

Newsletter



20th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The final week of half term has not been a disappointment with even more highlights to celebrate!

Miss Spalton-Woods has been busy working with Arts Leads across the Ember Learning Trust (ELT) to design a collaborative Arts Week across our schools, with sculpture as our art focus; sculpture and sculptors are important features in our Art and Design curriculum.

Miss Spalton –Woods launched the week with a super assembly to share the book on which a lot of our learning was based; The Fantastic Flying Books of Morris Lessmore. All ELT schools focussed on the same book with sculpture at the heart of the learning.

The week started with a BOOM as Year 6 explored all that flies with our visiting sculptor, creating World War 2 bombers as well as creating individual pieces; birds and bees etc keeping to the flying theme. Year 2 were also inspired by our whole school book and will create 'flying books' with the sculptor tomorrow. He visited all of the ELT schools to work with Year 2 and Year 6 pupils. The children learned many skills as well as having to be resilient when faced with mastering new challenges and techniques.

Year 5 'flew' back in time on Monday to explore Viking life - a day filled with great learning which included dragon sculptures! They are fabulous. Arts Week provided a great opportunity for all children to 'dive deeper' into this important curriculum subject. Having a shared theme facilitated the feeling of community we are proud of, not just within CPS but across the ELT.

Equally, all children were challenged to complete an extended writing piece linked to the story. The children were incredibly driven and enjoyed the process of drafting and editing their 'final piece'.

My values assembly was timely with a focus on positivity and being courageous in our learning; we looked at the power of our brain and the importance of resilience; both vital across the arts and in the craft of writing. Neither are completed at the first go and need reflection and perseverance to up level and improve our first attempts. Each class I visited buzzed with creativity and some super artwork and written pieces are underway across the school. Well done and thank you to Team CPS and to Miss Spalton-Woods who led this week and to Mrs Cannons as Writing Lead.

Of course the finale to the half term will be tomorrow's Spooky Mufti and the decorated pumpkins look great. Thank you to our amazing PA!

Lost property

We endeavour to match named clothes to their owner throughout the term, however we do have some items which will be placed outside, near the office, after the school day tomorrow. Anything not collected will be donated to the PA as second hand uniform.

Parent Consultations : 9th and 11th November

At this time, we feel it is prudent to opt for Parent Consultations via Google Classroom. We have scheduled Parent Pop-Ins on Friday 5th November so parents can share their children's learning journey to date and celebrate achievements; we will maintain ventilation, require parents to wear masks and to be mindful of social distancing. Teachers will not be present as this is a child led visit. These Pop-ins are scheduled for a Friday which means our cleaners will carry out their deep clean afterwards.

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Year 5 Viking Day

On Monday, Year 5 had Viking Day and got to come in wearing Viking costumes. There were so many things to do including making dragon eyes out of clay and how to write in runes. We cracked a code using runes and we did Viking music and acting too. It was amazing!

My favourite activity was playing an old Viking game called 'Fox and Geese' because we had to have a strategy to win. – Olivia (Beech)

My favourite thing to do was make the dragon eyes where we learnt a new technique called scoring and slipping. I loved it; it was the best day! – Olive (Beech)



Doodle

Every child at CPS has a Doodle Maths Account. Children in Years 1-4 also have Doodle English.

Please visit the [parent webinars](#) for more information or see the letters attached to this newsletter.



Place2Be

The children's mental health charity Place2Be has launched a [new website](#) for parents. It offers practical advice from child mental health experts, covering a wide range of topics.

Christmas Bazaar 2021

This year's Christmas bazaar will be on Saturday 4th December from 11am-2pm. The team are busy preparing what we hope will be a fun day for the children and the adults!

Please see the attached flier for more information.



COVID Update

We have had a further 3 positive cases of Covid-19 this week. We would ask that you please be mindful over half term.

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E-Safety Tips from UK Safer Internet Centre

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices.

However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.

You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. We have grouped potential online risks into these 4 categories.

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children

Contact: children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them

Commercialism: young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites

For more information, you can [visit their website](#).

Green Day Raffle

The lucky winners of the Green Day Raffle last week were:

Hari (Oak1)
Isabella (Sycamore)
Ben Nkrumah (Rowan)

They each won a £10 book token!

Volunteers Needed in the holidays!

We have a new wooden gazebo to put up - funded by the Co-op. Our caretaker would like a few volunteers to help clearing the ground in advance as well as helping with assembling the Woodland Learning Zone gazebo. If we have enough volunteers, there are also some painting jobs (repainting the EYFS sheds etc) and gardening jobs.

If you are able to help, please email Luis direct -
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Many thanks

