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*Values of the term: Unity, Courage, Peace*

**‘Mutual Respect is the foundation of genuine harmony’ – Dalai Lama**

Dear Parents,

In our worship on Monday, Mr Stevens and the children talked about the meaning of the word Respect. Together they came up with ideas for what it means for us at school:

- To be kind when people are talking
- Respect how people look
- Respect each other’s point of view
- Say please and thank you
- Respect each other now matter the colour of their skin
- Listening to people



The children did an excellent job recognising how we can treat one another with respect. As a school team, we are working hard to support them in this effort, encouraging everyone to look out for one another, be kind, use polite language like "please" and "thank you," and listen to each other. These actions reflect our core school values of wisdom, responsibility, and kindness.

### **Curriculum**

We’ve had a busy week in school, here are some of the activities that have been going on in classes:

**Acorns** have been voting for and sharing their favourite stories this week. Big Acorns have been using their listening ears in phonics to blend sounds together to understand Fred talk; Little Acorns have been sorting and matching colours.

**Beech** have been sketching with different types of pencils, they learnt about shading and are going to be building up their skills over the next few weeks towards drawing Owls based on their English book ‘The Owl who was afraid of the Dark.’

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*Investigating friction  
in Sycamore*

In **Sycamore** this week we have started learning about the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons which everyone is super excited about! Additionally, we completed our first Science investigation which was comparing which classroom surface had the most and least friction for our toy cars.

**Oak** have been reading, analysing and creating their own war poems in English, explaining the difference between thermal conductors and thermal insulators in science and drawing aircraft used in World War II. During our Maths lessons, our Y6s have persevered with long division whilst our Y5s have identified common multiples and common factors.



Oak class are currently in London, visiting the Houses of Parliament – a wonderful opportunity to see history in the making! Mr Stevens sent us a photo of the children eating lunch in the sunshine. We look forward to hearing all about their trip upon their return and will share their news in next week's newsletter.



### **Cross Country**

On Wednesday, Buckland had another fun day at the Buscot Park cross country competition. This beautiful venue is always a highlight in the sporting calendar, and it's a great opportunity for the children to meet with their peers from other primary schools across the Faringdon Academy.

We took 25 children to compete in 4 teams, up against 8 other schools. They all pushed themselves to their limits and ran a great race. The Year 3-4 girls came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their race, the Year 3-4 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Year 5-6 girls were 1<sup>st</sup> (special mention to Eleanor who won her race) and the Year 5-6 boys came 6<sup>th</sup>.

The next stage is the Vale heat, and the first and second place teams in each race will take part in this event at Tilsley Park (date TBC). For us, this means that we will take our fastest four competitors from the Year 3-4 girls' and Year 5-6 girls' teams.

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I am sure that you would all like to join me in congratulating all our athletes who took part yesterday and did Buckland School proud.  
Mrs Miller

### **Buckland Harvest Service**

#### **9:30 Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> - St Mary's Church, Buckland**

Please join us for our Harvest Service on 17<sup>th</sup> October. We will be sharing songs, poems and prayers and taking food donations to the church in the morning. This year, our donations will be supporting the Rose Hill Community Cupboard which is run by the Rose Hill Methodist Church. Liz Spain, Community Chaplain, will be joining us at our service to share some of the wonderful work that they do. This is an important part of our Rights Respecting School work as we learn more about social justice, fairness and children's rights in the wider local area.

Liz has kindly provided us with a list of items that the Community Cupboard would love to receive, and we would be very grateful if you are able to spare any of these for the children to bring along to our Harvest Service along with your usual wonderful home grown produce:

#### **Tinned Meat**

- Hot Dogs
- Hot Dogs with Baked Beans
- Meatballs
- Spam
- Tinned Pies

#### **Tinned Fish**

- Tuna
- Sardines
- Any other tinned fish

#### **Tinned Fruit / Desserts**

- Peaches, Pears
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Any other tinned desserts

#### **Tinned Soup**

#### **Tinned Vegetables**

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### **Mental health and wellbeing**

In our wellbeing worship this week, we reviewed 'MAGIC' and reminded ourselves of how this could help us to remember the 5 ways to wellbeing. We focused on Mindfulness and shared the story 'What do you see when you look at a tree?' The children were encouraged to think of something that helps them to find a moment of mindfulness in their day.

**Rosie's Rainbow Fund** – James P's final total raised for Rosie's Rainbow Fund is an amazing £1021.50. Thank you to all who came along and supported James and his family with this last Friday. He has been invited to talk on BBC Oxford Radio next Wednesday about his journey and fundraising. Amazing achievement James – we are all so proud of you and can't wait to hear all about it on the radio!

### **Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy for a permanent TA 3 days a week. If you know of anyone who might be interested – please share.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140278/EDV-2024-BCEPS-69434>

Vacancies in the Cambrian Learning Trust - Larkmead School have a vacancy for an IT Network Manager:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/143890/EDV-2024-LS-57678>

### **Achievements**

House	Horse	Ox	Dragon
Weekly total	43	52	64
<b>Running total</b>	282	279	309

This week's certificates have been awarded to:

Acorns – Ingrid and Adalaide

Beech – Maggy and Camilo

Sycamore – Forrest and Sophie

Oak will be doing certificates in class on Monday as they are away today.

Congratulations to all.

Have a lovely weekend, I hope the sun continues to shine!

**Mrs Brown and the Buckland Team.**