

PRIORY SCHOOL

Peek At The Week for the Resource Base



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Week Commencing Monday 1 October 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

It's been a very busy week, with Annual Reviews starting and lots of art and cooking taking place in preparation for our Parent Open Session and Macmillan Coffee Morning.

A big thank you to the parent/carers who supported our Open Morning and Macmillan Coffee event on Friday. We had some amazing cakes and cookies made by the children in Beetles and Dragonflies Class and a special thank you needs to go out to Calum, Skye, Kayden and Lubna for doing such an amazing job in serving parents with tea, coffee and cake.

There are a few photos at the end of the newsletter which we hope you will enjoy!

We hope you enjoy reading about what the children have been doing this week and what they have to look forward to over the coming week.

Best wishes
SEN Team

Caterpillar Class

Teacher: Elaine Hayers



In caterpillars this week we made some yummy cheese sandwiches. The children were able to follow simple instructions containing symbols to help them with the process. Afterwards they were able to eat them as part of their snack.

We have been extremely busy learning how to play together and take turns with the help of our wonderful resource year 6 children. It has been lovely having them join our classroom and we hope they will come back soon.

Next week we are taking part in a national event called '*no pens Wednesday*'. It will be a fun day filled with lots of activities to encourage speech and communication. Some of the activities planned are: tell a story using the two-way radios, nursery karaoke and planning a tea party to name just a few!

If you would like to find out more about this event, then please visit <https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/no-pens-day-wednesday/>

As I have previously mentioned language and communication feature very heavily in our timetable as we feel this gives your children a solid base for future learning.

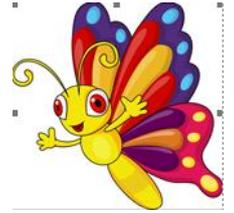


Communication is at the core of what we do at home, in school and in work.

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Butterfly Class

Teacher: Anita Fulop



This week our new pupils have started to spend full days at school. Although, they get quite worn out by the end of the day, I am so proud of them for being able to engage, take part and enjoy the afternoon sessions we are offering them.

We have started to work on some classroom rules, because it is part of school life and the journey is



We've started with 'Good sitting' . When we start an activity an adult is always modelling how to sit still and quietly on a chair. Whenever we see any children doing 'Good sitting' we praise them and hand out stickers. When we want to teach a new skill or behaviour pattern it is always a good idea to praise the success, enabling the child to better understand what are we expecting from them. There are occasions, when a pupil finds it hard to do 'good sitting' . When this happens we try to support him/her with different strategies e.g.: fiddle toys, timers etc. and show a consistent, calm approach.

This week, the children participated in some fantastic art sessions, which they have really engaged with. Here are some photos. They definitely made us smile.



Next week, we are looking forward to our first visit of the Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

If you've never been there, this is the website you can read more about this brilliant place.

<http://www.tvap.co.uk/>

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Ladybird Class

Teacher: Jane Robb

This week in Ladybird Class, the children have been continuing with their topic 'New beginnings' and have been making Dinosaur hats and Ladybirds out of recycled materials. They have been very engaged and have settled well again, after an energetic start at the beginning of the week.

The children have been learning to work together nicely and to follow the class rules and routines. The Star of The Week in Ladybird is Joshua, who has made a really smooth transition to his new class 'Dragonflies' and has been so happy and positive about this change of direction. We are so sorry to see him go but at the same time, very happy that he is going to be in his new class with old friends from last year and this will be a great social environment for him.

Next week, children will be working more on their social skills and turn-taking and we will be having a class visit from our Speech and Language Therapist, Tanzila, who will be taking the class for a whole-class SALT session and working with the class team to put together strategies for achieving individual SALT Targets.

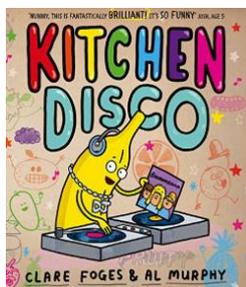
On the subject of Targets, the class teachers will be creating your child's Targets over the next two weeks, based on the Outcomes in their individual Education Health Care Plans. It is really important that you become familiar with these as well, so that we can work together to achieve them, not only in school but also at home. Therefore, Class Teachers will be producing these in draft format by the end of this half-term, so that parents can review them. At Parent's Evening, (which is the last Monday and Tuesday in October – 15th & 16th), there will be an opportunity to discuss these and make any changes or suggestions towards making them SMART and really



Dragonfly Class

Teachers: Lorraine Spiers / Mandy Wenborn

We have had a super week and have been very busy with finishing our amazing work on "The Very Lazy Ladybird". We wrote fantastic sentences all about the adventures of the animals that the ladybird met.



Next week we begin our second book of the term, "Kitchen Disco". Kitchen Disco is all about fruits coming alive at night and dancing in the kitchen! We will all have a chance to handle the different fruits – pineapples, coconuts, lemons etc – and we will focus on describing them in literacy. In sensory lessons we will do tasting and smelling.



In maths we will also use the theme of fruit to practise our take away skills – 5 bananas minus 2 apples = how many fruit?

In science we will talk about the different materials that we have used to make our junk model dinosaurs. Which are made from plastic, paper and tin?

We have now sent home reading books to all the children – it would be great if you can read with your child at least 3 times a week. Please do write a comment in the yellow reading record. It is really good to know about how reading is going at home. Next week, we will send some more homework - back with your child. More information soon!

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We hope you like the pictures below, showing a couple of our class painting sycamore seeds for our craft dragonflies this week and cake making for our coffee morning. ☺



Beetles Class

Teacher: Kristian Turner



This week in Beetles class we have been getting our hands dirty by participating in the Great Priory Bake off!



The Beetles children made planet cookies with the ingredients bought from the supermarket the week before and Dragonflies class made cupcakes all in a good cause for the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We started working on perimeter and area in maths and began to plan our letter to an astronaut. Next week we will be finishing up our letters and looking into the forces surrounding the world!

Finally! A big congratulations to Farrelle for achieving player of the tournament in Power League football during the summer holidays! As well as a massive thank you to Calum and Skye for helping with the coffee morning!



Stars of the Week

We continue to be very proud of how hard the children are working and how well they are settling in. Here are this week's 'Stars of the Week':

Ahmed in Butterflies Class for fantastic talking.

Joshua in Ladybirds Class for showing such positivity and doing so well with the transition to his new class.



Parent Notes / Dates for the Diary

Parents Evenings – Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th October. More information on timings and how to book your appointment will be coming out shortly. Please pop the dates in your diary so you can be sure to spend time with your child's Class Teacher.

TVAP Outings

TVAP trips start with gusto this week, with children enjoying a couple of hours off site at the adventure playground in Taplow. It's always a very enjoyable trip for the children, but they can only attend if we've received *parent consent*. If you haven't yet returned your consent for your child to be part of the visit, then please ensure you send it in to the SEN Office as soon as possible.

PARENT OPEN AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you again to all the parent/carers who supported our Open Morning.



We would always like to see more parents participate in these events and will be sending out a questionnaire over the coming week to try and determine the sort of events you would be interested in attending in future.

If you picked up a feedback form at the Open Morning on Friday, we would be very grateful if you could complete it and return it to Lindsey Hicks in the SEN Office.



New Starter Registration Forms

Can we please remind parents who haven't already returned all their child's registration forms, to do so urgently. It is so important that we have the right contact and medical information on record for your child. We are also legally obliged to complete and return a Local Government Census this week and it is therefore more essential than ever to ensure all pupil information is logged on our database. Please contact Kelly on senassistant@priorschool.com if you require any help with completing your forms or require new copies of any form that may have been misplaced.