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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 23rd September 2022

It has been a busy week, with lots of clubs starting, children organising play-leading, monitor roles, School Council, Eco Council, child voice questionnaires and lots of classroom displays being put up with already lots of super work from the children. We are all very proud of how well the children are working together to create an amazing atmosphere that we are all glad to be a part of. We are also communicating with Narborough Church to finalise church dates throughout the year, so as soon as dates are confirmed, I will let you know. We are hoping that we will be able to also invite parents/carers to attend the services this year, so please keep an eye out for the dates.

Children's Worship

To demonstrate this half term's value of Courage, the children re-enacted the bible story of David and Goliath this week. (1 Samuel 17:42-51) They showed how brave David was to take on such somebody who was much bigger than him. Even though some of the children had never performed in front of the whole school before, they told the story with gusto and courage.

Parent, Carer, Staff Group

Reminder: We would love to see as many parents/carers as possible, who are interested in being part of a new Parent/Carer/Staff group at the school for a chat and general opening morning or evening on Friday 30th September. We will hold the session at 9-10am and then again 5:30- 6:30pm. Hopefully these times will then be able to suit everybody wanting to attend and find out a bit more about how we can work together to support Narborough Academy. There will also be refreshments on offer.

Fundraising Event

Friday 30th September is National Crazy Hair Day, children can pay a donation of at least 50p to come to school with crazy hairstyles on this day. The money will be going towards Christmas activities for the children. Please do not send children in with hair dyed.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates for last week ending 16th September 2022 are as follows:

Hedgehogs: 95.52%

Squirrels: 96.13%

Foxes: 97.39%

Otters: 92.54%

The whole school attendance last week was 95.36%.

Well done to **Foxes** for achieving the highest attendance award again for last week. Well done, Foxes.

Allergy Aware Schools – Please do not send nuts into Nar Valley Federation Academies

NB. Please note that we try and include in the newsletter local events that may be of interest, but inclusion in the newsletter does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of any such event from ourselves.

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Class Information

Hedgehogs

In Reception, we have worked really hard on the Baseline Assessments this week, showing what we can already do in English and Maths. We have also been looking at how to make numbers and have put socks into pairs. In Year 1 we have been practising counting and writing numbers, making sure that we write them accurately. We have also started our Spelling Frame where we have been learning how to spell key words that we can use in our writing. Next week we will start to look at how to describe autumn things using adjectives and nouns. In Science, we learned about different types of animals so that we can classify them next week. In Art, we really enjoyed looking carefully at ourselves so that we could draw self-portraits.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Reggie, for consistently being an excellent role-model to the younger children.

Squirrels

This week our lessons have been centred around our topic of Africa. In Geography we have learnt about the equator and the temperature changes around here and in the different hemispheres. We have also taken a deeper look at Egypt and even tasted some delicious Egyptian foods. We have been focusing on our presentation this week, from the tidiness of tables to the work in our books, and in our handwriting too. We have made amazing progress with our handwriting and writing in general. Next week we will be collating our knowledge of Africa to write our information texts. In Maths, we will be moving on to our next topic of addition and subtraction. In Art, we will begin to study collage with the model of Henry Matisse.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Logan G, who has shown huge resilience and courage this week. He felt uncertain and worried about his learning at the beginning of the week and by Thursday he was not only completing work independently but volunteered for Children's Worship.

Foxes

This week we have developed our knowledge of the scientific names of teeth through a practical cutting and sticking activity that has produced some amazing mouths! We cannot wait to conduct a tooth experiment next week to investigate tooth function and strength.

The Shining Light in Foxes this week goes to Sophie for showing kindness to everyone and always going the extra mile to help others.

Otters

Another amazing week from Otters! We have been ordering, comparing and rounding numbers in Maths, working on expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors in English to use in our setting descriptions, naming and locating countries in Europe, and identifying the different types of teeth and describing their function in Science.

Congratulations this week to:

Tackling Tables: Esme for achieving her blue superstar certificate.

Reading: Libby, Sophie, Macie, Ashden, Theo W and Elsie for achieving 10 reads at home. An excellent start to the year!

This week the Shining Light has been awarded to Macie for always listening, trying her best, being supportive and setting an excellent example to others.

Prayer for the week

From Esme in Otters

Dear God,

Thank you for my friends, who are kind to me and make me cheer up when I am sad.

Thank you for my family, who love me and help me when I need it.

Amen

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

This week I have enjoyed carrying out Learning Walks across the Federation and seeing how focused and happy our children are. Their superb learning behaviours are also really evident. Well done to all our Reception children who are a pleasure to get to know. I'm nearly there with all their names and they've been good at telling me which sound their name starts with if I need help!

I am also really pleased that we're being able to offer lots more after school clubs this year, with a lovely range of crafty, sporty and learning clubs. Thank you very, very much to everyone who has volunteered, we appreciate it so much. If there is anyone else who would like to, please do let us know.

Well done also to those families who have improved their children's attendance this year so far - it is SO critical to help their learning that they are here all the time and don't develop gaps that then hold them up later on. Our curriculum is carefully designed to build knowledge on knowledge, skill on skill and missing parts really does disadvantage them in all sorts of ways. Your child should be in school 96% of the time or more so please do keep this in mind.

We're here to talk if you need anything.
Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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