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### Multisports

Despite a very wet morning, Staring Class enjoyed a fantastic morning of multisports at Oakfield School on Wednesday. The children completed a circuit of different activities which included handball, dodgeball and throwing/batting. There were a lot of other schools there and they teamed up with other groups. All the children did really well and the weather actually held out until the last few minutes!

#### **Parent Consultations**

A reminder that our parent consultations are taking place on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 6th November. If you haven't yet been able to sign up then please contact the school office and arrange a time. Please remember that we can arrange a different time/date if you are unable to come in on the 6th.

#### Mr Turull

#### A request from our Eco Warriors

Written by Lottie, Ava, Flo, Benji & William

"Eco Club would like to request recycling for a project. We would like bottle tops, toilet roll tubes, scrap paper, fabric, lolly sticks or any other recycling that you may have. Please bring this into the office (and please ensure it is all clean!)

Thankyou, Eco Club"

### **Notices**

- Anti-Bullying Week On the week of 11th 15th November we will be supporting anti-bullying week in school.
  - On **Tuesday 11th November** we will taking part in 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate everyone's differences. Please can children wear odd socks as part of their usual school uniform.
- On Friday 15th November it is Children in Need Day. Children are welcome to 'wear something spotty' or wear pyjamas. We will have a donation bucket available in the playground should you wish to donate.
- Parent Consultations Sign up sheets for parent consultations are now in reception.
- Rags2Riches We have a collection booked for the 12th November. If you are due a wardrobe sort
  out please consider donating.
- School Governor The MNSP Trust are seeking individuals to join the Governing Board. This is a
  wonderful opportunity for those who are passionate about education to make a meaningful impact
  on our school and help shape the future for our students. Please see the advert attached to this
  week's newsletter.
- School Lunches We appreciate your patience in holding off booking lunches for next term, I hope
  to be able to give you the go ahead to book lunches for this next week.
- Social Media If you would like to follow our school social media pages, you can find us on both Facebook & Instagram. @Leighonmendipschool
- Term One Swimming With term one now coming to an end, we would be grateful for your
  contribution towards the travel expenses. This is available to pay for all children in Swallows and
  Goldfinches.

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### **News from the Classrooms**



We have continued to explore all things Autumn again in Robin Class this week. The children enjoyed making clay hedgehogs, leaf potions and counting pine cones and conkers. The children are very excited for our Halloween theme next week and have practised some songs already.





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This week the Kingfishers had lots of Halloween-inspired activities, we read the book Room on the Broom and the reception children started writing their first spooky sentences!

The year 1's worked hard in maths exploring fact families and



This week we have been celebrating Autumn in Starling class. In English we have been looking at the poem 'Autumn is here'. At Wren Woods we continued the theme by pretending to be squirrels and hiding food for the winter then seeing if we could find all of the food. We also made bird feeders to hang in Wren woods for the birds to feed from over the winter.





This week in goldfinch class we have been learning all about the festival of Diwali as part of our RE topic, Hinduism. We have learnt all about the traditions of the festival and the story of *Rama and Sita* and how Diwali began. We have also started to create our own diya lamps from clay ready to decorate next week with lots of bright colours, patterns and gems.





At the beginning of the week, Swallows were learning about teamwork. In teams, they had to try and build the tallest tower in 5 minutes. On the first attempt, they weren't given any direction. On the second attempt, each person was given a role of time keeper, designer or builder. They then compared to see which attempt they preferred.



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## **Diary Dates**

<u>October</u>

Thursday 24th FOLS Non uniform day. Halloween themed. Please no face paints and sensible

costumes as children will still be swimming and attending forest school.

Thursday 24th FOLS Halloween Disco - Please see poster in reception

Friday 25th INSET DAY End of Term 1

<u>November</u>

Monday 4th Start of Term 2

Wednesday 6th Parents' Evening - more information to follow

Tuesday 12th Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 13th Open Morning - 9.30am - 11am

Friday 15th Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19th Book Fair arrives at School
Wednesday 20th Open Afternoon - 1.30pm - 3pm
Friday 22nd FOLS Print and Prosecco Evening

Tuesday 26th Book Fair ends Wednesday 27th INSET DAY

**December** 

Friday 6th FOLS Movie night & PJs

Saturday 7th Christmas Fayre & Christmas Tree Sale

Thursday 12th Christmas jumper day

Friday 13th Whole School pantomime trip Wednesday 18th KS2 Christmas Carol Service TBC

Thursday 19th KS1 Nativity Play TBC

Friday 20th End of Term 2





