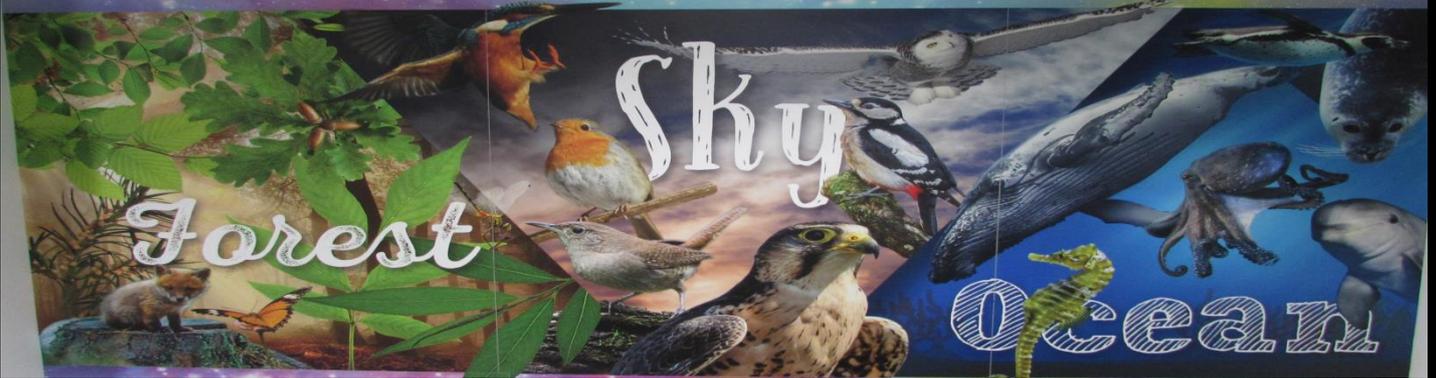


TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE



Forest Community Newsletter Christmas 2018

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new academic year. It's almost unbelievable that we have completed 2 terms already! I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what's been going on at Iwade School and in Forest Community in particular.

Mrs Knight

Attendance Update

As you know, in school we aim for over 96% attendance and so far this year, lots of classes have risen to the challenge:

Elm: 97.7% Beech: 97.4% Yew: 98.6% Oak: 96.6%

Well done to our attendance prize draw winner for Term 1, Erin in Yew Class!

Whole School Events

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of parents with the incredible number of donations for our Harvest Festival – thank you!

Once again, the school joined in with the community for Remembrance Day, this time by taking wreaths made by each class to the church. The church looked amazing and it was a very moving sight.

We finished Term 2 with two very exciting events – Christmas dinner and a visit from Father Christmas. Great fun was had by all and the Christmas outfits looked fantastic!

Sporting Achievements:

Thanks to our great PE team, we have taken part in a number of events so far this year including; Yr 1&2 Infant Agility Festival (4th place), Yr 3&4 Change 4 Life Festival, Yr 3-6 Cross-Country (Various medals), Yr 5&6 Football Strike Force Tournament (2nd Place), Yr 5&6 Football English Schools Football (1st Place), Yr 5&6 Football Swale League (won 1st round, 2nd Round Dec), Yr 3&4 Sportshall Athletics (4/12) and Yr 5&6 Sportshall Athletics (4/12). In addition, Yr 5&6 Football Represented Swale at Kent English Schools Final (3rd Place).

Well done everyone!

In school, we've also had Yr 6 Bikeability, Yr 5&6 Go-Ride Coaching Sessions, Yr 6 Sports Crew Training and National Fitness Day Event. Additionally, we have seen the introduction of Active Mile running alongside the Freddie Fit programme.

Next term we look forward to: Yr 1-6 Key Steps Gymnastic Competition, Yr 5&6 Oasis Dodgeball Festival, Yr 5&6 Swimming Gala, Yr 5&6 Football Swale League.

Hall of Fame

Well done to those who earned Challenge Champion in Terms 1 and 2!

Gruffalo: Lewis, Hettie, Jack, Maximus, George, Reuben S, Holly, Regan, Olivia, Dorothy and Joshua.

Ash: Lucy B, Ebony Rose, Riley M, Zara, Oliver M, James, Bailey, Thomas, Joseph, Belle, Ethan, Isla, Alana and Max.

Elm: Harrison, Seren, Mya, Alice, Dexter, Alissa-Mai, Emilia, Scarlett, Ewan, Elijah, Evie G, Sofia, Tegan, Joshua.

Beech: Alex C, Charlie T, Alex P, Ava, Lyla, Honey, Alex P, Sophia, Sophie AH, Jacob, Ruby, Jeshurun, Samuel and Tobi.

Willow: Daisy, Niks, Summer, Oliver D, Chloe, Jack A, Skye, Olive, Tessa, Lexie, Matthew, Alfie, Jenson and Zach.

