

Headteacher News



Term : Autumn 1 2015

Whole School Topic: Colours

Welcome to the first letter of the academic year and as usual our pupils and staff are very busy learning and developing their skills.

Our enterprise focus this year is to grow, grow and grow! Each class has been given a plant bed (kindly built by our friends at Network Rail) and they have been tasked with growing vegetables including radishes and onions. Class teams have been amazing in what they have achieved already and the radishes should be ready for picking soon. As you can see from the pictures to the right each class has made a wonderful effort to personalise their beds. Keep an eye on the blog on our website to find out all about our growing during the year.

Our pupils excelled again at our recent harvest festival and the recipients of our collection, The West Berkshire Food Bank were very pleased. I received a lovely email from them as follows: "When the Warehouse Manager and I collected them yesterday we had the most delightful surprise in that not only were there generous donations but everything was contained in the most beautifully decorated boxes. The children had clearly spent a long time constructing, creating and decorating all the containers. Please pass on my thanks on behalf of the Foodbank to all the children, parents and staff; we really appreciate the donations and the beautiful art work. Your donations weighed 137.9kg which is the equivalent of 126 meals."

Some photos of our learning



The John Lubock Orchestra Perform with our pupils



Making colourful healthy kebabs



The planting beds at the start of the term.



The decorated, colourful beds now full of growth

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Please note that the last day of term is **Thursday 22nd October** and we return to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**. Have an enjoyable half term.

Thanks, Jon Hewitt (Headteacher)

Governors' News

Dear parents,

After 15 years as a Governor of the Castle School, the past 8 years of which have been spent as Chair, I have decided that it is time to leave the Governing body. I do so with mixed feelings as I have really enjoyed my role as a Governor and in particular loved seeing the development of our school and the delivery of excellent teaching standards for our children. I leave the Governing body in excellent hands as Wendy Batchelor has agreed to follow on as Chair from next November. Wendy has been Vice-chair of the Governing Body for the past 6 years and brings lots of experience and energy to the role and really understands the special needs of our children. Wendy has been shadowing me as Chair for past 6 months and I will remain as a Governor until the end of this school year to ensure we have continuity in our change over. I wish you all continued success at the Castle which I feel is in great hands under the leadership of Jon Hewitt and the excellent teaching and support teams.

Kind regards and best wishes.
Brian Connolly