

Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Friday 17th November 2017

NEWS:

Year 6 Netball Tournament.

On Friday 10th the Year 6 netball team went to Stratford park to play a netball tournament against 9 other schools. The first game was a very close one it ended with a 1-0 score to the other team. As we watched the other teams play we learnt that are next game would be a tough one and it was. In the end it was 5-0 to the others. Luckily we ended up winning the next one and got better and better as the afternoon progressed. We are going to organise our own little tournament at school against some of these other schools so that we can build on what we have learnt.---- by Martha

Year 5/6 school trip

On Wednesday 15th November Year 5/6 went to Gloucester Cathedral and a Mosque too.

The trip helped us to understand how Muslims live and pray and compare this to Christian practices. It was only a small mosque in a back ally but still attracted lots of people. It was in the middle of a big Muslim community in Gloucester. We got to dress up in traditionally Muslim clothes. The Cathedral was huge and busy and full of amazing art work. We went from station to station learning about different aspects of the cathedral and Christian life. We also enjoyed some arts and crafts activities.--- by Wilf

PTA Fireworks & PTA generally

One assumption I have is that a school should be a reflection of its local community: with a community such as ours, capable of putting on events like the annual bonfire night, we can but hope! To have the level of engagement that we get from our parents is one thing to treasure; for this engagement to translate into such a glorious evening of entertainment is quite another. I do not believe there is another PTA (and for PTA read parent body) like ours anywhere- I just can't believe there could be. All glory to you!

COMMUNICATION

-Please check class assemblies on school calendar—a couple were not on the parent calendar.

-Year dates for next year—have been finalised and will be available as of next week.

-Thank you from the Charity Committee for everyone who helped us raise a healthy total in the Poppy Appeal and for Children In Need.

TEXTS: *'I put a tiny little bit of time aside for my square numbers and reaped the rewards..... I have taken some letters and magically turned them into words..... I learn well because I find ways of putting myself creatively into my learning.'*

LEARNING

Mindfulness

A number of staff have now finished an 8 week course and will now be looking to extend and embed the practice across the school.

Curriculum

Good to see some of the 'products' of our new style curriculum beginning to surface in school, for example classes working over a longer time period on one science experiment and classes carrying out detailed analyses of primary sources in a history topic. The outcome we are after: pupils who love a subject/ pupils who see themselves as scientists or historians/ pupils who feel empowered to follow up their own questions and lines of enquiry.

More poetry

Peace is...

Like a rainbow glimmering in the sunset,
a butterfly dancing around a tree and a calm, lovely sea.

Peace is...

Something that you have never dreamed of,
It makes you feel like a new person
and when your teeth are sank into a book.

Peace is...

A magical kingdom with fairies in it,
Is a wonderful time to be calm and is a sigh of silence.

POETS CORNER

Westonbirt Arboretum

*Observing and exploring leaves
Different colours and shapes
Spiky circular pointy jig jaggy curvy
round small floppy wet damp shiny
colourful soggy dry smooth crinkly veiny
Crunchy like carrots or apples or hard
pears
Red Yellow Pink Brown Orange Green
Leaves falling like snowflakes
Swirling twirling floating twisting and
turning
Spinning round like a ballet dancer
We tried to catch them but they were too
tricky for us
Throwing leaves up to the sky
They fell down slowly like a parachute
Landing on our heads
Tangling in our hair
And slipping and sneaking into our
clothes and tickling us
They camouflaged into the air and snuck
in so quietly
Stamping jumping kicking running
through the leaves
Crunching swishing and splashing
They flew up and came down again in a
different place on the ground
Leaves from the tall short bushy leafy
bare lovely beautiful different separate
trees
With hard bumpy lumpy sharp rough
bark sometimes covered in soft fluffy
moss.*

by Midnight Class

REQUESTS:- Please remember previous:::no pens ::no nuts :::

Reading group

The reading drop in is now being held in the Porch Room at the Parish Church on Tuesdays (in term time) from 2.15pm until 3pm. This is a friendly, supportive group run by parents for parents who are finding it hard to get their child to read at home. We are a group of mums(dads are welcome too!) who have been through and continue to face challenges in getting our kids to do their reading homework. With 10 kids between us we've pretty much seen it all! No teachers are present although they can be called on if needed.

Don't struggle on your own, come and join us and we may be able to help!

Molly, Michelle and Tracey

Shoes

Some pupils slip rather readily into the habit of wearing trainers in school. Out of fairness to the rest, please act quickly to replace shoes that your child has grown out of or damaged. Thank you