



Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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A caring learning community

Out and About

Both our Reception and Year 1 classes have had the opportunity to take their learning outside of our school. The Reception classes visited St Oswald's church and met with Reverend Robert to learn about how Christians celebrate Harvest Festival and explore key features of the church.

Our Year 1 children travelled to Wendover Woods to enhance their topic – A Walk in the Woods. This trip is a firm favourite of ours as Wendover Woods offers a wealth of rich learning experiences for the children. As well as discovering what it looks like, the children collaborate together to make dens, challenge themselves on the playgrounds and show curiosity to find out more about the natural world. Back in school this trip has inspired some excellent writing which is proudly displayed along the Year 1 corridor.



Good Luck Mrs Hewett

On Thursday the whole school came together to say goodbye to Mrs Hewett in a special assembly as she leaves to prepare for a move to Bedfordshire. The vast majority of our families will be familiar with Mrs Hewett as she has been working at Malvern Way for 12 years. In recent years her role has been in our Nursery where she has ensured our youngest children have had a positive start to their education and has provided a welcoming and reassuring face to parents.

We were very fortunate that she was able to support our new Nursery classes through their first few weeks at Malvern Way as an additional member of staff. This proved to be invaluable as our Dragonflies and Ducklings have made a very assured and confident start to school.

Sandwich Making

Our school kitchen has been a busy place! Our Nursery classes visited the kitchen to make sandwiches.

The children were very independent practising spreading the bread and then cutting the sandwiches all by themselves.



Golden Time Baking

Following the success of last year's initiative, we are once again inviting children to a special cooking session. One child each week (from Reception to Year 2) will be selected by the class teacher to join Mrs Patel for some baking. The child will be selected as a thank you for their continued commitment to our school values and golden rules. We do have many deserving children so this is a difficult choice for teachers but there are enough Fridays during the year to ensure all those that deserve the reward receive it. In our first session the children were taught how to make samosas.

Headlice and Threadworm

Please can I remind parents of the importance of informing the school should you find your child has either headlice or threadworm. I would also like to remind you of the need to regularly check your child's hair for headlice.

The NHS website has some useful information for parents on managing headlice: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>



Supporting Independence

The staff and I have noticed that we have a lot of parents carrying their children as they arrive for school and when leaving. Please can I ask parents to refrain from doing this. While I understand our youngest children can be tired after a busy day at school, carrying your child is not supporting their independence.

Friends of Malvern Way



Total so far
after 2
collections
£108.00

Thank You!
Please keep the
bags coming



The Friends of
Malvern Way
have made their
first donation of

the year to the school. I was delighted to receive £3000 toward a new project which will enhance both our curriculum learning and our playtimes. This project is to install a new outdoor learning shed which will house a range of equipment for den building and other construction activities. It will include; tyres, planks, crates, cargo nets, sticks etc... and allow the children to work together, solve problems and use their imaginations to create their own adventures.



Hertfordshire County Council have developed a [directory of parenting courses](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport), which is available on their website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport

The parenting directory lists all courses that are available to parents/carers in Hertfordshire and cover a range of topics including:

- parenting a child with additional needs
- healthy relationships healthy baby programme
- confident fathers programme
- caring dads
- understanding teens.

You are able to view the courses you are interested in by district, type of course and also see if there are any costs involved.

Dates For Your Diary:

OCTOBER

Friday 14th ~ British Masters Golf Trip (selected Y2)

Saturday 15th ~ Spooky Disco

Wednesday & Thursday 19th /20th ~ Parent Consultations

Wednesday 19th ~ Y1 & Y2 Watford Schools Trust Visiting

Thursday 20th ~ Year 1 Croxley Walk

Friday 21st ~ Inset Day **School Closed**

Monday 24th ~ Friday 28th ~ Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st ~ Back To School

Head Teacher Awards

Duckling: Harriet

Bumble Bee: Tia, Millie, Abigail

Ladybird: Florenza, Lada

Robin: Jake, Chloe, Ruby

Heron: Ardam

Badge Assembly

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

Being Independent Learners ~ Eva, Keavy, Josie, Eve, Amar, Harry, Harry A

Good Listeners ~ Mia, Lillie, Beatrice, Sophia, Mary, India-Rose, Jack, Millie, Emily, Keira, Ashleigh

Being a Good Friend ~ Layla, Alex, Kiitan, Max

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Almaan, Reggie, Gerry

Polite ~ Thomas

Care Of The Environment ~ Tilly, Theolan, Jack, Emily, Lada, Isla, Amelie, Jack, Rakshith, Georgia