

17th October - 21st October 2022

Weekly Highlights!

As we come to the end of our first half-term, I have been looking back at some of the many highlights.

Our term began with our Christian charity partner, Mission Aviation Fellowship, coming into school to undertake the Rescue Challenge with Years 3 to 6. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all and clearly highlighted how different life is in some of the more remote parts of the world, compared with life in the UK.

The children also learnt about the power and importance of prayer in a Christian's life. With that in mind, please look out for the decorations that are to be added in school during the break, that will demonstrate very clearly the distinctive Christian character of our school.

We again held our sports days at the beginning of this term, rather than the summer term, for our Y1 to Y6 classes; EYFS sports day will be held in the summer term in recognition of the need for our youngest children to settle in to school life. Sports days were a great success, particular highlights being the space hopper, water and egg & spoon races. The children also had the opportunity to experience taster sessions in karate, dance, drama and cricket. Watch out for our celebrations of the World Cup as we move into December! This term, we have had great success with our sporting competitions in both football and cross-country. I have been so proud of the achievements of all our children in these events. Remember that we have still to host a cross-country event at Parish and with the amount of running talent that we have in school, this will be certainly something worth coming to support.

In the first week of my return, I had the great pleasure of watching the children perform their choral speaking pieces. With a range of poetry from rap to more traditional poems, this was a very enjoyable event for all and something we are all looking forward to doing again.

This week the classes have been focused on celebrating the importance of Black history by studying the lives of important and inspirational people from a range of backgrounds, including sporting and music heroes as well as the courageous advocacy of women such as Rosa Parks whose bravery during the civil rights movement in America is an example to us all. Each class has created an overview of their work which will be displayed in school.

I unfortunately missed the harvest services, due to being on some training, but Mrs Thomas has shared how well both Year 3 classes helped the school community celebrate the gift of harvest by looking at harvest from around the world and singing our adapted version of George Ezra's song.

As always your children have continued to strive to be the best they can. This morning we all 'reached for the stars' as we filled the Gem Jar to over half full with our gems that have been given for being ready, respectful and safe.

As this half-term finishes, I want to take this opportunity to wish each child and their family a good, restful and safe half-term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 2nd November at the usual time.

Have a good evening and weekend when it arrives,
Mrs Cooke