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# Malvern Way News

## From Mrs Cole

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It has been a jam packed fortnight at the school but a very enjoyable one. The teaching staff have worked hard to arrange a number of very exciting opportunities for the children across a range of subjects. Our busy schedule continues and next week we will take part in the national "Anti Bullying Week". Miss Wood has chosen the book, *The Huge Bag of Worries* as our focus. We also welcome parents to our book fair and hope you enjoy the opportunity to take part in a learning activity in the classroom.

We now begin to look toward Christmas! Mrs Bushell will be sending out tickets for our Christmas Productions and the Friends of Malvern Way are busy making preparations for the Fayre on November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please sign up to help, even for a short time. Unfortunately, Father Christmas has confirmed a full set of elves has been recruited for the grotto but there are plenty of other roles that need volunteers. We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November as a thank you for donating to the adult (bottle) tombola for Years 1 & 2 and the sweet tombola for Reception and Nursery.

### Learn to Ride

All of our children in Nursery and Reception have enjoyed the opportunity to learn to ride with sessions led by Rob from The Bicycle Society. As well as working with the children, Rob worked alongside the staff as part of an accredited training course. Our staff now understand how to deliver cycle lessons using exciting and enjoyable games. They also learned the secrets to cycling which are

- Face forward
- Leave Space
- Balance for 10 seconds
- Smile



We are hoping to invite Rob back to deliver the Pedal Plus programme.



Year 2 visited The Roald Dahl Gallery at Bucks County Museum. The children enjoyed spending time learning new facts about Roald Dahl and imagining what it would be like to be part of some of Roald Dahl's stories. We even had the opportunity to be shrunk just like Mike Teavee did in the story of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! The children also had the opportunity to design and make a patchwork quilt for Grandpa Joe using inspiration from artefacts at the museum. The children had a wonderful time and were extremely polite and well behaved.



### A visit from Nick Butterworth

Many of you will be familiar with the books written by Nick Butterworth and we were delighted to invite the author himself to our school. This really was an incredible and inspiring experience and Nick has now established himself as Malvern Way's favourite author. He visited every year group, reading his stories, sharing his illustrations and talking about where he finds his ideas for books. The children were amazed when he imitated a whistling kettle. I posted a thank you on his Facebook page and received this reply:

*"Great day for me too. The school is indeed outstanding – there's a lovely spirit about the place and a sense of genuine friendship amongst the staff. A gem of a school."*

### Making bread in Nursery

As part of their learning using the story of The Little Red Hen, our children in Nursery had the chance to make their own bread. They learned how to mix the ingredients, knead and roll the dough before seeing their finished product.



### Rickmansworth Dance Festival

Well done to Charlie, Kara, Lauren, Charlotte, Eleanor, Loretta, Lily-Grace, Ashleigh, Amelie, Sophie, Oliver, Ruby, Sophie, Alice, Georgia, Jake, Gerry, Liora, Archie and Annie for a fabulous performance at the Rickmansworth Dance Festival. The children performed a dance to Pure Imagination from the film of Charlie and the chocolate factory and Putting On The Ritz originally performed by Fred Astaire which included top hats and tap dancing. The group performed their dance to all the school in assembly today. Thank you to Miss Withers for her time in working with the children.



### Watford Palace Theatre

The director from the recent production of James and the Giant Peach at the Watford Palace theatre visited Year 2. The children learnt about the different jobs involved at a theatre production. The children were very engaged and had a wonderful time.

### Fine Art4Kids (after school club)

The children have just completed their project focusing on the artist, David Shepherd creating detailed studies of large mammals set in a Serengeti background, looking at the characteristics of each animal, incorporating proportion, line and shape. They used chalk pastel to blend and create tone which we think has a created a stunning result!



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 ★ We received a visit  
 ★ this week from a  
 ★ member of our local  
 ★ community who  
 ★ wanted to say a  
 ★ special thank you to  
 ★ Charlie King for his  
 ★ kind and honest deed.  
 ★ Charlie found a ring  
 ★ in St Oswald's church  
 ★ car park and handed  
 ★ it in. This meant the  
 ★ ring found its way  
 ★ back to its owner.  
 ★ Well done Charlie.  
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### Head Teacher Awards

Shield Bug: Edward

Ladybird: India-Rose

Rabbit: Molly, Roye, Alex

Squirrel: Isla, Ava, Mia, Millie

Heron: Harry

Owl: Sophie, Nina, Jess, Emily

### Badge Assembly

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

**Being Independent Learners** ~ Katherine, Raghav, Darcey-May, Emmie, Charlotte, Lisa, Anisa, Ira, Ella, Pippa, Dylan, Emily, Hugo, Anthony, Chloe

**Good Listeners** ~ Ayeshan, Daniel, Thomas, Jayan, Zara, Rebecca, Milo, Perez, Max, Samrath, Sam, Luxshya, Dominic, Amelia

**Being a Good Friend** ~ Declan, Emma, Bonnie

**Kind & Thoughtful** ~ Uma, Bhavini

**Polite** ~ Jack, Sam, Emily

**Care Of The Environment** ~ Oscar