

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Friday, 7th October - 1.30pm

All parents are invited to join us at the primary site for our afternoon tea, helping to raise funds for the annual Macmillan Coffee 'Morning' appeal.



Wednesday, 19th October - 9.30am

Parents' Information and Coffee Morning

'Secondary Transition'

All welcome, but ideally suited for those parents with children in Year 4, 5 and 6.

Thursday, 3rd November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - information to follow

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL?



This week we have been celebrating Harvest and saying thank you for our food in our Special Moments and Sensory Assemblies.

On Monday, Oak, Maple and Hazel named different fruits and vegetables and then thought about which of their favourite foods came from these plants. Wiki shared that she liked chips and Gabrielle named potato soup. Leo enjoys tomato ketchup and Bora could tell us all that bread is made with flour. The girls in Hazel seem particularly keen on baking and making cakes. Chocolate brownies are Jaymie's favourites!

The children were very enthusiastic in their singing of 'Busy for Harvest Time' which went to the tune of 'The Wheels on the Bus'. There were some very good actions for the wheels of the tractor, digging the soil and picking the crops.

The assembly ended with a reminder to say thank you for our food especially to the person who cooks it for us!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE SATELLITE SITE?

In the Sensory Assembly there was a wide range of sensory items to explore which gave much delight to Beech, Acorn and Willow Classes. Oliver particularly enjoyed exploring how to grind seeds with a pestle and mortar and Carla loved the song which went with the action of leaves falling on an umbrella! Valentina liked driving the tractor through the fields of wheat which were created with Shredded Wheat and Toby was fascinated by the melon which he enjoyed rolling. The activity which involved painting pumpkins was very popular and the end results were very colourful as were the children's hands!

Both assemblies reminded us of the joy that can be found in nature and the amazing range of foods that are grown and harvested.

Thank you very much for all the donations that have been sent in.

We will be delivering 7 carrier bags full of harvest contributions Sutton Night Watch shortly.

Giving children a choice in how they learn empowers them. At the Satellite, we use a child's interests to enhance their learning, resulting in happy students and academic success.



Lucas has been working on his maths and literacy skills using a Pokemon fact sheet.



Art and science combined as students modelled and decorated their own volcanoes and used vinegar and bicarb to make them explosive.

Top trumps have been the favourite game to play to practise our maths and literacy skills. Many pupils have enjoyed looking at the concepts of more and less and ordering through the cards - if anyone has old packs lying around that they no longer want please let us know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

Sutton Parents Forum are running a host of information sessions. On Monday, 3rd October they will be running a session on Continuing Health Care assessments, aimed at families with young people 16+.

They are also running focus groups to look at the short breaks offer for 8-12 year olds. The local authority are currently recommissioning the services, so it would definitely be of interest to many of our parents.

For further information and a look at all the events on offer, please click on the link:

[Events Calendar - Sutton Parents Forum](#)

We are very honoured to have a finalist in the Mental Health Awards within our midst.

Nadine Neckles, Gabrielle's Mum at the primary site has produced a 'Special Journey Journal' (a flyer

giving further information is attached).

Today is the last day for voting and it would be wonderful if you have the time to cast a vote for Nadine to mark the hard work and effort she has put into producing this wellness journal for parents with children who have special needs.

To vote just follow the link:

<https://www.myfamilyourneeds.co.uk/baps/mental-health-champion/>

AND FINALLY

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY (Satellite or Secondary Sites)

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor.

Our Governors play an important role within the school and are effectively the eyes and ears, supporting and challenging the Principal in the direction of the school, our policies and our objectives.

They monitor progress and achievement of students, the quality of teaching, the financial management of the Academy and the behaviour and safety of pupils.

If you wish to learn more and feel this is something that would interest you, please call Sandy for an informal chat.