



Heart of the Forest Community Special School Newsletter

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Mission

Engage, Enrich and Inspire, together for now and the future

Vision

Create relevant opportunities to build skills and knowledge through an aspirational and personalised curriculum, inspiring meaningful experiences and connections with the wider world

School Value:

Heard

Empowered

Achieving

Respected

Trusted

Safe

Star of The Week goes to:



Class	Child	Reason
Little Apples	Toby	For having a happy, positive engaged week
Little Apples	Brenin	For using his words whilst listening to an adult
Chestnuts	Harry	For transitioning really well to Phonics and engaging in the learning
Maple	Marley	Amazing independence and being mature this week. Well done
Willow	Teddy	For trying really hard all week to access his learning
Hazel	Lorcan	For amazing independent counting up to 6.
Cherry	Oscar T	For interacting and engaging in all of his lessons this week
Buzzard	Mitchell	For a fantastic first week back at school
Buzzard	Tyler	For a positive start to the new term
Peregrine		All of Peregrine for changes of routine with college trips and changes to staff this week
Peregrine	Sam	For some brilliant effort and work in our handwriting sessions this week
Caracara	Jacob	For excellent participation and engagement during our science lesson this week. Jacob was able to identify the food chains and food sources.
Hobby	Maisie	Well done Maisie! You have begun to use Grid for iPad to make a choice between box or books during free time
Goshawk		All the year 11 boys, for a fantastic two day visit to college this week
Kestrel	Matthew	For a great day at college

Vacancy for a Parent Governor at Heart of the Forest

We currently have a vacancy at Heart of the Forest for Parent Governor. If you are interested in this rewarding and valuable role please drop an email to clerk@hofschool.co.uk for more information.

Polite Reminder to parents

If you arrive at the school gates after 9am or 3pm please do not pull up in front of the gates, please could you pull into one of our laybys and await all traffic to exit the school grounds.

Thank you. ☺



Key dates for your diary:

February 2024 – Black History month

28th February Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

7th March – World Book Day

8th March 2024 – International Women's day






15th March Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Friday 22nd March term ends for Easter Holidays

Monday 8th April return to school

Before half-term school council met to discuss possible names for the two new Primary Classes that will be opening in the new build. School council narrowed the choices down to five, which classes will not vote on. School Council will meet at the end of term to determine the name of both classes.

Class name:

Tree	Vote	Total
 <p data-bbox="204 801 379 835">Magnolia Tree</p>		
 <p data-bbox="204 1010 316 1041">Oak Tree</p>		
 <p data-bbox="204 1205 379 1238">Redwood Tree</p>		
 <p data-bbox="204 1406 347 1440">Bonzai Tree</p>		
 <p data-bbox="204 1641 252 1675">Elm</p>		



Peregrine

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful half term. Peregrine are doing lots of exciting things this term. In English, we are exploring different writing techniques – this week we have been focussing on alliteration. The pupils have really enjoyed using this technique and improving sentences found in our new book – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. In Maths, we are looking at time, subtraction and height. In RE, we are continuing our exploration of festivals and worship in different faiths. PSHE, we are looking at bullying and how it can impact individuals, and Computing we are learning about cyber-safety. Peregrine class will be continuing their work towards their DofE Award on a Monday afternoon, completing some volunteering and learning some first aid.

This week, we have had the opportunity to take part in college workshops, with Year 11 visiting college on Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 10 had a workshop, in school, with some of the college staff on Thursday. It seems this has been a positive experience for the class. We look forward to sharing the success and hard work of all pupils in the class with you. Have a lovely weekend!

Sarah and the Peregrine Class Team!