











24th October Issue 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter issue of Autumn 1.Here are the week's highlights:

- This week we have been blessed, honoured and treated to two wonderful Harvest Festival Assemblies. EYFS gave us a polished rendition of 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' along with
 - several dangly scarecrows shaking their hands and feet with vigour! While Year 5 laid on a veritable feast of singing, dancing and good old-fashioned presenting to share with us everything they had been learning about Harvest. Marco (5A) danced the Samba like a Strictly pro and the confidence on display from **all** the children was truly remarkable. Well done to everyone.
- We carried out our Parents' Evenings this week which were very busy but I had some very handy Year 6 helpers who ensured that parents found the correct classroom to visit for their child. Many thanks to Daria, Jude, Neve, Fraser, Ali, Keira, Ollie, David C, Lola, Diana, Shayan, Taha, Logan, Michaela, Renato and Feryal (Y6) who did a sterling job looking after parents and encouraging them to complete the Ofsted Parent View Survey (we had to practise that phrase several times before setting off to work!!!) And a big thank you to all parents who did complete the survey. We currently have 52 responses which is great but we could have a possible total of 500 if everyone completed it so there's still a way to go!!! https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/
- Ms Harrison and her Performing Arts Team had a club outing this week. They
 headed to the West End to see a wicked performance of 'Wicked'! They all turned up
 in their wickedly green Performing Arts Uniform and watched how the professionals
 do it on the grand stage! They had a wonderful time huge thanks to Ms Harrison
 who organised the event for and to Mrs Kerr and Ms Clarke who helped supervise.
- Today everyone dressed in non-uniform in order to raise funds for OPAL. OPAL needs a constant stream of funding because toys get broken or damaged and need replacing and we're also always looking to add new and different activities so today was a day to raise some 'Cash for Community Play'! Thank you for all your contributions we raised a formidable £287.52 that will buy a good crop of soil and plants for our planters.

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This week, we tried a new activity in OPAL - Kit Camp!

Kit Camp is a set of creative construction materials! You can see the children building with it here. It has many pieces that can be slotted together to build whatever the children's imaginations come up with! It's been a big





hit so far but we've yet to add the holding strips - that's

when the real building can start developing!! This Kit Camp was £2500 so it should be really good quality but it does need some practice at clipping the pieces together. We're really lucky to have the kit - it was actually a brand new kit given to us by an anonymous donor which is very exciting indeed! Somebody (who can afford it!) thinks our children deserve the world just as much as **we** do!!! If you're out there, reading this, I'd like to say a huge, huge thank you on behalf of the children and myself.

- Sticking with OPAL news, we will be allowing children to wear welly boots after half term because OPAL carries on in all weathers! And so we've also introduced a 'Golden Welly Award' -one for a KS1 child and 1 for a KS2 child who will be awarded the trophy for good behaviour at OPAL!
- 1A have been discussing the late Queen's coronation in 1953 Ms Goodwin was pleased with the lively discussion that ensued until she overheard a couple of comments like, "We watch Coronation Street at home" and, "I have Coronation Chicken in my sandwiches" Well, at least it sparked a **form** of debate!!!
- Ms Howard has been making 6A cry this week with her dramatic telling of 'The Windrush Child'! - a very moving story according to her class as they sat there in tears at the end of the book!
- And finally, our breakfast club had a very spooky breakfast today to celebrate Halloween next week. Treats were laid out and the hall was decorated in cobwebs and sparkly lights for the children. A great time was had by all—though I'm pretty sure Mrs. Ratty and Mrs. Roberts missed the memo on fancy dress and just turned up as "themselves"!



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- As part of their Harvest preparations, EYFS have been peeling, chopping, and grinding up a variety of vegetables, blending them all into a soup which was then consumed by all as a tasty starter before lunch. I was the lucky recipient of a bowl of it for my own lunch and I can absolutely highly recommend the 'Cheeky Chef's Cafe' for a nutritious and tasty lunchtime snack!
- And, finally, thank you to everyone who bought books from our Book Fair this week - it's so important to instil a love of books in your children and this is one way to do it. We also get a percentage of the profits to spend on books for our own libraries and vending machine so we are so grateful to everyone for your contributions.

