



The Pochin School

Newsletter 27th October 2023



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

Safety Week

This week the children have really enjoyed their 'Staying Safe' theme. We have had visits from the ambulance service, police service and also the catering and nutritional service we use for school dinners. Our Year 6 pupils have visited the 'Warning Zone' to prepare them for challenges and situations they may find themselves in as they grow up. Many of the classes covered topics as: fire safety and looking at a home escape plan; water safety, especially as it is coming up to winter and many of our children live near areas of water that can freeze and look enticing! Some of our children learnt how to deal with basic first aid needs, the need for a recovery position or supporting someone with Asthma.

Film Stars

We were also lucky enough to be chosen by the NSPCC to record some of the sessions the children participated in while the children received 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assemblies, activities and learning opportunities. The children were brilliant. Some of the children, staff and even a Governor were interviewed about what they learnt and the importance of such messages being shared with our children. Please see photos below.

Diwali

The school council has been discussing the different ways they would like to celebrate Diwali as a school community this year. They have chosen to celebrate Diwali on Friday 10th November. On this day children are invited to wear traditional clothes to celebrate Diwali. There will be a Diwali assembly about how Diwali is celebrated in the home. Each class will learn a special Diwali dance. Throughout the day the children will be having Diwali activities and will take part in an art competition to create the best Diwali decoration, these will be displayed on a lit-up Diwali tree in the main hall. The school will also have a special Diwali menu for the day (please see the menu sheet below).

Parents Evening

Just a polite reminder that parents evening is next week. Please can we request that all parents enter the school through the main building. There will be an opportunity for parents to look at their children's work before or after their appointment with the teachers.

Charity Work!

We would like to congratulate Grace Simpson for her kindness and dedication to the 'Little Princess Trust'. She has grown her hair and had it cut off to support this fantastic charity. She has already raised over £800. Please see below for further information and a link to her charity page. The TRUST has helped out my own sister-in-law who was in need of a wig due to a health condition.

Head Teacher Awards

The following children have worked extremely hard and this has been celebrated by the pupils receiving awards in front of their peers.

Aarav C, Jake W, Kanwar, Liam and Annie

Diary Dates

November:

Wed 1st - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm
 Thu 2nd - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm
 Tue 7th - School Pictures - individuals
 Fri 10th - Diwali Celebration Day
 Tue 21st - Stirring the Pudding Service 9am
 Thu 30th - Year 6 WWII day in school

December:

Fri 8th - Flu vaccine
 14th - Year 3 Nativity
 15th - Whole school Panto visit
 18th - KS1 Nativity
 19th - KS1 Nativity 20th - Whole School Christmas Service
 21st - Whole School Christmas Lunch
 21st - School Christmas Disco 6-7:30pm
 22nd - School Closes for the Christmas holidays

January:

8th - School reopens for Spring Term

W/c 30th October- School Dinners 2 main choices with sides, bread and dessert

Mon - Tomato/Veggie Pasta
Tue - Sausage Roll/ Veggie Sausage
 Hot dog with wedges
Wed - BBQ/Lemon Herb chicken/
 Vegan Quorn with seasoned potatoes
 and salad
Thur - Peri Peri Chicken/ Veggie
 Meatballs with rice
Fri - Fish Fingers/ Omelette with chips

Jacket potatoes available, (please email the office by 9am Monday to order for the week ahead stating which date and filling your child would like)

Cultures Celebrated within our School

British Value of the Term
 Tolerance
 Pochin Value of the Term
 Optimism





She has had a huge haircut and donated 30cm of hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity which creates wigs out of human hair for young people suffering hair loss from cancer treatment and other conditions such as alopecia. Grace has raised over £800 which will enable to charity to create one wig and also a professional fitting for the recipient. I am not sure if you can share this but the link to Grace's Just Giving page is below where you can find out more about the charity.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/victoria-simpson-1697720019783?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=pag e%2Fvictoria-simpson-1697720019783&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp

