

Headteacher Roundup

This half-term has been really busy already!

Democracy

The student council have been voted and are already busy planning changes. Student council have been working hard to collaborate ideas to improve school. Starting with writing to our local MP, Alexander Stafford to invite him in to school for a visit. They would like to work with him on how to make positive changes to school and fund-raising ideas.

Caring for others

There has been lots of fundraising activities across school including the raising money for Macmillan cancer research, Children in Need and we are looking forward to a visit from a representative from the Sheffield Hospital Snowflake appeal to talk to the children in assembly about how the money raised will help children who are unwell.

Our incredible Anti-Bullying Ambassadors introduced themselves to the whole school with a PowerPoint presentation during assembly. They launched our 'Reach Out' Anti-Bullying Poster competition. Poster entries are due in tomorrow morning. Our Ambassadors will be judging the and revealing the winner Rewards Assembly. The winner will have their poster on display around school for the whole year.

Sports News

Some of the children have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in a taster session in cricket. This was led by Sheffield University and we are looking forward to many more different activities throughout the year. Some of the children have also had the opportunity to take part in Tag Rugby competition with 3 professional players from Titans. The boy's hockey team played in an inter school competition at Hallam Sports Park and had a fantastic day.

Enrichment Activities

F2 enjoyed a fantastic worry monster workshop with the 'Me in Mind' Team. They worked with the children to discuss their feelings and emotions and how to remove worries through a Worry Monster. Parents helped the children create their very own Worry Monsters. Not to mention the CSI workshop where families got to be detectives and scientists. All the children who participated in the Bringing the story to Life workshop had lots of fun and were able to take home a new book. All the children in school LOVED their African Drumming workshop today. They learnt all about the culture of Africa and the music from the continent; they also could talk about the drum they each had. Year 2 are excited for the upcoming story workshop.

Everything science!

FS1 has been looking at a new book called Little Acorn. They explored various seasons and what happens to acorns when they fall from the tree, all the children enjoyed creating their own life cycle and learned new words such as seedling and sapling. The children and Miss Woodger while outside happened to find an acorn on the grass during playtime. We took this in and planted this in the classroom. It quickly started to shoot and the children take turns in giving the little tree water. We

cannot wait to see the tree grow and will be planting this somewhere safe within the nursery grounds very soon.

Well done Y4 scientists!

In science, as part of our topic on plants and animals, Y4 have been learning about classification keys. The children went on a wildlife hunt around the school in order to record all the living things that they could find in their local environment. They then used the information that they had collected in order to create their own classification keys.

Writing Competitions

When the spooky writing competition winners were announced. I can honestly say that this was such a tough decision since the standard of writing was exceptionally high!

A massive well done to the following winners and also to everyone that took the time to take part. You really have done the school proud!

So here are the winners....

Year 1 Mia and Sophie

Year 2 Harrison

Year 3 Annabelle

Year 4 Florence

Year 5 Kayla

Year 6 Rowan

KS1 overall winner: Harrison

KS2 overall winner: Rowan

AMAZING WORK ALL ROUND!

Year 6 A.I.M High Poetry Master Class

Some of our year 6s attended an A.I.M High poetry master class alongside several other schools. This was led by the published author Andy Craven-Griffiths. Initially they were a little shy but with a little bit of encouragement and confidence they really engaged with all the activities and they did Aston Lodge proud. They worked collaboratively to produce a poem from a shared experience and chose their residential at Cranworth. At the end of the day they performed the poem in front of the other schools. They did an amazing job and were voted third best written poem and performance. Well done Darcy, Laila, Ewan and Jasmin.

These are just a few of the highlights from this term and we are now well on our way for Christmas preparations and activities. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and their enthusiasm to develop life skills and be active citizens. As we aim to ensure that all our pupils Leave Lodge well rounded individuals with a passion for learning and life.