 And that's the end of the first half term! Please don't forget that all children must wear winter uniform when they return in November. It just remains for me to wish you all a Happy Halloween, perfect Pumpkin-picking and a terrific halfterm holiday and I leave you with this thought:

"Be the treat in a world full of tricks."

Mrs. Learle

With kind regards and best wishes,







Golden Welly Award



The award for great OPAL play this week goes to:

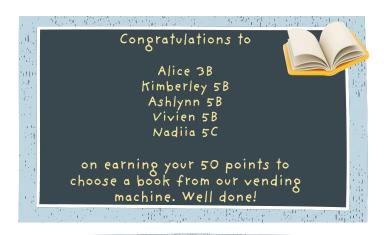
Harley in 2A Alice in 3A

Well done!



Stars of the Week

RI Cooper 4A Evie R2 Daniyal 4B Brian 5A Regi IA Max 1B Shalom 5B Azaan 5C Halimat 2A Hallie 6A Feryal 2B Denzal 6B Adelaide 3A Jessica 3B Kamiliya Willow Charles



Reaching gold this week

Bonnie RI Isaiah 1B Zoey 5C Zayna 3A Zahra RI Rukah-Ya IB Nate 3A Harper 5C Aleeha 5C Cooper RI N'Myah IB Freddy 3B Jessica 5C Lottie RI Eva 1B Sofia 3B Halimat 5C Dev RI Hallie 2A Alice 3B Jax RI Khaleelah 5C Annie 2A Ruby 3B Parker 2A Rhea 5C Luca RI Ameer 3B Aibinu 5C Mariam RI Vadim 2A Charlie 3B Grace 5C Oonagh RI Fola 2A Logan 3B Polly 50 Tallulah R2 Lexi 2A Raahim 3B Ollie R2 Isa 2A Joshua 5C Evani 3B Danyil R2 Jacob 5C Jude 2A Elliot 4A Jimmy 5C Camilla 2A Max R2 Aisha 4A Judah 50 Haniya R2 Fletcher 2B Jamie 5A Joel 5C Freddie R2 Ada 2B Emma 5A Aaliyah R2 Dexter 2B Reppie 5C Irhaa 5B Sofia 2B Adam 5C Amayah IA Max 5B Michaela 6A Amaria IA Tasnim 2B Kevin 5B Yaid 6A Teddy IA Vinnie 2B Sinachi 5B Logan 6A Ava IA Siyana 2B Mark 5B Albert 6B Kiaan IA Arham 3A Jibreel 5B Madalin IA Aaron 3A Oyintade 5B Shakira 6B Daria 6B Finley IA Kai 3A

Kindness Award

RI Jax 4A George
R2 Freddie 4B Sidney
IA Ava 5A Seth
IB Mabel 5B Max
2A Billie 5C Khaleelah
2B Arisha 6A Ben
3A Vivaan 6B Nicole
3B Lauren



Achiever Badges

Congratulation to

Finley 1A Camilla 2A Elliot 4A Aisha 4A

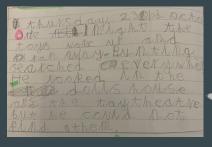


for reaching gold 5 times and earning an achiever badge.

Well done!

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Presentation Award



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Niyanshi in IB





Autumn Term Dates

- Monday 3rd November back to school
- Monday 3rd November Individual pupil photos
- Monday 3rd November PTA Firework Night
- Tuesday 11th November Remembrance Service @ 10:30
- Friday 14th November Children in Need
- Tuesday 18th November Flu immunisation catch up day
- Monday 24th November Stay and Learn week
- Thursday 4th December Reindeer Run
- Friday 5th December Whole school trip to the panto @ Queen's Theatre
- Week beginning 8th December EYFS & KS1 Christmas concerts. Dates and times TBC
- Thursday 11th December NSPCC Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Friday 12th December PTA Christmas Bazaar
- Monday 15th December Christmas Piano Music assembly @ 2:15
- Wednesday 17th December PTA Breakfast with Santa
- Thursday 18th December Choir singing in Romford Town Centre @ 1:00 pm
- Friday 19th December Holy Cross
 Church and break up at 1:30 pm

