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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 4th November 2022

Our half-term has started well at Narborough, with our Foxes children representing our school and Federation so well during tree planting at Pentney, with a lovely message from Rosie Littlehales, the Chair of Pentney Parish Council, as follows:

"Could you please pass on our thanks to the wonderful class of Foxes who planted our Platinum Jubilee Yew Tree at Pentney Parish church yesterday. The Foxes were an absolutely delightful group and it was a pleasure to meet them. Everything went like clockwork and even the rain held off! The class did a sterling job of planting the tree so **BIG THANKS** to

Logan, Lucy, George, Adriana, Archie, Dylan, Libby, Freya, Sienna, Fearne, Sophie, Paige, Theo, Nicole and Harvey. Well done everyone!"

It has also been lovely to see all our families for Parents' Evenings - thank you for supporting your children so well. You have a lot to be proud of, as our children are doing a super job with their learning. A special thank you to those Hedgehog families whose appointments will be rearranged, for your support and understanding.

Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) meeting;

Please see the dates sheet for the PTFA meeting on Monday. You are all welcome! There are some really lovely events coming up so a big thank you in advance to our lovely PTFA team.

Children's Worship

This week in Children's Worship, the children read the creation story and used sign language to describe what was created on each day. The sign language was excellent and they taught the rest of the school the signs for sun, earth, trees and creatures. A big well done to Billie-Jo, Elsie, Paige, Luna and Logan.

Attendance Rewards

Attendance rates are as follows for:

Last week ending 21st October 2022

Hedgehogs: 95.65%

Squirrels: 94.85%

Foxes: 93.33%

Otters: 95.79%

The whole school attendance last week was 95.01% so just about in line with national expectations. This week's has looked much better and hopefully with a good Friday attendance you'll see much higher attendance next week, as being off even for one day every so often really does impact on the children's learning.

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.

Well done to **Otters** for achieving the highest attendance award and pipping Hedgehogs to the post!

Hedgehogs:

In Hedgehogs class this week, year 1's have been learning to subtract numbers using different methods. In our literacy lessons, they have been using amazing adjectives to describe the setting and story sequence of Little Red Riding Hood.

Our reception children have been super stars, learning to recognize and describe 2D shapes in Maths. They have had great fun writing postcards to the characters in Little Red Riding Hood, and delivering them using our class post office.

Congratulations to Teddy, Reggie, Oliver B, Arthur and Ronnie for achieving their 25 reads and to Samuel and Pavitha for reaching 10 reads.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Joey Funnell for always engaging fully with his learning.

Squirrels

This week in squirrels, children have been focusing on the grammar of a sentence. What word classes construct a main clause and how we know where to put the capitals and full stops. Have they sung you the song yet? In maths, they have continued their learning on addition and subtraction and have been incredible at not only remembering their number bonds to 10 and 20, but using them to help them calculate. The class were very excited to start their new DT project of sculpture and learnt a little about local artist, Antony Gormley.

Reading congratulations to: Bobby, Chloe T, Isla-Rose and Khloe for 25 reads, James H, Finley, Oaklie, Scarlett and Amelia for 50 reads.

Tackling Tables to: Finley for red phase multiplication mini and Rosanna for blue phase multiplication mini.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Isabelle for amazing peer reading in phonics and kindness in supporting her partner.

Foxes

We have had a very busy and exciting week in Foxes class, the highlight being invited to plant a commemorative tree for the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth. We travelled to Pentney to aid the parish council and church warden in planting the young Irish Yew Tree in the churchyard. We then joined the coffee morning in the village hall where the children researched Yew Trees and showed off their learning in a quiz. Everyone who attended had nothing but praise for the children and we are proud to have been able to represent the school at this event.



In our learning we have started writing our suspense story and are enjoying using personification of the weather to create atmosphere. In maths, we have started column addition of 4-digit numbers with exchanges, using manipulatives to help us. Next week we will finish our wonderful writing and begin to look at using different methods for subtraction.

Reading congratulations to: Lucy and Libby for 10 reads and Archie for 25 reads.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Freya Smith for challenging herself in her learning across all lessons.

Otters

Otters have had a great start to the half term. This week, we have been planning our own suspense stories in English and learning about prime numbers and strategies to multiply larger numbers. In RE, we have begun to explore how their faith inspires Hindus to help others. We have also had great fun in science, working with Foxes class to make a digestive system using food bags, tights, tea towels, bananas, biscuits, orange juice and water. Try asking your children how they made faeces! They all worked brilliantly together, and surprisingly didn't make too much mess!

Next week we will be writing our suspense stories (I can't wait to read the finished versions) continuing to develop our understanding of multiplication and division in maths, and we will be starting our new History unit on Ancient Civilisations.

Congratulations this week to:

Reading:

Izabel for achieving 10 reads at home.

Isabella and Theo A for achieving 25 reads at home.

Elsie, Theo W and Libby for achieving 50 nreads at home.

Keep up the good work!

Tackling tables:

Izabel for achieving her blue level mixed mini certificate.

Amelia for achieving her red level mixed numbers and improper fractions certificate.

Some children are incredibly close to achieving their next certificate, so keep practising at home!

Shining Light

This week the shining light has been awarded to Gabriella for always being enthusiastic towards her learning and for an improvement in effort on her independent learning. Keep up the good work!

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Half-term Competitions;

A huge well done to all the children who entered our competition to design our new outdoor area. The entries were judged by myself and Mr Bruce Gordon, our Chair of Governors and there were some superb ideas, all of which are going to be considered. Our winners were as follows: Theo, Libby, Logan, Arthur, Rosanna, James H and they will join myself and some special guests to be our Design Team. Well done children, we look forward to the results!

NSPCC Roblox guidance:

As you may remember from before half-term, our survey of our pupils indicated that many of them found difficulties with online content, and quite a few children, particularly younger ones, mentioned Roblox. This article might therefore be of use:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Is%20Roblox%20safe%20for%20my%20child%3F&utm_campaign=20221031_KIS_CASPAR_October31



[Is Roblox safe for my child? | NSPCC](#)

Six tips to help keep your child safe on Roblox. Sign up with the correct age Make sure your child creates an account using the correct age. On Roblox, certain safety settings and parental controls are enabled by default for children under 13.

www.nspcc.org.uk

Parents' Evenings;

It was lovely to see everyone at these and I hope everyone felt proud of how hard their children are working and their super learning. Thank you for your support with your children's learning - those few minutes each day reading, on Spelling Frame and on Tackling Tables really do help your children succeed.

Cross Country Championships;

A huge well done to all our children who performed so well at the Cross-Country before half-term. They really lived our values, and showed courage, respect and support for one another. We were so proud of everyone's efforts. A particular congratulations to the following children who made it through to the next round: Rosanna, Nicole, Oakleigh, Archie, Finley, Elsie and Macie.

Thank you as always for your support and partnership,



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