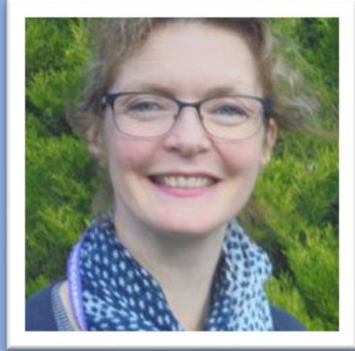


VALE MAIL

Christmas edition 2021



Christmas Interview with Rachel Perks

James asked Mrs Perks what her wish for Christmas was. She said she would love COVID to be over and for us all to have Christmas Dinner together.

James then asked Mrs Perks what the best part of her job was. The best part of her job she said was meeting and greeting the pupils every morning as they came into school.

The next question James asked was about Mrs Perks and her hobbies. Mrs Perks said she liked to walk her dogs and anything that was creative like making 'Christmas Wreaths'. She also said she liked running when she could fit it in.

James then asked her what music she liked and she said anything that made her happy and she could dance to.

The next question was about Mrs Perks and her pets. She said she had three pets, a cat called Quattro and two dogs called Susie and Dougal.

This was a lovely interview James said and he enjoyed doing it for the School Council.

The School Council would like to say goodbye and all the best to Mr. Richmond, Mr. Agg and Ms Hatley who are leaving this term.



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Head Girl and Head Boy



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have had a very enjoyable and exciting first term and despite COVID we have managed to do a lot of activities. These have included a virtual Harvest Festival with donations to Caring Hands which supports the homeless within the area of Evesham and produce food parcels for families in need.

The ECO Warriors are starting a new project called WASUP. This is 'World Against Single Use Plastic' and Mr. Train our Outdoor Pursuits teacher is leading this project. We are hoping to collect plastic waste around our local area and water ways and dispose of it so it can be recycled. Wychavon Council have given us some lovely litter pickers and bags to collect the plastic in.

The whole school did a topic day on 'Poppy Day' and Remembrance Sunday, where we collected well over a hundred pounds selling poppies and gifts for the British Legion. Thank you to all of you who helped us raise this money it is much appreciated.

We also celebrated the festival of light, Diwali, which was enjoyed by the day and residential students. Rangoli patterns, the story of Rama and Sita and many more art and music experiences were enjoyed by the school.

'Children in Need', was a huge success and raised over £300 which was marvelous. All classes enjoyed the day and did some wonderful activities to raise money including eating some wonderful cakes.

The Shoe Box appeal for T4U was also supported by the Vale of Evesham School and the residential students took the boxes to the T4U warehouse to begin their journey by ship to areas in the world that will appreciate a Christmas gift.

Sadly, we said goodbye to our lovely student Fahd this term and held a celebration of his life for his family, staff and the sixth form students, this was a lovely event, where we released balloons and gave his sisters and brother the 'Memory Book', we had created.

Thank you for all your support of our wonderful school and have a relaxing safe and enjoyable Christmas.

Casey (Head Girl) and George (Head Boy)

RESIDENTIAL

Christmas is nearly upon us as we come to the end of another term. It has been a busy term for our young people with lots of fun activities. We started this half term off with Halloween, hallowing out pumpkins and designing scary faces.



We have been lucky enough to participate in cricket club on a Tuesday evening.

We have started to get into the Christmas spirit by visiting different places in the community.