Yew: Lily, Harrison, Millie, Emily, Jess, Daisy, Erin H, Erin S, Abi, George, Philippa, Imogen, Alfie and Georgia.

Oak: Amiee, Ciaran, Max, Taki, Jessica, Sophia, Lewis, Erin, Lacey, Matthew, Tomas, Ophelia, Louis and Ruby D.

PE: Alexis (Oak), Jeshurun (Beech), Emilia (Elm), Niks (Willow), Kai (Ash), Abiola (Yew), Neve (Oak), Jack A (Willow) and Joshua (Yew)

We Love Reading!

Since we returned in September, we have had a huge focus on reading at home. Forest community has made an incredible effort with this. These are the highest weekly 'Reading at Home' percentages for each class over Terms 1 & 2.

Gruffalo: 63.3% Ash: 77.8% Elm: 76.7% Beech: 73.3% Willow: 72.4%
Yew: 93.3% Oak: 84.4%

We are looking forward to seeing these percentages rise over the coming terms – remember to keep reading at home at least 3 times a week!

Trip to Waterstones

At the end of Terms 1 and 2, we held our prize draws for a trip to Bluewater to spend a £10 voucher. To qualify, children needed to have met their Accelerated Reader points target and averaged 85% or above accuracy throughout. Amelia from Beech Class and Owen from Oak Class were the winners for Forest Community.



Congratulations!



Term 1 and 2 WOW days



Gruffalo Class "Diwali"

The children in Gruffalo class said that they absolutely loved their WOW day this term, particularly the dancing! They also



"I really enjoyed making my own puzzle of countries and pirate map because it was fun. I liked making it look old with the tea bag!"

Ash Class "All Around Us"

Ash Class worked through a carousel of activities to explore different types of maps using Google Earth, atlas's and globes. The activities included; exploring Google Earth working in pairs on the ipads, looking at different maps using an atlas and looking at different countries around the world using globes. They also completed a jigsaw puzzle by sticking the different continents in the correct places and made their own pirate maps.

Elm Class "From England to Madagascar"

Elm Class began their topic by pretending to visit Madagascar on an aeroplane – they enjoyed learning about how life there is different to here in Iwade. They have also created African masks.



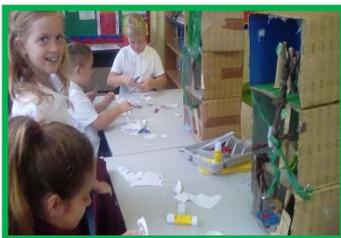
"I enjoyed the whole day, especially when we got to make the mountains!" and "I liked that we got to do our own little bits for our models even though we were working in groups."

Beech Class "Stone Age to Iron Age" and "River Deep, Mountain High"

The children enjoyed a Stone Age workshop in Term 1 and learnt how to hunt and mine for copper and tin. This term's WOW day involved making a 3D model of a mountain, including hills, streams and rivers.



*"When we got our flight passes, it felt like we were on a real plane!"
"I LOVED the fruit! And we were eating it when we weren't supposed to be (After lunch)"*



Willow Class "Rainforests" and "Truly Scrumptious"

In Term 1, Willow Class learnt about the different layers of a rainforest and, as a team, created a model of each layer inside cardboard boxes. On their WOW day this term they created their own fruit smoothies to 'pitch and sell'.



Yew Class "Who were the Ancient Greeks?"

Yew Class enjoyed both Greek WOW days and had the opportunity to do food tasting, make laurel wreaths and take part in their own Olympic Games! In term 2, they had a visit from Steve at Victrix as well as researching and making their own chalk columns.

"I enjoyed our WOW day! I loved making smoothies with loads of different fruit."

"I really enjoyed eating the different foods from Greece and our Greek Olympics. The torch parade made it feel real!"

Oak Class "A Key to England" and "Europe and the Battle of Britain"

In term 1, Oak Class used maps and atlases to find out the main cities and counties of Great Britain. In term 2, they had a visitor and we acted out various scenarios of what happened during the Battle of Britain. Oak Class were very lucky to have a visit from some owls to start their "Harry Potter" writing unit too!



"The visitor man was really great. He told us a lot of information about how the people felt when working in the planes"



Farewell Wishes

Forest community would like to say a big **GOODBYE** and **GOOD LUCK** to Mrs Ware and Mrs Hudson as they embark on their next adventures!

We welcome Mrs Browning as our new Executive Principal from January 2019!

Congratulations to Miss Peel and Mr Davies who both became engaged recently! (Not to each other though)

Staff shout-

Coming up in the next two terms:
Wow days to start all our new topics
Safer Internet Day
Red Nose Day

Merry Christmas to everyone from all in Forest Community!



We welcome Ms Feeking as the new TA in Elm Class as Ms Stannett moves to Ocean Community to teach Penguin Class with Mrs Robinson. We also welcome Miss Harwood and Mrs McConnell as the new 1-1 TAs in Elm Class