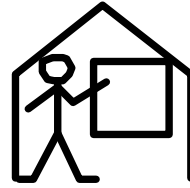


October 14th 2011



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a quiet week in school but everyone has been working hard. Key Stage 4 pupils visited the synagogue on Wednesday as part of their work about the Jewish festival Sukkot which is the theme for our assemblies today.



Emergency School Closures

Please remember to sign up to be alerted by text should the school be closed in an emergency. Details of how to do this are on the MK at School website.



Halloween Party Monday October 31st

Please remember to sign up to come along to our Halloween party on Monday 31st October between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. All pupils / children must be accompanied by their parents / carers. The cost is £1 per person. I'm sure that a fun time will be had by all!



Half Term Holiday

Just a reminder that we break up for the October half term next Friday October 21st. All pupils return to school on **Tuesday November 1st**.

Daisies are Class of the Week

In Daisies class this term we have been working hard and having fun exploring our African topic. We have been sharing our class with lots of toy African animals such as lions, giraffes, elephants, monkeys and snakes and have such visited our local African shop to smell spices. During our visit we bought some African plantain which we fried and found tasted very similar to banana.

As the sun has been shining we used our special "Gathering Drum" to make lots of noise outside in the courtyard to experience some simple African chants and rhythms which was great fun for everyone.



Recently we have been making the most of the Indian summer by playing outside with sand and water, walking to the canal to feed the ducks, to visit the chickens and having some of our favourite sessions outside such as "Hello" and the parachute.



Our favourite story this term has been "Handas Surprise" as the animal puppets made us smile especially as we could wear them on our arms and wave them about. We also liked exploring and looking at lots of different fruits during the story.

October is always a special month for our school as we have all enjoyed our Harvest celebrations and have joined in the festivities by making bread and decorating our Harvest box with leaves.



As you can see Daisies have had a fun and very busy half term.

Post 16 Café

Our Post 16 café is going from strength to strength and is becoming very popular not only with staff, but parents and carers as well as visitors to the school.

There are a wide range of items sold taking into account those of us who are on special diets. Please do come along and visit. It's open every Friday morning between 10am and 11:30am until Friday November 25th which will be the last one this term.



School Uniform

We have had a delivery of new supplies of school uniform. Should you wish for any more uniform for your son / daughter please contact Jen on Reception who will be more than happy to help.

Allotment



Our school allotment is proving to be very popular with a lot of classes and very profitable. During this term some of the produce grown has been cooked for school lunches and some sold at our weekly produce stall. Hopefully we'll grow even more this forthcoming year to support all we do in school. Well done everyone!

Have a good weekend - let's hope the weather remains mild and sunny.

Ruth

