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Malvern Way News

From Mrs Cole

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We arrive so quickly to the end of a half term! It has been a wonderful time in school and we have been pleased that the weather has mostly stayed mild. Half term will be a good time to dig out the hats and scarves for when we return on Monday 31st October.

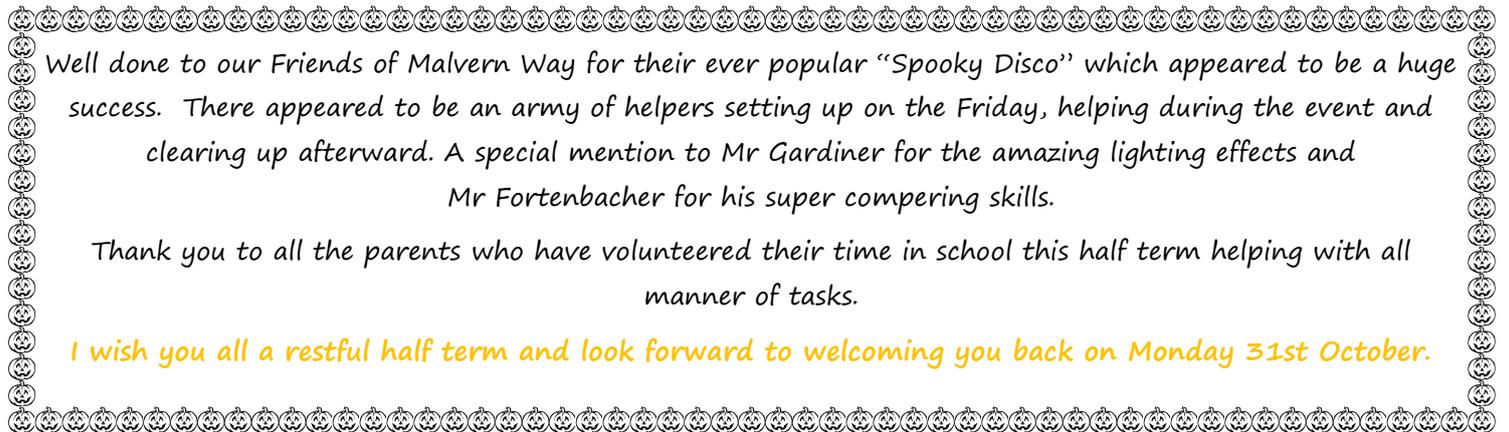


We have, as usual, had a huge turn out to our consultation evenings and I hope you found these valuable, seeing the progress your child has already made across the curriculum. I am sure the parents in Nursery and Reception enjoyed the opportunity to look through Learning Journeys.

We said Goodbye to Julie Baron today who has been a valued member of staff, supporting our teachers with all their IT concerns. Julie has had a long association with the school and I thank her for all the expertise she has provided to us.



Congratulations to Ms Lewis who has secured a Cooks position at another local school, we wish her well.



Well done to our Friends of Malvern Way for their ever popular "Spooky Disco" which appeared to be a huge success. There appeared to be an army of helpers setting up on the Friday, helping during the event and clearing up afterward. A special mention to Mr Gardiner for the amazing lighting effects and Mr Fortenbacher for his super compering skills.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time in school this half term helping with all manner of tasks.

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31st October.

Harvest Assembly

We came together to celebrate Harvest on Wednesday with an assembly led by Rev Jon Bishop. The children enjoyed listening to his assembly themed around Thankfulness. We continued our tradition of singing "Lord of the Harvest". As part of our learning about Harvest, representatives from Watford School's trust explored this theme further with our Year 1 and 2 children. Today we donated our Harvest gifts to the Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project. They were overwhelmed with generosity of our families and wanted to extend their thanks to us.



This year the Golf Foundation offered us 12 tickets to watch the British Masters Golf competition at The Grove. We took part in a workshop where we learnt new skills including learning how to putt and chip. We had a fantastic day on the golf course learning the rules of golf and the importance of golf etiquette. Our highlight of the day was meeting Andrew 'Beef' Johnston who signed autographs for us and talked to us about his round of golf. We had an amazing time! I must mention how impressed the public were with the behaviour of the children and they took the time to comment.



Learn to Ride

All of our children in Reception and Nursery will be taking part in cycling workshops on 1st and 8th November led by Rob Reed from The Bicycle Society. Rob will be training teachers and teaching assistants in both year groups on how to coach children when using balance bikes. As a school we purchased a number of balance bikes a couple of years ago and hope this training will ensure we are using them to the greatest benefit of the children. We will be sending out a short questionnaire to parents of children in Reception and Nursery after half term so that we can effectively monitor the impact of the sessions.

Walking Through The Jungle

I was very pleased to be invited to watch our Reception children performing their dances inspired by the story "Walking through the Jungle." The children performed brilliantly and I was impressed by their ability to remember so much of the routine (it was nearly 6 minutes long!). The actions created by the children matched the animals in the story well. Great job Reception.



Croxley Walk

Our Year 1 children explored our local area today as part of their History and Geography learning. Their walk took them all around Croxley, discovering places they hadn't seen before and some they had forgotten about.

Term Dates 2017 -18

Following consultation with Little Green school and our Governors we have set the start of term for September 2017 as 4th September.

This will be an INSET day so children will be starting on 5th September. Following our Full Governing Body meeting in November we will confirm the dates for the academic year 2017/18.



Well done to **Harry Chambers** for his super efforts in raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. He completed a 7km walk and raised an amazing **£270.00**

Head Teacher Awards

Dragonfly: Kenny, Aran

Duckling: Sanaya, Rory, Aditya

Bumble Bee: Ellar, Ethan, Hugo

Ladybird: Amelie, Chloe

Rabbit: Edie

Squirrel: Charlie

Robin: George

Heron: Amar

Owl: Lauren, James, Kayden, Amelie, George

Badge Assembly

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

Being Independent Learners ~ Martha, Arianna, Xavier, Evie, Tudor, Alex B, Alexander, Mayra, Lily, Molly, Finley, Enya, Joseph, George

Good Listeners ~ Max, Nya, Caitlyn, Isaac, Sophie, Aryan

Being a Good Friend ~ Daniel, Jena, Alisa, Bailey

Kind & Thoughtful ~ Archer,

Polite ~ Vivienne, Aamina, Tia, James, Leo, Max, Ava

Care Of The Environment ~ Marisa, Alice