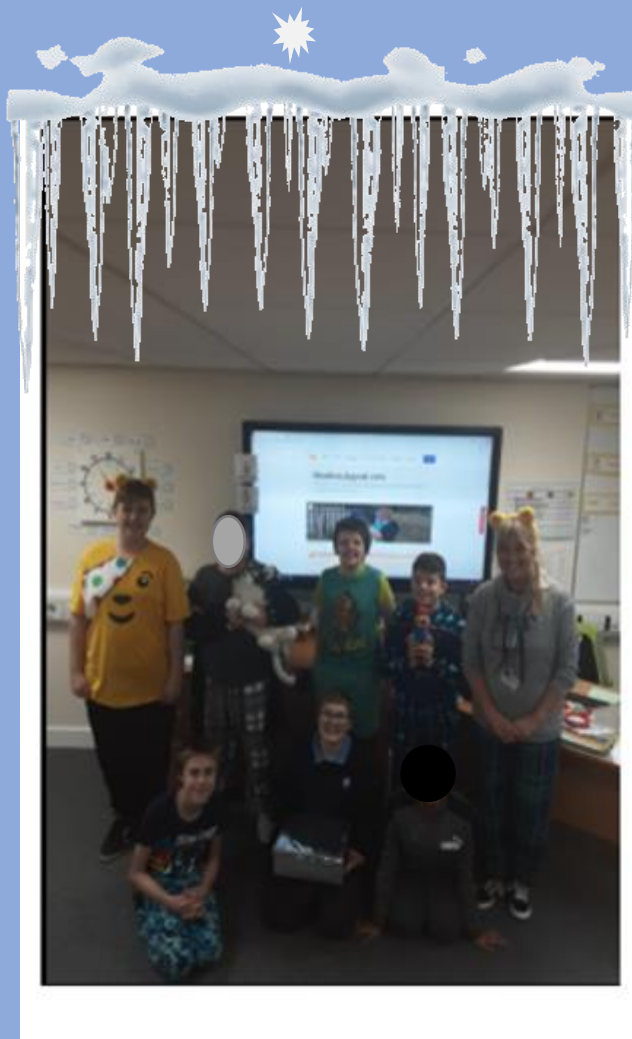
As well as working on our social, communication and independent skills.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Everyone in Residential



❄️ Shoe Box Appeal ❄️



The Vale of Evesham School supports the T4U shoe box appeal. School classes and families have supplied shoe boxes for different aged children. The Residential students take the shoeboxes to the T4U warehouse in Evesham. They are checked and then picked up by lorry to take to their destinations around the world e.g. Romania.

THREE





MEP Getting Arty!

MEP have been getting arty! We have studied the artist L.S Lowry and have created our own interpretations. We obviously have some budding artists in class! We looked at the colours Lowry used, tried mixing his colours and then had a go at creating our own stick people using charcoal. We are now looking forward to learning more about our next artist Wassily Kandinsky next!



FOUR



Litter Picking.



Malachi has been making sure that the school grounds are litter free. He was being a wonderful ECO Warrior for the Vale of Evesham School.

Well-done Malachi!



Oak Class - December Newsletter

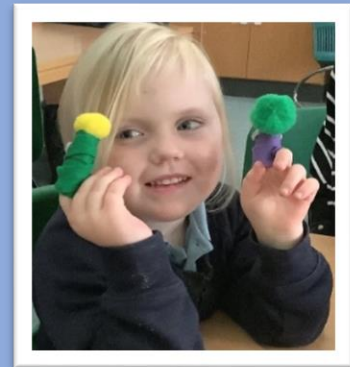
We have been very busy in Oak Class, here are a few things we have been up to...

We celebrated Diwali by listening to the story Dipal's Diwali. We loved watching videos of them making colourful Rangoli patterns so we made some ourselves using a dabbing method. We then explored what it felt like having Mendhi patterns drawn on our hands.



Autumn term means learning all about harvest and taking part in a Harvest Festival! We explored different vegetables and their textures in the tuff tray, played guess the vegetable game and then completed some beautiful vegetable printing before making harvest wreaths.

Oak class took part in a Superhero reading enrichment day where we became super hero readers as we have been working hard on our phonics this term following our new Read Write Inc scheme. We listened to some brilliant superhero books before putting on superhero masks and making our own superhero finger puppets!



6th form joins Smart Schools council to promote pupil voice and democracy.

