



Fingringhoe

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Autumn Term 2023

13th October 2023

Dates for the diary

- Thursday 19th October— individual photos and siblings
- Friday 20th October—Gazette Reception photo Supplement on sale
- Friday 20th October—'Wear Red Day' for 'Say No To Racism'
- Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd November—Bikeability (Yr.6 who have signed up)
- Friday 3rd November—'Break The Rules Day'
- Friday 10th November at 9:30am—Remembrance Service in church (parents invited)
- Friday 17th November—'Children In Need' (non uniform)
- Friday 1st December—'Non Uniform Day' in exchange for chocolate for the PTA's 'Chocolate Tombola'.



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to our families who were able to join us in the church for our Harvest Service last week, it was lovely to see so many of you there – we know that the children really look forward to being able to speak or sing in front of their families. I certainly felt very proud that they all spoke so clearly and confidently.

We were absolutely overwhelmed this year by the generosity of our families with regards to donations for Colchester Food Bank. Particularly in the current climate, it really does mean so much to the families who rely on this vital service.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we have lots of fun things planned for the children, so please do take the time to read through the diary dates to see what's in store!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Reminders

- If your child has grapes for snack / lunch please ensure they are cut in half to prevent choking.

Headteacher Awards	Week commencing 02/10/2023	Week commencing 09/10/2023
Willow Class	Griffin	Lexi
Beech Class	Connie & George	Alfe & William
Maple Class	Max & Zac	Archer
Elm Class	Esme, Poppy, Lilah & Lily	Maisie, Annastasia & Ayan

Willow

Last week, Willow class explored the concept of 'Harvest' in preparation for our school assembly. As part of this topic, they looked into the process of bread making from farm to shop. They learnt about the role of a combine harvester and even had a go at baking mini rolls themselves. They definitely enjoyed the messy parts best!



Beech

This week Beech Class have been on a 'Technology Safari' in search of different types of hardware. We identified inputs and outputs, discussing what the computer inside the device tells it to do. We also designed our own robots and explained their special features in relation to how they function.

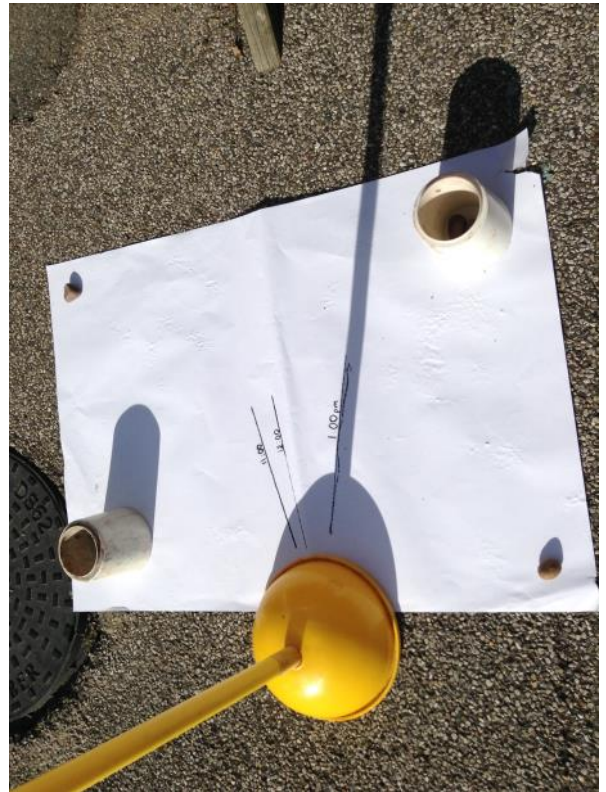


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Maple

Maple class have been learning about light and shadows this half term. We have investigated the behaviour of shadows by using torches including how to make them move and change length. This week we conducted a whole class investigation using a shadow stick to track and measure the shadow during the day. Our results showed that the shadow got shorter as the sun set which we knew from our learning wasn't right! We had a great class discussion about our results and why they might have happened and found further evidence on the internet to prove what we knew to be true. Great investigation skills Maple, you really challenged yourselves with your scientific thinking.



Elm

Recently in Elm, we have been writing short stories. The children have planned and written their first draft and will start editing next week. Elm have also learned about Carl Linnaeus, who created a classification system for organisms, in science. In Music, the children have learned to play the notes A, G, G, A and A, G, B, A in the chorus of the song 'Happy' by Pharrel Williams. The children have also recently learned about the 12 Olympian Greek Gods in History.

Here is a picture of Poppy and Ava holding ziplocked bags with coffee and sugar and Yeast. This was part of our science lesson on micro-organisms.



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School council

The first meeting this year of the School Council was held on Wednesday 4th October.

At the beginning of the meeting the members on the Council elected the Chair and Secretary for the year; Charlie was voted in as Chair and Anastasia was voted in as Secretary.

There was plenty to discuss; the new members took their roles very seriously and debated all issues carefully and with consideration. Amongst the points of discussion were the building of the bug hotel - designed by Guilia, the canopy in the playground, the establishment of a Board Games Club and the visit from Councillor Bentley in November.

Charlie was a very good Chair and Anastasia wrote plenty of notes as part of the minutes.

Well done to everyone for the way they contributed and listened to each other views.

Many thanks for all the generous harvest donations. The school council helped sort these and Mrs Bolam very kindly delivered everything to the Colchester Food bank.

The next School Council meeting is on Wednesday 1st November.



Louis's amazing donation!!!

Louis has a new hairstyle! He has been growing his hair for a long time and has decided to donate 12 inches to the Princess Trust to be made into a wig. What a thoughtful and caring act of kindness. We are incredibly proud of you Louis.



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