



Storybook Community

Welcome to the first Storybook Community newsletter!

You will be updated with all the latest news and achievements within Storybook Community.

Off to a great start..

Wow, what a start to the school year and the children's first terms at school. From the first couple of weeks, the children have settled in really well and have all made lots of new friends.

During our WOW day, child-initiated time, and especially rehearsals for Christmas, we have also got to know all of the adults in the Early Years team.

Attendance Update:

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year, all of the Storybook Community has just about met the challenge, reaching 96.7% as a group. The individual class totals are as follows:

Caterpillars: 95.3%
Little Bears: 96.9%

Elmer: 97.2%
Gruffalo: 96.4%

Staff Achievements

The staff have also had some achievements of their own so far this year:

- Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Banning on the birth of their baby daughter, Esme.
- Mr Claridge and Mr Wilson both ran a marathon.
- Mrs Ware, Mrs Smith, Miss Draper and Mrs Elliot have all taken part in several 10km runs.

Hall of Fame:

Well done to those who have earned Challenge Champion so far:

Caterpillar: Ava, Evie, Harry, Joseph, Kai, Lucie, Thomas and Tyler

Elmer: Scarlett S, Brennan, Caitlin, Scarlett D, Lexi, Kimberly,

Gruffalo: Ralph, Jessica, Amelia, Lilly, Alfie, Layla-Rose, Elsie, Austin and Louie.

Little Bear: Riley S, Toni, Aria, George, Mia, Jacob, Arthur and Jude.

The children are really listening to, and taking on board the behaviours which will win them Challenge Champions, and make them good learners.

Divali WOW day



Our WOW day began when the children entered the classroom to find the lights off, Indian music playing, a large Rangoli pattern created on the floor, and lots of fairy lights decorating the rooms. Children from Bobbing then travelled to Iwade on the minibus so that all of the Early Years could take part in their WOW day together, and could make some new friends too.

We started by all going into one classroom, introducing the adults and we had a brief introduction to the festival of Divali, the Hindu festival of light to celebrate New Year. We looked at some photographs of things which are done during the celebration, and then split into our four colour groups and set off to our first activity.

During the day the children took part in four activities linked to Divali;

- created their own Mendhi hand patterns using paper and pens,
- made some peppermint cream sweets
- took part in some traditional Indian dancing
- used clay to make a Diva lamp



"I liked the hands and the candles because you could make a rainbow pattern"



"Making sweets was fun, we used lots of ingredients – it smelt really weird. We put icing sugar in and mixed it up and it was super weird, it turned to green!"

CHRISTMAS!

Our term has ended with the build up to Christmas. As part of this, the children have all performed versions of the Nativity, titled "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel". They have worked really hard with this; learning songs, remembering words, having stage directions, and then performing it all to an audience. All of the performances were absolutely amazing, and we are very proud of our children for their efforts.

As part of our Christmas celebrations in school, we also watched a Pantomime performance of Aladdin, had a visit from Father Christmas in his grotto and we ate our first school Christmas dinner. We also made lots of Christmas items, learnt all about the Christmas Story, and had a party in our classrooms.



The Early Years Team at TIMU Academy Trust would like to wish the children and their families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

