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Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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The lovely weather has arrived at last and so it is a good time to remind you all that sun hats are now necessities in school. Fingers crossed that the sunshine lasts through the holidays and beyond. It has now been a year since the Play Rangers began their lunchtime sessions and I am pleased to say they are as popular as ever. Lee and his team have introduced the children to a huge range of lunchtime games and activities; roasting marshmallows, giant swing and the catapult are probably my favourites! The children are also having great fun using the den building equipment. This involves a number of skills; strategic planning, problem solving, collaboration and negotiation are just a few. The equipment and storage shed were largely funded by the Friends of Malvern Way ~ an enormous thank you to them for their hard work.

Following the news that our current FoMW committee will be standing down at the end of this year, a new team have come forward to lead this important part of our school. There will be an opportunity to vote them in at the AGM to be held in September but all help and offers of support are always welcome. The Friends of Malvern Way would like to invite you to a brief meeting to be held on Monday 5th June at 2.45pm to discuss possible funding projects.

Please do pop along if you can to the dining hall (younger siblings are welcome).

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back on 5th June.

Photography Competition

Our first school photography competition, organised by Mrs Butcher, was a huge success.

We received more than 100 entries and each class voted for a winner before our Arts Council joined by Mary Hennessy and Lauren Balneaves (professional photographers) chose the winning entry. Congratulations to Freya Grusin.

All winning entries will be available to view on the school website Arts Council page.



Gymnastics

Our 2 teams of gymnasts performed brilliantly at Rickmansworth School showing off their vaulting and floor routines.

Well done for finishing 5th and 7th overall.



Croxley Library

Our Reception classes visited Croxley Library and enjoyed their own session led by Catherine and her team of librarians. The children had the opportunity to choose their own book which they have taken home – so don't forget to return this before the due date!

Catherine will be visiting the school for an assembly to introduce the Summer reading challenge after half term.



Empty Classroom Day

We managed to escape the showers last week for our Empty Classroom Day. We were one of 9,745 schools around the world to take part. All the children benefitted from taking their learning to a different area of the school, inside and outside. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. Furthermore it not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity – it's good fun as well!

Nursery Story Time

Thank you to all the parents who have visited our Nursery classes for story time. The children have really enjoyed

hearing the stories chosen by the parents and benefitted from this lovely experience.



Book Look

Thank you to all the parents and other visitors who attended our book look session today. Our children are deservedly proud of their learning and I am constantly impressed with the improvements they have made during the year. I am sure you will agree that they are all seeing the reward from their 100% effort in curriculum time.



Book Fair

A huge thank you to you all for supporting our recent book fair. We have raised **£1,262.69** in commission which will be used to purchase new books for our reading scheme and library.

Window Replacement

The work to replace our windows begins during the half term holiday. It is a 12 week programme which will finish just before we return to school in September. Should we need to alter arrangements at the beginning and end of the day, I will send a ParentMail at the end of next week.



We are still in need of washed/clean bottle lids to create an amazing piece of sculpture, please continue to bring them in to school after the half term holiday.

Badge Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who have received a badge since our last newsletter:

Being Independent Learners ~ Arthur, Ayeshan, Jack C, Sam, Alex K, Lily, Emma, Max, Rebecca, Kara, Annie, Isabella, India, Jena, Kiitan, Lina, Amy, Carla, Holly, Lexie, Erin, Scarlett, Charlie, Lena, Jack, Bailey, Harry

Being a Good Friend ~ Hayden, Emmie, Jess, Aara, Oscar, Ilis, Megan, Ethan, Lillie

Good Listeners ~ Autumn, Louis, Rosabella, Jamie, Ellie, Theolan, Darcey –May, Liora, Lilly, Joshua, Emmie, Olivia, George, Sophie, Arianna, Armaan, Ethan, Caitlyn, Eve, Anthony

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Charlie, Louis, George, Joshua

Polite ~ Aran, Ghaazi, Tom

Care Of The Environment ~ Isaac, Amelie G

Head Teacher Awards

Dragonfly: Zakariya

Shield Bug: Sophia

Bumble Bee: Joshua, Emily B, Thomas, Jack C, Evie

Ladybird: Alex K, Lily H

Hedgehog: Ellie, Will, Eliya, Nya, Reino, Aldona, Chloe, Layla, Brodie, Max, Tom, Darcey, Joshua

Rabbit: Edie, Hayden, Olivia, Alisha, Ava B, lolana, Charlotte C, Kush, Emily F

Squirrel: Charlotte C, Eve, Zac, Toby, Ghaazi

Heron: Josie, Kara, Reece

Owl: George, Ira, Carla, Archer, James, Bailey