

Newsletter 8th November 2019

Dear Everyone,



We hope that you all enjoyed your half-term holiday and that everyone was pleased to come back to school. As ever, the week has flown past and has been full of exciting events, as you can see from below. This next term promises to be a busy one with lots of trips, preparations for the end-of-term musical shows and challenging work both in and out of the classroom. We hope you will join us for the family events in November as these bring us all together within the school community and give us the opportunity to share special moments together.



The next **Friday Coffee morning** will be held on **22nd November**. Come along and enjoy the morning, and take the opportunity to borrow some English library books. Everyone welcome – Dads too if you have an hour to spare! Many thanks to everyone who came to today's coffee morning and prepared the crafts for next week – we had great fun 😊

Our annual **Autumn/Diwali Craft evening** will be held in the Infant Department building on **Friday, 15th November** from **6pm to 8pm**. This is a **family event** for the whole school, and we have found some slightly more complicated crafts for the Junior children so put the date in your diary now and bring everyone along for an evening of crafts and fun. There will be pumpkin soup, bread, samosas and hot, spicy apple juice – just what you need to start the weekend! Tickets for each craft cost 1€, as do the samosas and soup. All the proceeds from the evening go to a local charity.



Note the date in your diary for our **Autumn Family Walk in the Woods** from 14h – 16h on the afternoon of **Sunday, 24th November**. This is a chance to discover the beautiful woodland around Tervuren, which is easily accessible on the 44 tram. More details will follow next week.



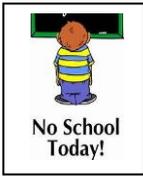
Year 4 will be out all day next Thursday, 14th November, visiting Gravensteen Castle in Ghent. This is a class trip to tie in with their topic on Buildings and will be a small back-pack day. The children are taking the train and **must be at school by 8.30 at the latest, otherwise they will miss the train!**



Years 5 & 6 will be going to The Montagne Magique Theatre in the centre of Brussels on the afternoon of Friday, 22nd November, to watch a play in French as part of the French curriculum. Every year the theatre puts on a range of exciting, innovative plays, written and performed specially for children. Years 1 to 4 will also have the opportunity to enjoy plays appropriate for their age later in the year.



Points to remember



Please note that there is **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday 11th November** as it is a public holiday to commemorate Remembrance Day.



Please do your utmost to ensure that your child is **at school by 8.55am** in both the Infant and Junior buildings. There are still far too many children arriving at, or after, 9h. which is **when lessons start**, particularly in the Infant Department. We realise it can be difficult to get out on time on dark mornings, but it is very important that children do not miss the start of the school day. Try putting the alarm on earlier or catching an earlier bus or tram!



Year 6 had another fantastic day out on Tuesday, visiting the **House of European History**. They arrived expecting to do a communication workshop only to discover that, thanks to Mrs Tranter, a special workshop had been prepared, just for them, to fit in with their topic on Spying.

Here are some of their reactions:

They did kind of like a private tour for us, we were very grateful...Our guide Marion told us to invent a gadget. I made an invisible mobile phone. I would describe this trip as awesome and educational. We saw a vortex, I thought it was a timeline.

Aahil

The best thing was when we were making our own codes like spies and then solving someone else's code. And the other thing I liked was the maps. There were many old maps and one of them was upside down. The whole trip was interesting, there were many things to learn!

Ronit

Our guided tour was made especially for us. We learned how people used to type and decode morse code. It was a little machine that you just press the button for a dot and hold it for a bit longer for a dash. I loved the trip, thank you Mrs Tranter, it was fantastic.

Parvesh

Suhas

I loved the whole trip, but I think I liked the workshop in which we got to create a code for each English letter best. I designed my code with awkward symbols.

We had a special trip – for us only! Not one of the normal courses, but for Spies... we got to invent gadgets, we learnt more about spies in wars...we learnt that the past was not safe...that police used to collect information, also we learnt that a double agent is really hard-working. We actually touched morse code machines and made a code and our friends decoded it!

Aashvi

Mrs Tranter didn't know exactly where to go and I had to lead Year 6 all the way to the Parc Cinquantenaire. Then we looked at our map and got confused so we asked a lady who said we were not far. We had an amazing tour. There was an old-fashioned car - we had fun there. Then we learned a secret code. It was amazing, I loved it. She made everything fun and I learned an awful lot about spies. The code was a bit weird at first, but we got used to it. It was really cool, then we made our own codes.

Swarnima

Aishwarya

I really enjoyed learning that a double agent works for one country and pretends to work for another. It fascinated me, the very thought of it made me scared because if you were found out, you would die!

Marina

We had a remarkable visit to the House of European History. The best part was when we were making a coded language ourselves. My code was 'Some chocolate is under the table'. Arjun took hours to figure it out.

Arjun

I loved the trip, especially when we drew our own gadgets. My gadget was a broomstick. We went to a big room and saw some things from the olden times. We also learned how to use them. We made our own codes.

I liked it when we stepped into the Hall of the Museum because the metal vortex structure was like a swirling mass of letters. It twisted and twirled onto every floor like a wave of European symbols and stretched from the floor to the ceiling.

We drew gadgets and I drew a poisoned umbrella which would poison someone for 24 hours. This was all top-secret spy stuff.

Maanas



Year 4 had great fun on their **Forest Walk** this week – trekking off through the mud and brambles armed with maps and compasses. Thanks to Mr Stedman for his great preparation and to Mrs Tolentino and Mrs Irakoze, who valiantly braved the undergrowth and kept the troops on the right course 😊! I actually had no idea they were on a mission to rescue me, no wonder they were surprised to see me coming down the stairs at school on their return – with not a splash of mud anywhere to be seen!



There was great excitement as **Year 3** set off on their first **swimming trip** to the NATO pool on Wednesday. Mr and Mrs Tranter marched them all, along with the now-famous shopping trolley of swimming noodles, at a brisk trot to catch the bus and they all returned later bursting to relate their adventures.



Meanwhile, half of **Year 4** had their first **tennis** session on **Thursday**, sharing the bus with the first swimming group in **Year 2**, who have made spectacular progress during their swimming sessions. Everyone is now able to swim across the pool on their front and on their back, and jump in without help.



Here are the talk topics:

Nursery: 'What is a uniform and why do you wear one for school?'

Reception: 'If you were Pete the badger, what would you have done to keep your forest tidy?'

Year 1: 'Think of some more things that might happen to make Tiddler late for school.'

Year 2: 'Why is it harder to be kind to someone we know or like less than our best friend? Is it less important to be kind to someone we know less?'

Year 3: 'What could the similarities and differences be between a human skeleton and a dog skeleton?'

Year 4: 'Explain why are we not coming to school on Monday?'

Year 5: 'Should we be allowed to bring mobile devices to school? Discuss.'

Year 6: 'Cyberbullying and mobile phones – what do you know?'



**Stars of the
Week**



Reception: Ibaad: for writing beautiful numbers in his maths worksheet.

Aradhya: for her enthusiastic singing in music class.

Year 1: Nishaank - for great work on number bonds, addition and subtraction.

Saimaathmika - for super work in Phonics and spelling.

Year 2: Yuvanathi for doing great work in our kindness worksheets and for brilliant progress in reading!
Inaaya for brilliant progress in English and for being a very kind and considerate friend!

Year 3: Kuval for good work this week in maths measuring length and capacity.
Ragha for always working hard and doing her best in lessons.

Year 4: Mokshitha for good work with fractions and being a super little student.
Priyal for a great performance with map and compass and as a goalkeeper in hockey.

Year 5: Abheer for settling down well in our class.

Year 6: Aahil for paying attention to the learning objectives and including stylistic features from Alan Peat, Anthony Horowitz and Mrs Stanley in his brilliant essay, 'The Catastrophic Heist'.

And to end the week, a quote from Winnie the Pooh and friends:

"We'll be friends forever, won't we Pooh?" asked Piglet. 'Even longer,' Pooh answered."

Make the most of the long weekend!

