of lunches. Please see our school meals policy on the website.

Letters are currently being sent out to all pupils, requesting your child's weekly lunch pattern. This will be entered onto the online system as your child's regular default meal choice. Please note your child can change their meal choice when they tell the teacher at registration what they would like for lunch.

In addition, we will be sending out online registration forms for those parents that are not currently registered for online payments.

If online payments are not possible you will still be able to pay by cash and or cheque to the office.

Orchestra is for adults too!

The school orchestra is open to KS2 children and parents/carers/grandparents/friends who play an instrument. We always need adult helpers even if they haven't done any music before. If adults are interested in helping out or joining the orchestra please contact our conductor, Julia Drown on 07785 791185 or julia.drown@stnicholasprimaryschool.org.uk, or come along to the music room(Daisy Class) on a Friday at 1pm (from October 4th but not Nov.13th).

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