

Headteacher's Update – 27.9.24

Dear Parents,

Cycle to School Week and Bling Your Bike Day

We did not have the best weather for our cycle to school week, so a very big well done to all of you that managed to ride their bikes or scooters. As always we were very impressed with all the 'bling your bikes' on Thursday, especially considering the weather. The JRSO's found it very hard to choose, but eventually decided on the Superhero themed scooter by Zeus in 1L and the 'stop, look, listen' scooter by Freya in 5L. They both won a high vis jacket and an insulated bottle holder.



JRSO's

We were really pleased with how many Year 5 children applied to become a JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer). After reading the application forms the Year 6 JRSO's Zara and Nela, selected Rayan and Emma to join them. They have started their new roles this week helping with cycle to school week.

Year 2 Science visit to College Lake

This week, Year 2 visited College Lake in Tring to learn all about 'Habitats' which is their current science topic. It sounds like the children had a wonderful day pond dipping, taking part in sensory nature trails, becoming detectives to find out which animals and minibeasts have visited College Lake before and making their own potions with smelly herb plants! It really helped bring their science topic to life and I have been told by the staff who attended how well the children behaved for the College Lake staff. Well done Year 2.



Sporting Achievement

As someone who has signed up to run a 10k in November, I am inspired by two of our pupils who have started their running journey young.

Ava Grieves (4S) and Lily Grieves (1L) took part in the Westminster Mile this weekend alongside many other children and families. This was their first running an official race and they both successfully completed it 12:59 seconds and 12:58 seconds.

The girls are hoping to run the mini marathon in 2025 and raise money for charity, so they won't be hanging up their trainers just yet!

I hope I look as fresh and smiley at the end of my race! Well done, girls.



Book Look Drop In

The letter for booking a parents evening slot is being sent out imminently. The appointments are online as this is the most efficient way of running the evenings and ensuring they keep to time. However, we also want you to have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, see some of their work from the term so far and meet the teacher face to face. Therefore we will be holding a 'book look' drop in session in each class on **Tuesday 8th October from 3.15-4.30pm**. We hope to see you there with your child/ren if you wish, but please remember this is in an informal capacity – you will discuss your child individually during the parent consultation meeting.

Chapel Visits

This week the children have been learning about the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44) during their chapel visit. They have been encouraged to wonder how people at the time would have felt, perhaps scared as well as amazed. You can watch the video together following the link and perhaps discuss at home <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dca8SSxXCmM&list=PLNcC1wUUyMmVL4CJkWEsQAtlo4lUnuOUZ&index=7>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our Macmillan coffee morning. We have so far raised £550, which is amazing, and any more donations will be gratefully received. The children love receiving cookies every year for this but of course it is important to remember why we do it. Macmillan nurses do an incredible job supporting individuals and families during incredibly difficult times. We know our donations will be put towards this amazing work and it is great to know we are helping such a great cause.

Thank you also to one of our parents, Mr Halewood, who works at Tesco and helped arrange to get the cookies donated to the school. Without this generous donation, it would not have been possible to raise the money we have for Macmillan.



Have an amazing weekend,
Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been continuing to settle the children in and they are beginning to initiate their own play.

You can help at home by: supporting your child to look after their own self care needs.

Reception

We have been learning: to count objects by saying one number name for each item.

You can help at home by: counting objects together and saying the number name.

Year 1

We have been learning: to log on to Purple Mash.

You can help at home by: helping your child to input their username and password into Purple Mash.

Year 2

We have been learning: about lines of symmetry.

You can help at home by: looking for items in your house and in nature that are symmetrical.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to create a persuasive poster.

You can help at home by: asking your child to name some of the language or persuasive devices used in persuasive writing.

Year 4

We have been learning: about symmetry in maths.

You can help at home by: asking how many lines of symmetry different triangles and quadrilaterals have.

Year 5

We have been learning: how to create an effective setting description.

You can help at home by: asking your child how they could describe a setting using expanded noun phrases and propositional phrases.

Year 6

We have been learning: how to sew using a running stitch.

You can help at home by: asking your child for their top tips to create the perfect running stitch.

