



Newsletter 9

Autumn 2017

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation with the new pick up and drop off arrangements, especially for Y1-Y3. The children seem to be getting used to them, as do parents. Please be mindful that the pavement area outside of the school may be even more congested than usual. Please feel free to park your bikes in the Early Years bike area at pick up time as this will help.

As parents and carers it can be hard to know where to look for information or help as the range of issues which come with being a parent are many and varied. We are delighted to welcome Hannah, our new family worker to our team. Hannah can be found at the school gates on alternate Tuesday mornings and is interested to hear what kind of support or information you feel would be useful. Another useful tool is the newly launched [Parent Info](#) website which provides links to organisations providing advice on mental and physical well-being, on-line safety, body confidence and many more topics. For concerns specifically about online safety why not check the [Parent Zone](#) page on our website.

Nikki Brown

'Let's Celebrate' is the Reception topic for this half term. Our topic focuses on learning about how, what and why people celebrate around the world. On Thursday Early Years children had their very own Dia de los Muertos Parade to celebrate All Souls Day. The children made fabulous masks for the event. Many children went trick or treating the other day for Halloween, so we have looked at how people in Mexico celebrate Dia de los Muertos and how they honour the memory of their family members who have passed away.



On Friday 20th October 60 authors and illustrators from Year 3 attended their first book launch at Rock Road Library. There was a fantastic turn out of family and friends and the children shared their creations with enthusiasm and confidence. We were very proud and, judging from their feedback, our guests were also very impressed!

The Year 3 Team



"This is the THIRD book launch I have been to this week and yours was by far the BEST!!! I wish all my authors were as enthusiastic and talented and inspired as you!"

Class of the Week

Amethyst

This class deserve class of the week because there was a point, 9 weeks ago, when none of them knew anything about a particular story. This particular story was disguised in very fiddly language. Every single one of this class is now an expert at this story. They can articulate all of the twists and turns in the story beautifully, and have found meaning in language so complicated that lots of grown ups even shy away from it. It is now their story, and in 12 days, they will be on a stage telling it in front of a big audience. They aren't there yet, but their teacher has confidence in each one of them that when the time comes, as long as they persevere and work as a company, not as a group of individuals, they will be ready to put on a wonderful performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream at the Mumford Theatre.

Class of the week is... Amethyst!



Bag2 School—Tuesday 7th November

Don't forget to sort through the wardrobe this weekend as we will be collecting bags of unwanted clothes to be recycled and also earn some funds for the school. Bags are to be taken to car park area on Tuesday morning please.

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Crimson: Sara Ruby
Scarlet: Evelyn Quing Li
Burgundy: Macky Marni
Ruby: Jishnu Mattie
Topaz; Noah
Turquoise: Lana Naomi
Jade: Henry
Sapphire: Ubaid
Indigo: Orla Vinayak
Amethyst: Jacob
Violet Jake
Lilac: Alicia

6th –9th Nov: Y6 Bikeability
7th Nov: FOM Bags to School
15th Nov: Y5 Shakespeare at Mumford Theatre
21st November : Year 2 Flights of Wonder Trip
2nd Dec: FOM Christmas Bazaar
7th Dec: Flu Vaccinations YR -Y4
11th-14th Dec: EY/KS1 performance
19th Dec: last day of Term
3rd Jan: INSET DAY
4th Jan: Children start back at school



School Redevelopment News

Morgan Sindell will be sending out regular newsletters to keep you updated with how the school redevelopment is progressing and what will be happening in the coming weeks. You should have received issue 1 today