This year 6th form has joined smart school council a program that helps schools promote pupil voice and democracy. Every two weeks meetings are held in class. The meetings are pupil led and follow the supportive online resources from Smart school council.

The smart school council believe that every child's voice should be involved and that pupils can learn a broad range of key skills as a result.

We wanted to make a difference in school and our community and the smart schools format helps us with this.

At the meeting we take part in a debate with other schools. The debates are often topical but can also be a fun topic. Our results are put online and we then view how other schools have voted too. It's been amazing how every pupil has found something to say even those who usually find it difficult to put their point of view forward.

We are calling ourselves the 6th form action team because we want to act on our ideas and not just sit back and wait for others to make the difference.

Our first challenge is to set up Safe places again in Evesham. We are communicating with the Our way self-advocacy group who manage this in our area and plan to contact local businesses. We are also hoping to set up a simple news sheet for pupils every half term.







In school we now have a notice board that shows the progress of our projects and photos of our successes.

Pupils are genuinely excited to meet together and the smart school's format is supporting our pupils in their independence and learning.











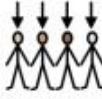




 
Christmas newsletter

 and   have  bought  some  exciting  new  play

 equipment for  Middle  School  pupils to  play with  on the  playground.

There are  lots of  fun  things for  our young people to  use.

There are  different size  balls,  racquets, a  parachute,  hoops and

 skipping ropes.  We  hope  that everyone  enjoys  using  our  new

 equipment.



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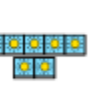
films.



 
Violin lessons




         
We are lucky to be able to offer violin lessons to some

 
pupils in school.

         
Helen our Violin teacher comes once a week to teach


violin.

        
Josh in MMR class has been learning how to play.

       
Josh says that he "loves the sound of it"



Maple class

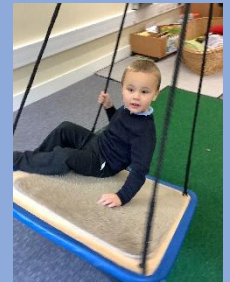
Welcome to Maple Class! We would like to say a huge congratulations to all the pupils for their hard work this term, they have settled in and adapted well to full time schooling and have enjoyed exploring different parts of the school which some have not accessed before.

Although it has not been a 'normal' term we have still managed to enjoy lots of different activities with our new friends.

We LOVE going outside to forest school 😊 We spend as much time as possible in our new forest area – digging, sandcastles, tyre swing, outdoor snack.



We have been able to access ARC and use the swing which is great fun!



We really enjoy messy play and den building – we do water play and sand play as well as well construction activities which help us with our learning and understanding of the world and how things work.



We do lots of learning in literacy and thinking and art and design. Our topic has been “getting to know us” and it has been lovely building positive relationships and learning more about each child. We have worked on developing greater self-awareness and shared photos of our families, which has been great fun.



We have loved exploring the equipment in PE. We are brilliant at climbing, spinning and balancing.

We always try to find time to relax in the sensory room or by having a massage or reading a book.



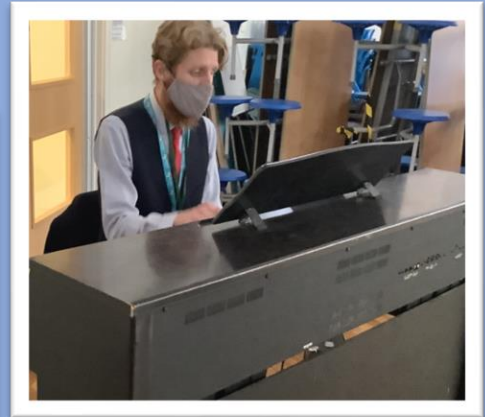
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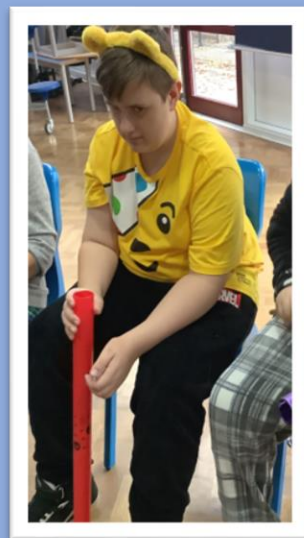
The pupils have achieved so much already and we look forward to what next term will bring!

Have a wonderful Christmas from Maple Class





We have been enjoying some sessions with Gareth, who has been coming to school to show us how we can make some music with different instruments. The children enjoyed suggesting different types of music for us to play the instruments to, and Gareth accompanied us with playing the piano.



FOURTEEN

Interview with Mr. John Agg, our 'IT Super Whizz', by James

1. How long have you worked here?

I have worked here for over 20 years.

2. What is your favourite part of the job?

Working with the Staff & Students.

3. What part of the job do you not like?

Cleaning the dust out of the computers.

4. What are your hobbies?

Oil Painting and Gardening

5. What is the most dangerous thing you have had happen?

When we fix smashed iPads, the glass is very sharp and I have had a few cuts and splinters!

6. What is the best thing that has happened?

Matt and I got to help with the productions both in school and in church.

7. What does your job consist of?

Keeping people safe on computers, mending IT equipment, helping with Carol Services, Performances, Sensory room and Newsletters. I also help staff and students with IT problems. Building Nativity Stables, making posters, writing software, making Resources and lots of other stuff.

Thank you for this interview, Mr Agg, we are sorry you are leaving us and we will all miss you very much. Good luck for the future.



In our Religious Education lessons, we have been looking at festivals we celebrate in a church. We looked at a wedding and the children tried on various clothes worn at a wedding. The girls enjoyed trying on a brides' dress with a veil and the boys tried on a suit jacket. We talked about how not everyone gets married in a church, sometimes it happens in a different place and why people get married.



MORRISONS *GOOD TO GROW SCHEME



Thanks to everyone who passed on nominations in store for us – we were able to purchase some really useful horticulture items including a potato barrel. We hope to be harvesting large quantities of spuds in the spring – perhaps we should open a chip shop as our next project!

6th Form Enterprise Project

In Sixth form we are growing hyacinth bulbs in the garden for Christmas. We are also digging up clay and making pots out of the clay.

The clay process: we dried the clusters and pulverized them. The powder was then soaked for several days, then sieved and set to dry a little. We moulded the clay into pots and then fired it in a kiln. After all that we dipped them into coloured glaze and fired them again.

We are selling them to raise money to put back in to our kitty to buy items for the horticulture area so that we can grow more plants to sell to make more money. Any other profits will be used to buy equipment for our café and enterprise projects.

We will let you know how we get on.



Academic Year 2021 - 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

TERM STARTS	Monday 6 th September 2021	PD Day – Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September 2021.
TERM ENDS	Thursday 21 st October 2021	PD Day – Friday 22nd October 2021
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 25 th October 2021 – Friday 29 th October 2021	
TERM STARTS	Monday 1 st November 2021	
TERM ENDS	Friday 17 th December 2021	

SPRING TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	PD Day - Tuesday 4th January 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 18 th February	
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 21 st February – Friday 25 th February 2022	
TERM STARTS	Monday 28 th February 2022	
TERM ENDS	Friday 8 th April 2022	

SUMMER TERM 2022

TERM STARTS	Monday 25 th April 2022	
TERM ENDS	Friday 27 th May	May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022
HALF TERM WEEK	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022	
TERM STARTS	Tuesday 7 th June 2022	PD Day – Monday 6th June 2022
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 nd July 2022	

The early publication of these term dates enables holidays to be booked during the school closure periods in line with school attendance requirements.
All dates may be subject to change.

Please note PD Days are provisional at this stage.